

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 26, 2023

President, Dale M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present: Managers: Dale M. Nelson, Brian Dwight, Gene Tiedemann, Terry Sorenson, Allan Page, and Tom Anderson. Absent: LeRoy Ose. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Elaine Rychlock, Lindsey Kallis, Melissa Bushy and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Dwight, to approve the October 26, 2023, agenda. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the October 12, 2023, minutes. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the October 12, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 25, 2023. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Financial Report dated October 25, 2023, as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to designate Elaine Rychlock, Accounting Officer, as an authorized signer at our various financial institutions. Motion carried.

Engineer, Mike Flaagan, Pennington County Highway Department, stated that Rocksbury Township is applying for funding to pave the township road that runs south of County Road 62 to County Road 8. Pennington County will submit a funding application to complete curb and gutter along County Road 62. Applications are due in early December, with notification sometime in March 2024.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 1 to Anderson Excavating for work at the Barth Streambank Stabilization site, RLWD Project No. 149A, in the amount of \$60,028.60. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 to Anderson Excavating in the amount of \$60,028.60 for work at the Barth Streambank site, RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2 to Anderson Excavating for work at the Stock Streambank Stabilization site, RLWD Project No. 149A, in the amount of \$52,704.10. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dwight, to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 to Anderson Excavating in the amount of \$52,704.10 for work at the Stock Streambank site, RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed RLWD Permit No. 23190. Administrator Audette stated that a portion of the permit is located in a non-benefitted area therefore, it will require a hearing from Polk County to be added to the legal drainage system's benefitted area. After further discussion, a

motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, to table RLWD Permit No. 23190. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Dwight, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 23148, Marvin Zutz, Emarville Township, Red Lake County; No. 23154, Michael Yaggie, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 23172, Kevin Yaggie, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 23175, Brian Boll, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 23176, Lynn Burman, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 23188, Darrin Glass, Grove Park Township, Polk County; No. 23189, Earl Pederson, Grove Park Township, Polk County; No. 23193, Gene Schmitz, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 23196, Arlan Fore, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 23198, Bob Halvorson, Espelie Township, Marshall County; No. 23201, MnDOT, Numedal Township, Pennington County; No. 23202, Jean Frey, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; No. 23203, Kelly Mosbeck, Polk Centre Township, Pennington County; and No. 23205, MnDOT, Lambert Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette shared the upcoming dates for the 2023 Minnesota Watersheds Annual Conference & Trade Show. The conference will be held November 28-December 1st at the Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria, MN. The RLWD staff and some of the board members will be attending.

Administrator's Report:

Impoundments: Structures on the District impoundments are set at winter elevation, with minimal flow going over several sites (Little Pine, Pine Lake). In the near future staff will be completing routine maintenance on Schirrick Dam.

Mud River Project Work Team: A Mud River Project Work team meeting will be held at the District office, on Monday, November 20th at 1:30 p.m, which is also the same day as the District Board meeting. Included in the packet was a letter submitted to David Myhrer responding to his comments on downstream flooding concerns.

Turtle Cross Connection Project Work Team: There will be a Turtle Cross Connection Project Work Team meeting on November 2, at 9:30 a.m. at the Garden Valley Technologies office in Erskine.

Garden Valley Capital Credits Buyout: District staff submitted the online information for the Garden Valley Capital Credit Buyout Offer. Administrator Audette stated that she understood that all funds available were exhausted.

Marshall County Emergency Management: Included in the packet is a News Release from Marshall County regarding public comment for the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

2023 BWSR Academy: Staff members Lindsey Kallis, Erick Huseth and Corey Hanson participated in the BWSR Academy this week in Brainerd.

Engineer, Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., discussed fabrication inspection of the culvert to be installed for Phase 2 of the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 26B. Clearwater County Highway Department Engineer, Dan Sauve, informed the District that he typically has this inspection done by Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). MnDOT and Clearwater County have an agreement for fabrication inspection for any work done in Clearwater County. Since MnDOT does not have an agreement with the District, they would run the inspection through Clearwater County, if the District agrees to reimburse the county. The approximate cost of inspection is \$2,500. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dwight, to approve authorization of payment to Clearwater County Highway Department, for MnDOT to inspect the fabrication of the culvert to be installed for Phase 2 of the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 26B, at an approximate cost of \$2,500. Motion carried.

Manager Anderson discussed the Supplemental Funds that are available to apply for through the Watershed Based Implementation Funding (1W1P) through BWSR. More information to follow.

Manager Dwight stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be hosting various meetings regarding operation of the Red Lake Dam.

Legal Counsel Sparby gave a brief update on the Appeal to the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179.

Motion by Page, seconded by Tiedemann, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Ose". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary