

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 23, 2025

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

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Page, and passed by a unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the January 9, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ose, to approve the January 9, 2025, Board meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated January 22, 2025. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the Financial Report dated January 22, 2025. Motion carried.

The 2025 IRS Standard Mileage Rate increased from .67 cents to .70 cents per mile. Changes will be applied to expense reports going forward.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Nelson, to approve paying the 2025 League of Minnesota Cities Membership Dues Invoice in the amount of \$2,358. Motion carried.

Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, discussed the Huot Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 149.

Administrator Audette and Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, discussed the Lost River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 17, and the meeting held with Doug Franke, MnDNR.

Administrator Audette discussed the State Ditch 83 Project Area, RLWD Project No. 181, and the upcoming project work team meeting scheduled for February 12.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, discussed Mud River, RLWD Project No. 180C.

Administrator Audette discussed establishing new project numbers for projects that the District assists with funding, and those funds can be used as a match for the One Watershed One Plan. As long as we receive Watershed-Based Implementation Funding, the purpose of the new project numbers is to track our match expenditure within each planning area while keeping them separate from grant expenditures. Motion by Dwight, seconded by Page, to establish the following project numbers to coincide with the current project numbers for each One Watershed One Plan planning area: Red Lake River 1W1P Project No. 182; Thief River 1W1P Project No. 182A; Clearwater 1W1P Project No. 182B; and the Upper/Lower 1W1P Project No. will be 182C. Motion carried.

The RRWMB/FDRWG 26th Annual Joint Conference is scheduled for March 18-19, 2025, in Moorhead, MN. Those who wish to attend should contact staff member Bushy.

Administrator's Update:

- **Upper/Lower Red Lake 1W1P:** Manager Ose presented the Upper/Lower Red Lake 1W1P BWSR Board on January 22.
- **Houston Avenue-Crookston:** Audette and Corey Hanson met with staff from the City of Crookston and West Polk SWCD regarding the Houston Avenue Project. There is no funding currently available, however, landowner Gail Meyers was asked to get estimates on moving homes, if grants would become available. A one-page fact sheet will be put together to assist in presenting the project to various legislators.
- **Ditch Repairs:** District staff have been working with HDR Engineering, and Houston Engineering regarding maintenance/repairs to various ditch systems. More information to follow.
- **SD 83/Thief River 1W1P:** District staff developed a list of sites for maintenance or repairs as part on SD 83 and Thief River 1W1P. Staff will review possible sites and report back to the Board.
- **USDA:** Included in the packet is an announcement expanding the CREP voluntary, incentive-based conservation program to include additional counties and to increase the enrollment goal to 75,000 acres for Minnesota agricultural producers.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, to recess the meeting to the January 29 BWSR Watershed Manager Training at the RLWD office beginning at 1 pm . Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary