

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 10, 2011

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, Orville Knott, Albert Mandt, Kelly Nordlund, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of February 24, 2011. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The Special Meeting Minutes of March 2, 2011 were presented. A motion by Nordlund, seconded by Coe, to dispense of the reading of the minutes and approve as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 9, 2011. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 9, 2011. Administrator Jesme stated that 2 certificates of deposit will mature by month's end and the Red Lake Watershed District will be taking solicitations for purchasing 2 new ones.

A formal request was received from Gilbert Weber requesting the removal of 125 acres from the benefited area of the Scott Baatz Petition, RLWD Project No. 123. The land is located in Section 16 of Russia Township, Polk County. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to accept the formal request and set the hearing date for April 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request from the City of Crookston to cost share in the placement of a stream gage at the Huot Bridge. The original stream gage that was located on the Huot Bridge was moved to Pine Lake and had not been replaced. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed unanimously to do a 50/50 cost share with the City of Crookston, not to exceed \$700, for the purchase and placement of a stream gage at Huot Bridge.

Staff will be preparing a listing of excess property for the presentation at next Board meeting.

Pennington SWCD submitted a request for a financial donation for the Area I Envirothon. Area I Envirothon will be held on April 27, 2011, at Lake Bronson State Park. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to donate \$300 to Area I Envirothon. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 11003, Mike Trujillo, Columbia Township, Polk County; No. 11004, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County; No. 11006, Polk County Highway Department, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 11007, Polk County Highway Department, Brandsvold Township, Polk County; and Nos. 11008 and 11009, Polk County Highway Department, Gentilly Township; No. 11009. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 11002, David Brule, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to table Permit No. 11002 until after the 2011 Spring runoff in order to allow time and better conditions to observe runoff and flow patterns during spring melt, define drainage areas, determine culvert sizes, etc. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No 11005, Ralph Hove, Brandsvold Township, Polk County. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to table Permit No. 11005 until after the 2011 Spring runoff in order to allow time and better conditions to observe runoff and flow patterns during spring melt, define drainage areas, determine culvert sizes, etc. Motion carried.

Printed responses to the 33 questions from the City of Thief River Falls regarding RLWD Project No. 171A, FDR Project were distributed. Administrator Jesme asked that the Board review the responses and if there are no changes, the responses would be submitted to the city next week.

Administrators Update:

- Included in the packet is a copy of letter from Kurt Deter, Rinke Noonan, that was sent to various landowners concerning a possible petition to establish a new legal drainage system downstream of the Brandt Impoundment. The letter was submitted as a result of a landowner meeting that was held at the RLWD office on February 25, 2011.
- A disk of the draft version of Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Revised 10 Year Overall Plan was received. A copy is available upon request.
- Included in your packet is an updated District snow moisture content report as well as the Red River Basin "Flood Status" update.
- The Red River Watershed Management Board's meeting will be held March 15, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott & Conference Center in Moorhead, MN. A copy of the approved minutes dated January 18, 2011 is included in the packet.
- The 13th Annual Joint Conference will begin on March 15 at 1:00 p.m. and will adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on March 16, 2011.
- Included in the packet is a meeting notice from Mike Jorgenson, attorney for petitioners concerning Pennington County Ditch No. 75. The letter was intended to inform the RLWD that he is holding a meeting with the petitioners on March 12, 2011, in his office.
- Corey Hanson's February 2011 Water Quality Report was included in the packets.

Administrator Jesme also reviewed a letter from Representative Dan Fabian commending the RLWD on receiving the Clean Water grants and for the resulting Grade Stabilization project on the Thief River.

Manager Knott reported on the Red River Retention Authority meeting held last week in Fargo, North Dakota. This meeting was held to discuss USACE permitting, possible federal Flood Damage Reduction funding and potential FDR projects in the Red River Basin.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary