

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
November 22, 2005

President Orville Knott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Lee Coe, Arnold Stanley, Dale M. Nelson, Allan Carlson, Vernon Johnson, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 10, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of November 21, 2005. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 21, 2005.

A resolution and permit from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians for Red Lake Farms, Inc. for inclusion of 60 acres of land to be allowed to drain and pay benefits into a legal ditch system referred to as Winsor-Hangaard RLWD Project No.113. The property to be included is as follows; 20 acres of lands located in the S ½ of the S ½ of the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ in Section 35 and 40 acres of lands located in the S ½ of the S ½ of the SE ¼ in Section 34 all located in Hangaard Township, (T151N, R38W). Following discussion of the assessment, a motion was made by Nelson, to accept and approve the permit application and request from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, to include the aforementioned lands into this legal ditch system referred to as Winsor-Hangaard RLWD Project No.113, pending the outcome from the outlet approval hearing, seconded by Coe. Motion carried.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. appeared before the board to discuss the Grand Marais project and possible bonding for improvement of the outlet for RLWD Proj. No. 60B. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, and passed unanimously to investigate the outlet phase of Project 60B, with RLWD staff to survey the project with assistance, if necessary, from HDR and report the findings at a future board meeting.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05156 from Gary Novak, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 05157 from Joel Ross, Andover Township, Polk County; and No. 05158 from Donovan Dyrdal, Norden Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the December 22, 2005 board meeting would be better to handle year-end items if held on December 29, 2005. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously, to change the board meeting from December 22, 2005 to December 29, 2005.

Administrator Jesme stated that Delta Dental insurance would be increasing effective at the renewal date of January 1, 2006. Manager Tiedemann requested if the managers could be included in the dental program at their own expense. That question will be researched and presented at the December 8, 2005 Board meeting. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed unanimously, to approve accepting the increase and continuing the dental insurance for the employees.

Administrator Jesme met privately with Joel Rohde and Al Pemberton of the Red Lake DNR and also Red Lake Farms, Inc., who had come before the board to discuss the permit application and resolution which had been acted on previously in the Board meeting. Administrator Jesme stated that Red Lake Farms, Inc. would be willing to pay the 2004 and 2005 assessments in a lump sum settlement and pay the assessments on a yearly basis that will be listed on their yearly tax statement they will receive annually from the Clearwater County Auditor. They also stated that they understand that this property will continue to pay benefits for repair and maintenance in the future. It was determined that the Red Lake Watershed District would determine the costs to be apportioned to the property and how the Red Lake Watershed District wished to receive those payments. Administrator Jesme will report the assessment totals at a future board meeting.

Administrator Jesme read his written report: The Moose River Impoundment North and South Pools bounced 1.4' and 1.0', respectively, due to the rainfall events of the last two weeks. Pools will be drawn down further to get them to winter levels. A large number of beaver issues have been noted on this impoundment and to date 19 beaver have been trapped. With weather conditions, trapping has stopped and the situation will be reviewed next spring; Good Lake Impoundment stop logs were removed this week to assist in the draw down of the pool; a landowner in Esther Township has requested assistance from the RLWD to upgrade a ring dike on his property. Administrator Jesme will contact the State of MN to see if additional funding for ring dikes is available; The preliminary study as required by MN Statutes 103E.251 for Polk County Ditch #40 Improvement, RLWD Proj. No. 166, has been completed and filed with the county auditor and one copy sent to the MN DNR Director. As required in MN Statutes 103E.261, notices for the preliminary hearing to be held December 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office have been mailed to all petitioners, owners of property, and political subdivisions likely affected by the proposed drainage project; Administrator Jesme and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby met on November 21 to review the title opinions on the Brandt and Euclid East Sites of RLWD Proj. 60B. A site visit of the Euclid East Site by the TEP committee had also been held on November 21 in order to determine if there are any wetlands that will be impacted on this site. A determination will be forthcoming; Additional CD copies of the Ten Year Overall Plan have been

received and will be mailed to required entities. The comment period of 60 days will start as soon as the CDs are sent. The Board of Water and Soil Resources will handle all the hearing notices required.

Manager Nelson stated he had met with a businessman who would be building a new building for another agency and would be interested in housing the RLWD. In the next couple of weeks a building committee meeting will be held.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried.

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary