

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
December 27, 2007

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Arnold Stanley, Vernon Johnson, Lee Coe, and Orville Knott. Absent: Jim Votava. Staff present: Tammy Audette and Arlene Novak and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of December 13, 2007. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of December 26, 2007. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated December 26, 2007.

Staff member Arlene Novak noted that a CD will mature on January 9, 2008 from Border State Bank. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, with motion carried, to authorize staff members to solicit quotes and the purchase of a CD at the highest interest rate.

President Nelson stated that Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. submitted the Preliminary Engineers Report for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch No. 53, RLWD Ditch 12, Project No.169. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Preliminary Engineers Report for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch No. 53, RLWD Ditch 12, Project No. 169.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, with motion carried to set the hearing on the Preliminary Engineers Report for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch No. 53, RLWD Ditch 12, RLWD Project No. 169, for February 12, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Youngquist Auditorium, University of Minnesota Crookston.

Tanya Hanson, District Manager, Red Lake County SWCD, discussed the Nymann Bank Stabilization Project located in Section 31, Garnes Township, Red Lake County. The Red Lake County SWCD is requesting a 50% cost share in the amount of \$2,783.65 from monies allocated to local SWCD's for erosion control projects. A motion was made by Tiedemann, second by Coe, to approve a 50% cost share in the amount of \$2,783.65 for the Nymann Bank Stabilization Project. Motion carried with Manager Knott abstaining and taking no part in the discussion.

President Nelson stated that the following items are included in today's packet: Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge Newsletter, Wetland Conservation Act Local Government Input Meetings, and the RRWMB meeting minutes.

The Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC requested an extension on RLWD Permit No. 06138. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to accept the request of a one year extension on RLWD Permit No. 06138, Minnesota Pipe Line Company, LLC. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permit with conditions stated on the permits: No. 07117, Kenneth Brejcha, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 07118, Badger Township, Polk County; No. 07119, Enbridge Energy, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, and Clearwater Counties; and No. 07120, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Clearwater County. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the January 10, 2008 Board meeting date. Due to conflicts in schedule and election of officers it was suggested to change the meeting date. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to hold the first regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Considerable discussion was held on the cost of the new RLWD building, the 2006 transfer of remaining funds in the Maple Lake Project account to include the Lessor Township land sale and the option to appropriate funds from the general fund budget each year or allocate the total deficit balance to the general fund account. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, with motion carried to allocate a yearly amount from the General Fund Budget to be determined by the balance of the general fund budget at year end.

President Nelson and staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the Capital Project Funds account balances and recommended transfers. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously to transfer funds from the Capital Projects Funds to individual projects as recommended.

Staff Members Wade Robinson and Kathy Rasch, Clearwater SWCD, were in attendance to discuss funding for a project located in Section 25, Pine Lake Township, that feeds directly to the Silver Creek. The Clearwater SWCD requested a cost share in the amount of \$6,000 from the RLWD Erosion Control Projects account. The preliminary cost estimate is \$11,000 for reshaping the bank and re-vegetation. Prior work has been completed on this site, but due to design and weather events the bank has failed. Robinson and Rasch stated that consent has been obtained from the landowner and that Pine Lake Township will also cost share on the project. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff members research the remaining 2007 funds available to the Clearwater SWCD with the funds to be considered at a future board meeting.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he has not heard anything from the Minnesota Historical Society on the transfer of the old RLWD building.

Manager Knott reported on the RRWMB meeting held on December 18, 2007.

Discussion was held on the ruling made by the Administrator Law Judge in regard to payment on Con Con lands.

Manager Stanley discussed some erosion concerns in the Mud River outlet channel of the Moose River Impoundment Project adjacent to a Beltrami County Road 702. It was the consensus of the Board that staff members would investigate this site and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Johnson, with motion carried to adjourn to the January 14, 2008, meeting at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary