

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
December 10, 2009

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, Kelly Nordlund, Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose and Jim Votava. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of November 24, 2009. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated December 9, 2009. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated December 9, 2009. Administrator Jesme stated that quotes will be solicited for a maturing CD.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the 2009 General Fund Budget with the Board.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented a draft "after the fact permit resolution" for review by the Board. Sparby stated that if an applicant does not apply for a permit, written notice would be sent to that applicant. If the applicant has a prior warning given to them, the District would assess them a late filing fee. Sparby stated after reviewing other permit rules from other watersheds districts he will incorporate several items and present it at the next Board meeting.

Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge is working on determining boundary lines of the Refuge. As a part of the dredging and establishment of State Ditch 83, certain oxbows were cut off from the dredged drainage ditch. Agassiz indicated that after recently reviewing the property deeds the Refuge retained ownership of the oxbows which are west of the assumed Refuge boundary and State Ditch 83. The District is concerned about maintaining access and performing necessary maintenance along State Ditch 83 channel. The Refuge has requested the District to locate and GPS all existing culvert/structures within the designated oxbows.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09131, Nature Conservancy, Tilden Township, Polk County and No. 09132, Beltrami County Highway Department, Waskish Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Administrator Jesme and Managers Knott, Coe, Tiedemann and Ose attended the Annual MAWD conference held in Alexandria on December 3-5th.
- It has been determined that any SHIPO review on NRCS ring dikes will be completed next spring.

- Construction has been substantially completed on the 2.5 mile portion of JD 72, located in Winsor Township, Clearwater County.
- The Viewers continue to gather data on the Pennington County Ditch No. 75 petition. Staff has been compiling information from the County that will be used in the Viewers Report. The final hearing should be held in early spring.
- Clearwater River Wild Rice allocation completed pumping for the season on December 5th.
- Beaver control has continued at Burnham Creek, Euclid East Impoundment and JD 2. Staff is in the process of removing dams from various sites.
- Included in the packet is information explaining the partnership with the RIM Wetland Reserve Program.
- Included in the packet is the November Water Quality Report.

Discussion was held by the Board on the MAWD convention and presentations made by staff member Corey Hanson, Administrator Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had a discussion with Michael Wyatt Community Planner - PM-A, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers concerning the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration. He indicated that the Corps is in the process of working out an agreement with HDR Engineering Inc. to complete their study of the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration which would be of no cost to the District or Joint Board. He indicated a future meeting with the Joint Board may be in order.

Manager Tiedemann asked if a response had been received from Sullivan Township in regard to a landowner completing work prior to submitting a permit application. Administrator Jesme stated that the District is waiting for a letter from Sullivan Township.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented information on the box culvert in Branch 200 of the Elm Lake Project located in Agder Township, Marshall County. Dalager stated that the structure is three lines of 10'x10' poured concrete with wing walls. All four wing walls have shifted to a certain degree over the years. Dalager determined that rebar was not installed into the wing walls as designed and that clay fill was used instead of granular backfill. Clay backfill has a tendency to expand therefore putting pressure against the wall causing shifting, where granular backfill would act as a drain to direct water away from the wall. It was the consensus of the Board, to have Administrator Jesme and Dalager meet with the Agder Township Board to review maintenance and safety concerns.

Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Coe, with motion carried to adjourn the meeting.



Orville Knott, Secretary