

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 12, 2016

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

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, LeRoy Ose, Allan Page, Terry Sorenson, Lee Coe and Les Torgerson Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson requested the addition of the Dissolved Oxygen meter for Pine Lake to be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Torgerson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Dissolved Oxygen meter for Pine Lake. Motion carried.

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to dispense reading of the April 28, 2016 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 11, 2016. President Nelson stated at the April 28, 2016 Board meeting the Board approved the funding assistance for the Gully Area Sportsman's Club to purchase a Dissolved Oxygen meter for testing oxygen levels on Pine Lake. After further research by Staff member Loren Sanderson, it was determined that additional equipment was needed for the Dissolved Oxygen meter at an additional cost of \$710.00 to purchase all of the equipment required. The cost would be in addition to the \$840.00 approved at our regularly scheduled Board meeting held April 28, 2016. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 11, 2016 as presented and the additional cost for purchase of a Dissolved Oxygen Meter for the Gully Area Sportsman's Club. Motion carried.

Upon review of the Financial Report and Investment Summary, it was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to request quotes for reinvestment of a Certificate of Deposit set to expire on June 2, 2016.

Staff member Arlene Novak presented information in regard to the renewal of the District's Workers Compensation Insurance and Officer's Liability Insurance – Waiver of Liability Coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities. Novak noted that the Board is covered under Worker's Compensation as an inclusion of the coverage. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability and purchase excess liability coverage in the amount of \$2 million and approve the renewal of insurance with the League of Minnesota Cities. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that a pre-construction meeting had been held with Brummund Construction in regard to repairs to the Latundresse Dam, RLWD Project No. 50B. Staff

member Loren Sanderson received a call from the landowner, who wishes to meet with the District and the Contractor prior to the start of construction.

The Board reviewed a letter of assistance from the City of Erskine for repairs to the American Legion Memorial Park. Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed the survey information that was recently completed. Staff reviewed the original design plans when it was constructed, surveyed the embankment and completed cross sections in nine locations. Sanderson stated that they have arrived at some preliminary numbers, but would like to consult with an Engineer for additional information. The East Polk SWCD will apply for a grant, which requires the need for quantities to be included in the application. It was the consensus of the Board, to authorize District staff to consult with an Engineer for submission of the grant application.

The Board reviewed a News Release from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeking comments on the Draft Plan for the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge.

The Board reviewed the Goose Lake Marsh Management Plan Summary. Administrator Jesme stated that the MnDNR installed a new structure in Goose Lake. They are now in the process of preparing an operating plan to manage water levels and help manage cattails for habitat. A landowner meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2016, to keep the landowners informed and receive input.

Information was reviewed in regard to an online survey that will be distributed in the near future to coordinate the State of Minnesota's Interagency Climate Adaptation Team.

The Board reviewed the 2015 Annual Report. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve the 2015 Annual Report. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 16022, Reed Engelstad, Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 16024, Steven Holte, Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 16025, Wells Concrete, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 16026, American Crystal Sugar Company, Rhinehart Township, Polk County; and No. 16027, Marvin Zutz, North Emardville Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Administrator's Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will be attending the RRWMB meeting on May 17, 2016 in Fertile. Included in the packet were the April 19, 2016 meeting minutes.
- Staff has reviewed and made corrections to a portion of the 1W1P Draft Plan Review. There has been some feedback from the LGU partnerships as well as BWSR. A timeline should be available in the near future as to when the draft version is available to be viewed by the Board, prior to going out for public comment.
- Jesme and Staff Member, Tammy Audette, participated in a telephone conference with BWSR staff regarding the BWSR Summer Tour to be held in the Red River Valley on August 24th. A complete agenda will be provided to the Board at a later date. The tour

will feature the Grand Marais Cut Channel and the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Projects among other projects funded by BWSR.

- Jesme will participate in the third meeting of the Local Government Water Roundtable Funding Work Group on May 16th at the MnDOT Building in St. Paul. This group was chosen by BWSR to represent Watershed Districts, Counties and SWCD's to assist in developing framework and policy recommendations regarding future funding to maximize efficiency and effectiveness of both local and governmental and state agencies responsible for managing water resources. Included in the packet was the handout received at the April 18th meeting which better explains the background, goals and agenda items to follow.
- Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager have scheduled a meeting with staff from the Bemidji MnDNR office to discuss the Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake Projects. Jesme has one additional landowner to schedule a meeting with on the Pine Lake Project.

Discussion was held on the Pine Lake Project Area, RLWD Project No. 26 landowner meetings that were participated in by Administrator Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc.

The group discussed the Tile Permit Rules and Regulations that were effective September 30, 2015. Manager Torgerson stated that it appears there is a lot of tiling and clearing going on in Clearwater County.

Manager Coe discussed the Bruce Weidenborner Animal Water Project in which the District was a partner, located in Shooks Township, Beltrami County in 2012. Manager Coe stated that he requested a status report of the project from the Beltrami County SWCD office.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary