

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 13, 2017

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

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

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to dispense reading of the March 24, 2017 Board meeting minutes and approve them as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated April 12, 2017, and 2017 General Fund Budget as of March 31, 2017. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated April 12, 2017, and 2017 General Fund Budget as of March 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of a Citizen Advisory Committee to represent the District on the Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to authorize Administrator Jesme to contact the various landowners mentioned to inquire of their interest to participate on the Thief River 1W1P Citizen Advisory Committee, RLWD Project No. 149A.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Red Lake River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149, was presented to Northwest Regional BWSR Committee on April 12, 2017. The Northwest Regional Board recommended approval to the main BWSR Board for their approval which will be presented at their regularly scheduled meeting April 26, 2017.

Project Work Team meetings will be held on May 19, 2017, with the Pine Lake Area Project Work Team starting at 9:30 a.m. and the Four Legged Lake Project Work Team beginning at 11:00 a.m. Both will be held at the District office. Administrator Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. will be setting up meetings with the landowners prior to the project work team meetings. District staff will survey various locations marking proposed water elevations for observation purposes.

A Step I funding submittal will be presented to the RRWMB at their April 18, 2017 meeting for the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176. Houston Engineering, Inc. completed a drone fly over of the proposed project to present to the RRWMB members as part of the Step I funding submittal. Administrator Jesme stated that a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant should be applied for through the MnDNR. Motion by Page, seconded by Sorenson, to authorize Administrator Jesme the authority to sign and submit a Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant to the MnDNR for potential funding for the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No.

176. Motion carried. Administrator Jesme stated that staff from the District and Houston Engineering, Inc. will be surveying the proposed project area along with diversion ditches within the next several weeks. This survey will better define the project scope and costs associated with the scope, which will be of assistance in further discussion with the local landowners. A Project Work Team meeting will be held after the survey information is complete.

BWSR is offering several outreach workshops throughout the area to review changes to the Minnesota Public Drainage Manual. Administrator Jesme and Legal Counsel Sparby will be attending the workshop located in Moorhead on May 22, 2017.

The Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board is hosting a bus tour of the Red Lake River on April 19, 2017. The bus tour enables members of the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails commission and local leaders to view and visit the six member communities along the length of the river, with the hopes to strengthen the proposal for future funding for the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement. Manager Page will participate in the tour.

Pennington SWCD submitted a request for a financial donation for the Area I Envirothon. The Area I Envirothon will be held on April 26, 2017, at Lake Bronson State Park. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to donate \$300 to the Area I Envirothon to promote education and awareness of water quality issues. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the draft 2016 Annual Report. Administrator Jesme stated that staff is currently reviewing the document for final revisions. Meetings will be scheduled in the near future with the County Commissioners to present the Annual report.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 16184, Todd and Debra Stanley, Reiner Township, Pennington County that was previously tabled to allow for staff to observe flow patterns. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve RLWD Permit No. 16184, Todd and Debra Stanley with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 17004, 17005 and 17006, Jay Giroto, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 17012, Polk County Highway Department, Euclid Township; No. 17013, Garden Valley Telephone Company, various townships, Marshall and Pennington County; No. 17014, Scott Tersteeg, Badger Township, Polk County; and No. 17015, Adam Dallman, Kratka Township, Pennington. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Minnesota Lakes and River Advocates.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB meeting in Ada on April 13th. A Step 1 funding submittal will be presented for the Black River Impoundment Project. Included in the packet was the survey results of the RRWMB March Conference.

- A Thief River 1W1P Training session for the Policy Committee members and alternates will be held March 27th at the District office. A Policy Committee meeting will be held on April 17th at the District office.
- Jesme attended the Pennington County Township Association meeting on April 6th.
- A Joint Ditch 72 meeting was held March 28th in Crookston. Discussion was held on maintenance costs, SWI installation, erosion control projects and benefitted area. It was decided to hold an informational meeting with the landowners regarding the buffer law requirements and the need for a redetermination of benefits.
- Jesme and Managers Tiedemann and Ose attended the MAWD Legislative Breakfast in St. Paul. Meetings were held with Representatives Kiel and Fabian and Senator Johnson.
- Jesme and Staff member Sanderson met with the Red Lake County Engineer Kleven and Engineer Jeff Langan to discuss a bridge replacement downstream of the Schirrick Dam.
- Jesme attended a meeting at Pennington County Highway Department to discuss the drainage concerns of landowner Dean Phillip. Engineer Mike Flaagen, Commissioners Jensen and Lawrence and the landowner were all in attendance.
- Included in the packet is the monthly Water Quality Reports from January and February.

Manager Coe inquired on the progress of the Blackduck Lake structure. Administrator Jesme stated that a meeting was held with the resort landowner. Plans for the project will be completed in the near future with construction taking place in September. Legal Counsel Sparby will draft a Temporary Construction Easement to be presented to the local landowner.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Town Hall Meeting he attended on April 11, 2017 in the City of Thief River Falls Council Chambers. Speakers for the meeting included Representative Dan Fabian and Senator Mark Johnson.

Manager Ose reported on the activities of the RRWMB.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary