

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
March 20, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, LeRoy Ose, Gene Tiedemann, Allan Page, and Terry Sorenson. Absent: Les Torgerson, and Brian Dwight. Staff present: Myron Jesme, Nick Olson, and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

At 10:00 a.m., President Nelson stated that the bid opening for the construction of the Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 178 would be conducted. Legal Counsel Sparby noted the time and that no further bid proposals would be accepted after the 10:00 a.m. bid submittal deadline. Bids were opened and bid amounts were publicly announced and are on file at the District office. The following bids were received:

R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., East Grand Forks, MN, \$6,632,761.68;  
Davidson Construction & Ready Mix, Inc., Newfolden, MN, \$6,890,960.55;  
Gladen Construction, Laporte, MN, \$7,430,000; and  
Spruce Valley Corporation, Middle River, MN, \$8,038,253.43.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the apparent low bid from R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$6,632,761.68 for construction of the Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 178, contingent upon the audit by staff and review of the bids and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby, District staff, and Project Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Notice of Award for the construction of the Thief River Falls Westside Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 178, cannot be signed until the Minnesota Department of Transportation Cooperative Agreement has been executed. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to grant authority to Administrator Jesme to sign the Red Lake River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149 Grant Agreement in the amount of \$1,071,149, with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed advertising for the Final Hearing for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD, RLWD Project No. 179. Jesme stated that in order to hold the hearing April 20, 2020, as ordered by the Board at our previous meeting held March 12, 2020, the deadline for starting the three week publication for the final hearing must be submitted to the newspaper by the end of day on March 20, 2020. Discussion was held on the options for holding a public hearing in lieu of State guidelines that have been set due to the COVID19 virus pandemic. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to cancel the Publication and to approve setting the final hearing for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179, to a later date. Motion carried.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary