

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
August 11, 2005

President Orville Knott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, Lee Coe, Allan Carlson, Arnold Stanley, and Gene Tiedemann. Absent: Vernon Johnson Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of July 28, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, that the Board approve the minutes. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of August 10, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated August 10, 2005.

RLWD Water Quality Coordinator Corey Hanson presented to the Board a request to purchase a new multiprobe with additional capabilities for water sampling. The present Hydrolab has been repaired several times and is not working to its capacity. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Coe, to purchase a Eureka Mantra Multiprobe with associated attachments from Eureka Environmental Engineering in the amount of \$5,904.00 plus sales tax with the funds to be used from unused River Watch funds. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering and Chad Konickson, MN DNR, regarding permitting on the Seeger Dam was reviewed by the Board. Consensus of the board is to have Nate Dalager at the August 25, 2005 Board meeting to present a plan of the proposed modified road and structure which could be used for a dam safety permit, if one is required.

Engineer Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, presented the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 40, RLWD Ditch No. 11. Following Mr. Pribula's presentation, questions were fielded from the Board and then the audience. At the request of the petitioners, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously, to direct Mr. Pribula to add two additional miles to the preliminary engineer's report and present a modified cost estimate at a future Board meeting.

RLWD staff member Loren Sanderson presented information on the Steve Goodwin and Gary Pulkrabek dispute. Following discussion on various drainage alternatives, Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Pulkrabek agreed to work out the dispute by Mr. Pulkrabek removing the dike and each of them cleaning the sediment from their respective ditches in order for the water to flow in a southerly direction instead of a westerly direction.

Maggie Anderson, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, appeared before the Board to present a draft agreement for the management of water during flood events of the South to Farms Pool Water Control Structure. Following considerable discussion on the authority of the ditch system, motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nelson to proceed with the contract. Motion carried with Manager Stanley voting nay. Ms. Anderson stated the contract will be modified and a newer version will be presented for review and final approval at a future board meeting.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05076 from Gary Weiss, Wylie Township, Red Lake County; No. 05077 from Onstad Township, Loren Sanderson, Supervisor, Polk County; No. 05078 from Emery Horien, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 05079 from Great Lake Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 05081 from Jeff Genereux, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 05082 from Richard S. Carroll, Knute Township, Polk County; No. 05083 from Dennis Goodyke, Fanny Township, Polk County; 05084 from Aaron Baldwin, Holt Township, Marshall County; No. 05088 MN DNR, Hamre Township, Beltrami County, No. 05089 from MN DNR from Benville Township, Beltrami County; No. 05090 from MN DNR, Lee Township, Beltrami County; No. 05091 from MN DNR, Espelie Township, Marshall County; and No. 05092 from MN DNR, Linsell Township, Marshall County. Staff member Loren Sanderson requested approval for RLWD Permit No. 05087 from MN DNR, Spruce Grove Township, Beltrami County; contingent upon review with Beltrami County Highway Department employee Ed Geving. Motion carried.

RLWD permit No. 05071 applied for by Richard Schmitz was presented to the Board for denial. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nelson, and passed unanimously to deny RLWD Permit No. 05071 applied for by Richard Schmitz. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed some questions about the culvert sizes in the preliminary plan for the repair of Polk County Ditch No. 63, RLWD Proj. No.134. Legal Counsel Sparby stated the concerns will be addressed during the hearing scheduled for August 25, 2005.

Administrator Jesme stated he met with MN DNR staff Terry Wolfe and John Williams, along with staff members Loren Sanderson and Gary Lane, regarding the failure of structures on Goose Lake, Pennington County.

Administrator Jesme read his written report: The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) gave a verbal approval for their permit for RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. No. 161 and construction is now progressing well; The grant agreement form for the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project, RLWD Proj. No. 60B is yet to be received. Administrator Jesme and HDR Engineer Nate Dalager will be attending the RRWMB meeting on August 16 to resubmit the Brandt and Euclid East site impoundments as a single project for funding rather than the two separate projects that were determined by the Technical

Advisory Committee of the RRWMB; RBR, Inc. of Middle River submitted the low quote to complete the repair of the south berm of the Louisville Parnell project and construction should begin by the middle of August. Approval from the Corps has been received giving authority to proceed under their general permit requirements and an MPCA stormwater permit has been applied for; Polk Co. Ditch No. 63, RLWD Project No. 134 hearing is scheduled for August 25, 2005 and hearing notices have been mailed to all landowners and interested entities along with notices in the Crookston Times; Manager Coe and Administrator Jesme attended the Beltrami County Board of Commissioner's meeting and presented the 2004 Annual Report of the Red Lake Watershed District; Aaron Bendickson and Brian Loe, the RLWD summer help, will be leaving during the week of August 15, 2005; A list of the 2006 Challenge grant recipients was enclosed in the Board packets including the listing of the funding of RLWD Proj. No. 60B, the Inventory and Mapping Project, and the Clearwater SWCD, City of Clearbrook, and Clearbrook Watershed Pollution Reduction for Silver Creek.

In addition to his written report, Administrator Jesme stated that the wetland mitigation plan for the Ken Cwikla ring dike has been accepted by the Corps and we have received permission to proceed with construction.

Jeep Mattson stated that the pilings along the Red River in East Grand Forks are unsightly and asked the Board's advice on remedying the problem.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby advised the Board to apply for a dam safety permit for Seeger Dam.

Manager Coe stated at the meeting of presentation of the annual report to the Beltrami County Commissioners, they requested the RLWD work with the Beltrami SWCD in water quality monitoring of a number of lakes in Beltrami County.

Manager Tiedemann stated that in Section 4 of Parnell Township, Polk County, the beaver dam has been removed and requested a trap be installed on the culvert under the crossing of Parnell Impoundment along the west side. With this trap, water will no longer go south of the outlet structure and will allow all water to proceed through Site No. 1 thus outleting into Polk County Ditch 126. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson to put a trap on the culvert in Section 4 of Parnell Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Manager Tiedemann questioned the petition process and percentage of signatures needed for improvements or repairs for a particular area. Legal Counsel Sparby will research the area to determine if an improvement or repair, and will bring recommendations to the August 25, 2005 Board meeting.

The Board met in executive session to discuss the General Fund Budget and salaries of the staff. Motion by Nelson, Carlson, to approve the proposed 2006 General Fund Budget, set the hearing date for September 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake

Watershed District office, and submit notices for the hearing to newspapers as specified in MN State Statutes.

The salaries of the watershed staff were discussed. Motion by Coe, seconded by Nelson, to approve a 4% pay increase for Myron Jesme, Loren Sanderson, Arlene Novak, Gary Lane, Tammy Audette, and Corey Hanson and a \$1.00 per hour increase for Jim Blix, effective January 1, 2006.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Stanley, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary