

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
June 23, 2005

President Orville Knott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Minnesota-Crookston, Youngquist Auditorium, Crookston, MN.

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

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 9, 2005. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes as corrected to include the adjournment of the meeting following the tour. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of June 22, 2005. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 22, 2005.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had received a call from Mike Seeger regarding the Seeger Dam repair. The township road has been officially closed since the sloughing that occurred in the summer of 2004. The consensus of the Board was to have a tiling company along with watershed staff inspect the site and determine if feasible to tile the outside embankment area and if so, provide an estimate for the tiling and report back at a future board meeting. An additional solution recommended was to install a riser at structure and an outlet pipe.

A copy of a letter from Bruce Newhouse sent to Congressman Colin Peterson regarding Polk County Ditch 53 was reviewed by the Board. Administrator Jesme stated he met with the landowners 4 times throughout the last 2 years and have discussed their alternatives. Polk County Ditch 53 has several miles of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) protected waters within its drainage area. Administrator Jesme indicated that he would contact the MN DNR to explain a potential ditch petition that may be forthcoming concerning Polk County Ditch 53 and the protected waters.

A letter from Trevor Irlbeck addressed to RLWD Board of Managers and Marshall County Commissioners stating there was rerouting of water in Espelie Township, Marshall County, along with plugging and rerouting of judicial ditch systems. Administrator Jesme was directed by the Board to write a letter to Mr. Irlbeck stating this ditch system is in Marshall County's jurisdiction.

A Watershed Leadership Program committee meeting was held and a proposed program was compiled. The Board is to review the proposed printed program and bring recommendations to the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05039 from Koochiching County Highway Department, Koochiching County; No. 05042 from Olsson Associates, Inc., North Township, Pennington County; No. 05044 from Glen Osbjornson, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 05045 from Leonard Huot, Wylie Township, Red Lake County; No. 05046 from Boyer Investments, Wylie Township, Red Lake County; and No. 05049 from Todd Wieland, Louisville Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m. President Knott reconvened the regular Board meeting and called to order the hearing for the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project, RLWD Project No. 60B. He turned the hearing over Legal Counsel Sparby to explain the process of the hearing. Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc. presented the Preliminary Engineer's Report. Administrator Jesme read the written Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Advisory Report along with the Director's Report from Chad Konickson, MN DNR. Don Buckhout, Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) representative, read a written recommendation from the FDRWG. The hearing was videotaped and on file at the Red Lake Watershed District office.

President Knott convened the regular Board meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Following the hearing, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, to adopt and establish the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed, RLWD Proj. 60B, as a project, stating that it will be of public or private benefit, will promote the public interest, will be conducive to public health, will promote the general welfare, is in compliance with M.S.A. 103D, is practicable, and is in conformity with the watershed management plan of the RLWD. Motion also included the direction to approve the engineer's report and direct HDR engineer Nate Dalager to prepare the survey and plans and specifications necessary to construct the project and direct legal counsel to prepare the Findings of Fact and Order of Establishment to include the findings and discussions of the Board. Said Findings of Fact and Order of Establishment to be reviewed at the July 14, 2005 Board meeting. Motion carried.

For accounting purposes only, consensus of the board was to assign separate project numbers for the Euclid East, RLWD Proj. No. 60C and Brandt, RLWD Proj. No. 60D, sites of the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed.

Administrator Jesme read his written report. Manager Knott and Administrator Jesme met with the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners on options for financing of RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Project No. 161. Red Lake County approved a motion to finance the improvement project from their General Fund for a period of 15 years at an interest rate of 7%. The permit for RLWD Proj. No. 161, RLWD Ditch No. 10, from the US Army Corps of Engineers has not yet been received; Administrator Jesme and HDR Engineer Nate Dalager attended the FDRWG meeting in Detroit Lakes on June 15 and

presented an update to the Group on the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project, RLWD Proj. No. 60B; Manager Johnson and Administrator Jesme attended a CREP II meeting in Bemidji on June 21, 2005; The Ken Grundhaus ring dike construction should be completed on June 27; At the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting on June 21, 2005 the RRWMB approved, upon the Technical Advisory Committee's recommendation, funding the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project in the amount of \$1,950,000.00.

A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Coe, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary