

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 12, 2005

President Orville Knott called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office at 102 North Main Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN.

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

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 28, 2005. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, that the Board approve the minutes of April 28, 2005 with a correction that Manager Coe was present. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated May 11, 2005.

Administrator Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc., reported on the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment south berm repair as well as the concept to revise the Operating Plan. The placement of the banked wetlands have an impact on how we can repair the south berm. After considerable discussion of the Operating Plan, motion by Johnson, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously to move ahead with the repair of the berm by seeking quotes and submitting a Part I and II wetland permit application with Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and Army Corps of Engineers.

Correspondence from Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge regarding their completed projects in 2004 and planned activities for 2005 along with a copy of a letter addressed to the Marshall-Beltrami JD #11 Drainage Board was discussed. A Marshall-Beltrami JD #11 Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 2005. President Knott stated the Board should read the correspondence and it will be addressed at a future board meeting.

Administrator Jesme stated that the additional \$10,000 grant agreement for the Ring Dike Program was signed and returned to the MnDNR. With this additional grant, the grant that expires in June 30, 2006 will total \$25,000 and should complete the ring dikes in progress.

A U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Amendment of Joint Funding Agreement for Wetland and Prairie Restoration at Glacial Ridge was presented to the Board. The agreement will utilize the remaining funds of \$18,000 received from the Red River Watershed Management Board for additional water monitoring efforts. With this additional \$18,000 added to the grant, the total Administrative Funding grant is \$877,804. The RLWD is an Administrative funding entity for this project. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Carlson,

and passed unanimously, to approve the transfer of the \$18,000 remaining from the grant from the RRWMB to the USGS for the Glacial Ridge Prairie Restoration project.

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club requested an extension on RLWD Permit Nos. 04057 and 04051. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously to grant a one year extension for Permit Nos. 04057 and 04051 to the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsmen's Club.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc., presented the Pennington County Ditch No. 1 cost estimate. Mr. Dalager stated the representatives of Minnesota Department of Transportation, City of Thief River Falls, Pennington County and Rocksbury Township will be meeting in the future to discuss these alternatives and cost options. Administrator Jesme and Manager Nelson are the representatives of the RLWD and will report the outcome of this meeting to the Board at a future Board meeting.

The Step II submittal for RLWD Proj. No. 60B to the RRWMB scheduled for May 17, 2005 was discussed. After review of the star value designation for this project at the requested percentages, a motion by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed unanimously to rescind the motion from the April 28, 2005 Board meeting seeking 85% funding from the RRWMB with the remaining 15% cost share from the RLWD.

Upon further discussion of the Step II submittal for RLWD Proj. No. 60B, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann to seek funding at 75% from the RRWMB with 25% from the RLWD. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05003 and 05004 from Claude Johnson, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 05029 from Cam Fanfulik, Trustee for Jos. J. Fanfulik Testamentary Trust, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 05030 from Ronald Lanctot, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; and No. 05032 from City of Goodridge, Goodridge Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

RLWD Permit No. 04119 applied for by Claude Johnson, which had been tabled at the Board meeting of December 9, 2004 was discussed. Motion by Nelson, seconded Coe, and passed unanimously to deny RLWD Permit No. 04119.

Administrator Jesme read his written report. The RRWMB has appropriated \$14,000 to assist in purchasing equipment and covering costs for the flow monitoring portion of the Farm to Stream Project, RLWD Proj. No. 165; The 30 day review period for the Corps wetland mitigation permit for RLWD Ditch No. 10 expires on May 13, 2005. If this permit is approved, an option agreement with the landowner will need to be signed; Quotes were received for the Ken Grundhaus ring dike with Lunke Construction submitting the low quote in the amount of \$15,431.00. The advertising for bids on the Richard Stengl ring dike located in Tabor Township, will start the week of May 16.

Construction will need to begin June 20, with the completion date of July 15 and the Basic application for Water/Wetland Projects concerning the wetland mitigation plan for Ken Cwikla's ring dike has been submitted; A CREP II information session for local government staff was held on May 11 for the implementation of the program. An additional training session will be held on May 26, 2005.

Manager Knott inquired if the landowner complaint on RLWD Ditch No. 1 had been resolved. Administrator Jesme stated that Tom Radniecki Construction will level the spoil as soon as possible.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby stated that the landowner has not responded on their delinquent portion of the landowner cost share of his constructed ring dike. Administrator Jesme will contact the landowner and request payment. If no response, further action will be taken.

Administrator Jesme distributed a draft Annual report and stated that meetings with the counties will be arranged for those managers that wished to do so.

Manager Stanley inquired if the sampling of the Farm to Stream, tile drainage study, has been started. Administrator Jesme stated that Nate Dalager is working with Water Quality Coordinator Corey Hanson, with the funds appropriated from the RRWMB, at the Bachand farm by Oklee.

Manager Johnson requested to have handout material mailed with the draft agenda, if at all possible, in order to review prior to meeting.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary