

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 26, 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 May 12, 2005. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes of May 12, 2005. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of May 25, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated May 25, 2005.

Administrator Jesme requested of the board to purchase Arc View 9 software for \$600 along with a one-year maintenance/technical support agreement for an additional \$400. Motion by Coe, seconded by Nelson, to approve purchasing the Arc View 9 software along with the one-year maintenance/technical support agreement. Motion carried.

A letter from East Valley Township Board addressed to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge was reviewed by the Board. East Valley Township stated in the letter they were disappointed that Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge did not recognize the authority of the Marshall-Beltrami JD#11 Drainage Board and their denial of permits for installation of two water control structures. Manager Stanley requested the Board write a letter in support of the authority of the drainage board. Consensus of the Board was that the RLWD permit issued to Agassiz stated that the permit was approved contingent upon approval from the ditch authority and removes the RLWD from any authority it has on this ditch system.

A resignation letter from Sandy Radniecki was received by the Board. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, to accept Sandy Radniecki's resignation letter effective February 28, 2005. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05031 from the Nature Conservancy, Tilden and Grove Park Townships, Polk County; No. 05033 from Gary L. Anderson, Eckvoll Township, Marshall County; No. 05034 from Agder Township, Marshall County; No. 05035 from Beltrami County Highway, Buzzle and Liberty Townships, Beltrami County; No. 05036 from Beltrami County, Turtle Lake

and Durand Townships; No. 05037 from Robert Ross, Lowell Township, Polk County; and No. 05038 from Lonnie Watne, Hickory Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report. The public comment period for the wetland permit for RLWD Proj. No. 161, RLWD Ditch No. 10 has expired. The Army Corps of Engineers must now act on the permit and develop an environmental assessment document evaluating the project; Construction of the Ken Grundhaus ring dike was started by Lunke Construction during the week of May 16. Requests for quotes for the Stengl ring dike in Tabor Township were sent with the opening of the quotes set for 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2005; Manager Nelson and Administrator Jesme attended a meeting concerning the water problem in the vicinity of Pennington County Ditch #1 on Tuesday, May 24 with Minnesota Department of Transportation, City of Thief River Falls, and Pennington County representatives in attendance. The committee reviewed various alternatives that were provided by Nate Dalager of HDR, Inc. The committee determined that Alternative 2A was the best option and informed HDR Inc. to revise Alternative 2A for a 50 year design instead of a 100 year design; In the Legislative Update as of May 24, 2005 it is stated that the increase in Manager's compensation has passed both the House and Senate, waiting the Governor's signature; and John Weiland of Orofino, Idaho has indicated that his signed Option Agreement for the purchase of his property in the Brandt Site of RLWD Project No. 60B area is forthcoming.

In addition to Administrator Jesme's written report, the Pennington County Ditch No. 1 funding was discussed. It was questioned which agency was submitting for funding of the project and if the funding is not received from other sources, what the next planned steps were.

Manager Stanley inquired about the delinquent amount owed on the landowner's cost share of a ring dike constructed. Administrator Jesme stated he has attempted to reach the landowner by phone several times and has not returned his call. The Board directed Administrator Jesme to file a claim in Conciliation Court.

Manager Coe inquired on the funding of RLWD Proj. No. 60B. Administrator Jesme will be attending an Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting in Detroit Lakes on June 15 to update the group on the progress of the project and request an additional project acceleration grant to assist in the funding. Administrator Jesme also stated that at the June 21, 2005 Red River Watershed Management Board meeting, the STEP II submittal that had been presented at their previous Board meeting will be acted upon.

Legal Counsel Sparby informed the Board that he will draft an agreement with Agder Township for the construction of a township road constructed as part of a ring dike.

In response to Manager Tiedemann's question on petitions, Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he is not able to assist landowners in completing petitions for potential projects, but

sample petitions are available in the office for landowners to use as an example in devising their own.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary