

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 10, 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, Lee Coe, Arnold Stanley, Dale M. Nelson, Allan Carlson, Vernon Johnson, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette, 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.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of October 27, 2005. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Nelson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of November 8, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 8, 2005.

Administrator Jesme discussed the RLWD Ditch #11, Project #166 hearing process. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann to amend the motion of October 27, 2005 which read as follows: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann to set the hearing date for November 22, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the RLWD Board meeting room, with the contingency to move to a larger facility if the need arises. The amended motion will read: to set the hearing date for December 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the RLWD Board meeting room with the contingency to move to a larger facility if the need arises. Motion to amend the previous motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that Dave Bennett had contacted him in regard to applying for a grant for water quality monitoring at the Glacial Ridge Project. The RLWD would be the LGU for the grant. With the \$10,000 that the RLWD had previously agreed to donate and the funds The Nature Conservancy is donating they may be able to get an additional \$24,000 in matching funds. A motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Carlson, for the Red Lake Watershed District to enter into an agreement as a partner for the aforementioned grant and to act as the LGU for the project if the grant is approved. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the letter that Keith Mykleseth forwarded from the Executive Office of the President regarding the participation in the 2005 White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation for the Glacial Ridge Project.

The Board reviewed the letter received from the Minnesota Historical Society declining the District's grant application for replacement of windows and other maintenance on the building. It was the consensus of the board to form a committee to look at the costs for

future maintenance of the existing building or to explore other options for the long term direction of the Red Lake Watershed District office facility. President Knott appointed the following committee members: Administrator Jesme, Dale Nelson, Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. The Committee will report back to the Board at a later date.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Beaver Damage Control Grant Application. BWSR has \$100,000 to appropriate for Beaver Damage control grants. Administrator Jesme informed the board that the Joint Powers Board consisting of Pennington, Polk, Marshall, Clearwater, Beltrami and Red Lake Counties had never disbanded and that he was contacting members of the Board to discuss applying for a \$20,000 grant through BWSR. A meeting will be held at the RLWD Office on December 16, 2005.

Administrator Jesme reviewed the 2005 Proposed MAWD Resolutions that will be submitted at the MAWD Annual Meeting in December.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05145 from Michael J. Welter, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 05149 from Curtis Hoppe, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 05150 from Daniel Caillier, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 05151 from Polk County Highway Department, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 05153 from Gregory Gagner, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 05154 from Steve Linder, Equality Township, Red Lake County; and No. 05155 from Levin Lien, Vineland Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report: RLWD Ditch #10, Project #161 gates have been installed, an "As Built Survey" has been completed, the RLWD has received the MNDOT cost share for \$2400 for additional shouldering working, and the EQUIP cost share paper work has been submitted. When all the paper work is completed, the totals will be sent to the Red Lake County Auditor; Moose River Impoundment levels are just below winter levels and the stoplogs at Pine Lake were installed last week; Black River maintenance is almost complete; and the updated Waffle newsletter is within today's board packets. Administrator Jesme also informed the Board that Dick Nelson has been diagnosed with cancer.

Administrator Jesme stated that we are waiting for money from the State for the ring dike program. The Ken Cwikla ring dike will not be completed this fall. The contractor pulled out their equipment to finish another project. Work will be completed in the spring.

Legal Counsel Sparby asked whether there were a certain number of working days to complete the Cwikla ring dike. Legal Counsel also discussed the Option Agreement on Project 60B and that the RLWD would be responsible to cover the costs to update the abstracts. Five title opinions have been completed.

Administrator Jesme discussed the letter received on the Brandt Impoundment from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Manager Stanley stated that he will be attending a meeting on water quality monitoring on impoundments in Eastern Marshall County.

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Nelson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary