

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 27, 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, 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 Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 13, 2005. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of October 26, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated October 26, 2005.

A petition from Clearwater County to withdraw approximately 3,637.5 acres from the boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District was presented to the Board. Administrator Jesme stated that staff Loren Sanderson and Gary Lane had surveyed the petitioned area recently and are in concurrence that the land is within the Mississippi watershed area, not the RLWD. Legal Counsel Sparby addressed the Board on statutory guidelines regarding watershed boundary changes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Coe, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for a correction in the boundary line between the Red Lake Watershed District and the Mississippi watershed and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,637.5 acres extend into the Red Lake Watershed District and

WHEREAS Clearwater County has provided a petition to be submitted to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources requesting withdrawal of those acres from the Red Lake Watershed District and

WHEREAS the Red Lake Watershed District has also prepared a petition to be submitted to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to withdraw those acres from the Red Lake watershed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board accept the petition from Clearwater County and submit the petition to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers submit a petition for withdrawal of approximately 3,637.5 acres of lands from Clearwater County in the townships of Copley, Shevlin, and Moose Creek.

Motion unanimously carried to accept the resolution and proceed with the withdrawal by submitting the resolution and the petitions to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR).

Dan Zwilling, MN DNR, submitted a written dam inspection report of the Black River (Schirrick Dam) to the Board. Schirrick Dam was inspected by MN DNR personnel on September 6, 2005 as required by State Regulations. Mr. Zwilling indicated that the dam appears to be in good condition but as owners of the dam, the RLWD is responsible for the needed maintenance. Small trees are to be removed, debris around structure cleared, and riprap at the outlet should be repaired within the next year. Administrator Jesme will address the repairs with RLWD staff.

Terry Wolfe, MN DNR, appeared before the Board to explain the location of Goose Lake, the history of Goose Lake, and the status of the structure. Jon Hendrickson, MN DNR, presented a proposed emergency repair plan along with a time frame and cost of the repair. John Williams, MNDNR, was also in attendance.

Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, presented the revised Preliminary Engineer's Report for Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No. 166, to the Board. He introduced Ron Novacek, one of the petitioners of the project, and Mr. Pribula stated Mr. Novacek would be available for answering questions directed at the petitioners. At the August 11, 2005 Board meeting, Mr. Pribula presented the original Preliminary Engineer's report to the Board for informational purposes. At that meeting, the Board and petitioners requested Mr. Pribula to add an additional 2 miles of ditch improvement to the Preliminary Plan and inform the Board of the revised plan at a future meeting. Following questions from the Board, motion by Stanley, seconded by Coe, to accept the filing of the Preliminary Engineer's report for RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No. 166, and forward to the Polk County Auditor for filing pursuant to Minnesota State Statutes 103E.251. Motion carried.

The hearing on the revised Preliminary Engineer's Report on RLWD Project No. 166, RLWD Ditch No. 11 was discussed. 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. Motion carried.

RLWD Water Quality Coordinator Corey Hanson distributed a written description of the Field to Stream Project; RLWD Project No. 165 describing the test methods used for the project and presented a Power Point presentation of the printed report.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Stanley, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05022 from D.R. Finkenbinder, Inc., Andover and Fairfax Townships, Polk County; No. 05141 from Patrick K. Young, Hamre Township, Beltrami County; No. 05142 from Hoppe Farms, Inc., David Hoppe, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; No. 05143 from Hoppe Farms, Inc., David Hoppe, Russia Township, Polk County; No. 05144 from Donald L. Dufour/Scott Dufour, Lee Township, Beltrami County; No. 05146 from Bryan Stortroen, Vineland Township, Polk County; No. 05147 from Fred Barrett and Sons, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; and No. 05148 from Kevin Anderson, Nesbit Townships, Polk County. Motion carried.

Voting delegates for the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts' annual convention to be held December 1-3 at the Arrowwood Conference Center in Alexandria was discussed. Managers Coe and Carlson are the voting delegates with Manager Nelson as the alternate.

The draft Ten Year Overall Plan is available for distribution in print format or a CD. Motion by Coe, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously to give Administrator Jesme the approval to distribute either form of the Plan to all entities required thus initiating the 45 day review period. Administrator Jesme indicated that he would get a list from the Board of Soil and Water Resources of all governmental and local entities required.

Administrator Jesme read his written report: A meeting was held in Golden Valley on October 24, 2005 in which Administrator Jesme attended along with various BWSR staff, Army Corps of Engineers, West Polk County SWCD Manager Penny Doty, and HDR Engineering staff to discuss the MNRAM procedures and how it relates to permitting and mitigation requirements on the Brandt Impoundment Site; Additional project items have been completed or are being completed on RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. No. 161 such as installing gates blocking the spoil to the outlet structure, the "as built" survey has been completed, additional gravel has been spread at two locations, and the finalization of the collection of EQUIP and MN DOT cost share funds; and Managers Knott and Johnson along with Administrator Jesme attended the breakfast with the Senate Bonding Committee during a stop in Thief River Falls on October 19, 2005 at the Best Western in Thief River Falls. A small program was held showing the committee some of the projects they had assisted in funding.

In addition to his written report, Administrator Jesme stated that notices have been sent to landowners within one mile of the Euclid East Site of Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed project of a meeting to be held on October 28, 2005 at the RLWD office regarding the acquisition of additional strips of lands that may be required for construction.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the Clearwater County petition for withdrawal of land from the RLWD and the statutory guidelines of filing. The petitions will be forwarded to BWSR and they will handle the hearings for the withdrawal of lands.

Manager Coe stated he had contacted Beltrami County Commissioner Quentin Fairbanks regarding the cleaning of culverts within the Marshall-Beltrami Judicial Ditch 21 drainage system. Ralph Lee has attended the meetings, but nothing has ever been brought up about the culverts.

Manager Knott stated that that he attended the Red River Corridor meeting on Thursday, October 20 in Red Lake Falls. At that meeting, it was suggested that the Red Lake Watershed District utilize the erosion control projects that have been implanted along the Red Lake River and the costs of those projects could be used as matching expenditures to the application for the Bonding Bill along with the possibility of applying for EQUIP funds also.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary