

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
September 22, 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, Vernon Johnson, Lee Coe, Allan Carlson, Arnold Stanley, Dale M. Nelson, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of September 8, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of September 21, 2005. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated September 21, 2005.

Glacial Ridge Project Manager Keith Mykleseth from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) appeared before the board to give an update of the five year water quality study which is nearing completion. The TNC is working with partners to assist in funding of an additional five years of water quality monitoring. Following questions of the program and future plans of the TNC, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson to approve cost sharing of one year of water quality monitoring from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 in the amount of \$10,000. Motion carried.

A Grand Marais Creek Flood Damage Reduction Project (Project 60B) Statement of Purpose and Need was distributed to the Board for review. This document is being distributed to agencies involved in the Project Work Team for this project and ultimately will be sent to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for permitting review.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that some of the abstracts have been received for land acquisitions on the impoundment sites of the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project, RLWD Project No. 60B.

Legal Counsel Sparby reported on the timeline for land acquisitions for the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project, RLWD Proj. No. 60B.

Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Manager Doug Thompson contacted Administrator Jesme regarding a drainage issue and a potential cost sharing project in the Silver Creek watershed. Administrator Jesme presented a Power Point

presentation on the location of the problem, potential repair, and the impact of restoring Silver Creek to its original location.

Administrator Jesme recommended to the Board that a final payment hearing be set for Olson Construction TRF, Inc. as construction is near completion on RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. No.161. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously to set the final payment hearing for Olson Construction TRF, Inc. for October 13, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. at the RLWD office.

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. 05115 from Vance Norgaard, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 05118 from Dave Brule, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 05119 from Dave Brule, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 05120 from Ronald Engelstad, Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 05121 from Owen Larson Farms, Inc., Roome Township, Polk County; No. 05122 from Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 05123 from Great Lakes Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, Excel Township, Marshall County; 05125 from Beltrami County Highway Department, Steenerson Township, Beltrami County; No. 05126 from Beltrami County Highway Department, Benville Township, Beltrami County; No. 05127 from Warren Saetre, c/o D.W. Peterson, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 05128 from Steve Goodwin, Euclid Township, Polk County; and No. 05130 and 05131 from Michael Gasper, Euclid Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

A letter from the MN State Auditor addressing State Mandate Reform/Waiver Program was distributed for Board's review. The State Mandate Reform/Waiver Program is an avenue for local governments to apply for waivers on state mandates that may have negative or unintended consequences.

Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) invited the RLWD to attend and make a 3 minute presentation regarding the grant application for the repair of the RLWD building and respond to questions from the Grants Review Committee members on October 6 at the MHS office in St. Paul. It was the consensus of the board to forgo presenting due to the short amount of presentation time allowed and travel distance to present.

Administrator Jesme stated the Minnesota Department of Transportation had contacted him regarding the sale availability of their building in Thief River Falls. Due to extensive repairs needed to that building, the Board felt it would not be cost effective.

Administrator Jesme presented the itinerary for the Drainage and Water Project Law in Minnesota seminar to be held in St. Cloud on October 20, 2005.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts requested the RLWD present the Bagley Urban Runoff Project at their annual meeting to be held in Alexandria on December 1-3, 2005. Due to the project being completed prior to Administrator Jesme's employment at

the RLWD, Administrator Jesme requested of the Board to hire John Hodgson to assist him in the presentation. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously to approve contracting John Hodgson to attend the MAWD Convention and assist Administrator Jesme in the presentation of the Bagley Urban Runoff Project with a cost not to exceed \$1,000 with lodging and registration in addition to the fee.

Administrator Jesme read his written report: A preliminary plan of the Pembina Ridge Structure (Goose Lake) has been completed and pictures of the damaged outlet and the temporary fix are included as part of the handouts; RBR, Inc. has completed the Richard Stengl ring dike located in Tabor Township in Polk County. An additional \$5,000 of state money was requested of the RRWMB at their September 20, 2005 meeting in order to adequately complete the Ken Cwikla ring dike. Quotes are due to be received as of 4:00 September 22, 2005 for Cwikla's ring dike; Larry Puchalski, (MnDOT) District 2 Environmental Coordinator, has given his verbal approval to proceed with the repair of the south berm on the Louisville Parnell Impoundment Project; Staff members Corey Hanson and Jim Blix presented at Water Festivals in Warren on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 and Fertile on September 21, 2005; and Corey Hanson is attending the River Night with the Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty in St. Paul on Thursday, September 22, 2005 with the cost of the seminar provided for by RMB Laboratories, Detroit Lakes.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated the lease agreement for a landowner in the RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. No. 161 is near completion. Due to the late nature of site preparation, the wetland mitigation site will be completed during construction season of 2006.

Manager Carlson inspected the Osowski/Bernard dispute and stated the requests stated in a letter to Osowski had not been completed as of September 21, 2005. Administrator Jesme stated he had advised Mrs. Bernard that the RLWD is a mediator on this project; the Polk County Planning Commission is the authority.

Manager Johnson updated the Board on the RRWMB meeting held on September 20, 2005. Items presented at that meeting were discussion of hiring a Project Administrator for Flood Damage Reduction projects to assist districts that may be short staffed in order for the districts to proceed with state funded projects in a timely manner.

Manager Stanley inquired if the cost of repairs on State Ditch 83 were near the annual maximum allowable amount. Administrator Jesme stated he would inquire of staff member Gary Lane about repairing more areas if the allowable amount for the year has not been exceeded.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary