

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 27, 2006

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, Thief River Falls, MN.

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

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

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to dispense of the reading of the April 13, 2006 minutes and approve as printed. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report of April 26, 2006. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated April 26, 2006.

The Draft 2005 RLWD Annual Report was distributed to the Board for their review.

Staff member Corey Hanson presented a potential proposal for funding named the Red River Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT). The SWAT would model the lower reaches of the Red Lake River. Molly McGregor of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will be seeking a grant match of 50/50 of a total \$45,000 when the grant is applied for later this summer. This proposal will be re-addressed in advance of when the grant application will be submitted.

The 2006 Minnesota Association of Watershed District's (MAWD) annual summer tour is June 22-23, 2006 hosted by the Sauk River Watershed District.

A permit extension for Permit No. 06022 issued to Joe Garry was requested. Following discussion, a motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Knott to deny the permit to Joe Garry. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining from voting.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 05152 from Gary Pulkrabek Farms, Inc., Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 05160 from Roome Township, c/o Dean Sylvester, Polk County; No. 06003 from Wallace E. Rutkowski, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 06013 from Polk County Highway Department, Fairfax Township, Polk County, No. 06021 from Pennington County Highway Dept., Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 06023 from Larry Martinson, Bray Township, Pennington County and Brandt Township, Polk County; No. 06024 from The Nature Conservancy, Tilden and Grove Park Township, Polk County; No. 06025 from Vern Clevon, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 06026 from Darrin Olson, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; No. 06027 from Fairfax Township, Dean Frisk,

Clerk, Polk County; No. 06028 from Brad Lunke, Holt Township, Marshall County; No. 06030 from Euclid Township, c/o Gene Tiedemann, Chairman, Polk County; and No. 06031 from Jon Carlson, Roome Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- Staff members Corey Hanson and Jim Blix presented at Envirothon held at the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge on April 26, 2006.
- A meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2006 at the Polk County Courthouse in Crookston, MN for the purpose to meet with landowners in the Polk County Ditch No. 53 area to gather information for a petition process for the improvement or construction of a new ditch in Polk County.
- Viewers/Appraisers of RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No. 166, will present their report to the Administrator on Friday, May 5, 2006. Administrator Jesme will update the Board on the meeting at the May 11, 2006 Board meeting.
- A spreadsheet from Ron Salentine regarding additional wetland mitigation acres was included in the Manager's packet.
- The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has asked the petitioners of the Tynsid Township Erosion Control Project, RLWD Proj. No. 163, for a progress report. The NRCS is considering spending, retracting, or redistributing their financial commitment to another project. Administrator Jesme will contact the petitioner's legal counsel Kurt Deter on Monday, May 1, 2006 regarding their pending petition.

Administrator Jesme reviewed the Ron Salentine request tabled from the previous Board meeting. A mutual mistake was made in regard to the estimation and representation of the amount of wetland acres to be created as part of Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 60D, Brandt Impoundment Site, on the property of Ronald and Paula Salentine. The mutual mistake in regard to the estimation and representation of wetland acres created would have affected the evaluation of Ronald and Paula Salentine in regard to the treatment or characterization of their written option agreement. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Carlson, to direct Administrator Jesme make an offer of \$22,500 to Ron Salentine. Administrator Jesme will report the response at the next Board meeting. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson distributed a summary sheet and evaluated the RLWD Impoundment's levels with the Board.

At 10:00 a.m., Megan Miller of St. Hilaire, MN presented her Science project entitled The Effects of Variable Fish Communities on Type 4 and Type 5 Wetland Characteristics in Polk County. Miss Miller was rehearsing her presentation before the RLWD Board prior to her upcoming presentation at the National Science Fair.

HDR, Inc. Engineer Nate Dalager distributed a sheet with the left half indicating the author and the recommended edits for the Ten Year Overall Plan and the right half of the sheet were the changes that had been incorporated in the Plan. Administrator Jesme gave a timeline of hearing process and stated the dates available for holding the hearing.

Following discussion of available dates of hosting the hearing and the hearing process, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the Ten Year Comprehensive Plan, submit a copy to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), and instruct BWSR to set the hearing within the time frame of May 22-24, 2006 for 7:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office. Motion carried.

HDR, Inc. Engineer Nate Dalager presented the Brandt and Euclid East Sites' Final Engineer's reports and Plans and Specifications for construction. Following discussion of the estimated cost of construction of each project, the permitting issues, and the pros and cons of bidding as one project or two separate projects, the consensus of the Board is to consider the sites for two different bidding procedures. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, to proceed with the opening of bids and set the bid opening for the Euclid East Site, RLWD Proj. No. 60C, for May 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m., at the RLWD office.

A motion was made by Knott, seconded Carlson, to set the bid opening date for the Brandt Impoundment Site, RLWD Project No. 60D, for May 25, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The plans are to include a statement stating that construction could begin upon the receiving of appropriate permits. Motion carried.

The quotes for the emergency repair of Seeger Dam were opened. HDR, Inc. Engineer Nate Dalager stated the engineer's estimate was \$45,000. The following contractors provided bids: Olson Construction, Jeff Olson, Thief River Falls, \$54,030.00; Triple D Construction, Plummer, \$93,230.00; and Olson Construction TRF, Inc., Steve Olson, Thief River Falls, \$53,035.00. Motion by Knott, seconded by Stanley, to accept the apparent low bid from Olson Construction TRF, Inc., Steve Olson, Thief River Falls, in the amount of \$53,035. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby updated the Board on the John Thibert land within the RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. No.161 site. Sparby indicated that he will send the required documents to Administrator Jesme for submission to Mr. Thibert.

Manager Stanley inquired if the concern of a landowner of debris on the walkway along the Red Lake River in the City of East Grand Forks had been addressed or completed. Administrator Jesme stated that the project could be a Sentence to Service project, but after more discussion, it may be the responsibility of the City of East Grand Forks.

Manager Knott stated that a vote was taken at the April 18, 2006 RRWMB meeting to include Blake Carlson, JOR Engineering, on the Technical Evaluation Consultants (TEC) panel. Manager Knott had voted against the inclusion stating that JOR Engineering already have other engineers already represented on the TEC panel.

Motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary