

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 8, 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 Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of May 25, 2006. Manager Stanley stated that Hans Kandel is scheduled to be at the June 22, 2006 meeting and questioned if tours were scheduled for upcoming Board meetings. After discussion of possible tour sites and dates, the June 22, 2006 Board meeting will be held at the Community Center in Grygla with a tour of the Moose River Impoundment, Mud River, and other places of interest following the meeting. Manager Stanley will contact Hans Kandel to confirm his attendance at the next meeting or reschedule for a future Board meeting in Thief River Falls. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The board reviewed the Financial Report of June 7, 2006. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 7, 2006.

Gordon Foss, Grygla, MN, appeared before the board to request some assistance for erosion problems downstream of the Moose River Impoundment project. Mr. Foss was asked to join the Board on the tour at next Board meeting where the problem area will be toured.

Terry Wolfe and Doug Frank, MnDNR, presented, for the Board's information, the final plans for the repairs on the Goose Lake structure. Mr. Wolfe stated the old structure had rusted and disintegrated and that the proposed concrete structure would be more favorable to the public as the riser on the proposed structure will be approximately 6 tenths lower with a slightly larger waterway area. Bid opening for the repairs is scheduled for June 29, 2006.

Discussion was held on a ground breaking ceremony for the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundment sites, RLWD Project Nos. 60C and 60D. Administrator Jesme read from his Administrator's report the update of the project stating that the District had received on June 1, the Minnesota Water/Wetland Project Permit (WCA Permit) from the West Polk County WCA Administrator for both the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundments. Administrator Jesme also stated that a preconstruction meeting had been held on June 6, 2006 with Pete, John and Dave Zavoral from R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc.; Nate Dalager, Gordon Hall, and Keith Winter from HDR Engineering, Inc.; and Red Lake Watershed

District staff Loren Sanderson, Gary Lane, and Myron Jesme. Zavorals had stated they may start construction during the week of June 12, 2006. Even though construction may start on the impoundment sites, it was consensus of the Board to have Administrator Jesme organize a ground breaking ceremony and report back to the Board at a future date.

Ron Salentine and Dan Wallace, former landowners in the Brandt Impoundment site had contacted Administrator Jesme regarding the maintenance of weeds on the land purchased by the RLWD and previously owned by Daniel and Joyce Wallace. Ron Salentine stated he would maintain the weeds for \$7.00 per acre as was the cost quoted to him by the FSA office. Administrator Jesme stated there were approximately 50 acres to be maintained and would have to be cultivated approximately two times before construction begins. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed unanimously to contract with Ron Salentine to keep the area cultivated and maintained at the quoted amount of \$7.00 per acre.

Administrator Jesme distributed a picture of the sloughing and erosion at the outlet of the Schirrick Dam. Red Lake County has been declared a disaster county from FEMA and the Schirrick Dam spring flood damages had been included in the FEMA disaster application process. Administrator Jesme requested of the Board to hire JOR Engineering, Inc. to make a visual inspection of the structure to see if there was any structural problems on the downstream end of the dam. Manager Coe asked Administrator Jesme if he had any idea as to the cost of this inspection. Administrator Jesme indicated that he had not received a quote but thought it would be no more than \$1,000. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, to contract with JOR Engineering, Inc. to inspect the Schirrick Dam. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a permit for approval. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Coe, to approve permit number 06020 from Marshall County Highway Department in Reiner, Espelie and Valley Townships, Marshall County, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- Jeff Olson, Olson Construction, has indicated that he will do the spot repairs on RLWD Ditch No. 10 along with the construction of the wetland mitigation site within the next few weeks.
- The 30 day U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice for the Brandt Impoundment wetland mitigation ended on June 3, 2006. The USACE had contacted Administrator Jesme requesting using the RLWD wetland mitigation application as an example in the future for other agencies, etc.
- The Seeger Dam construction has been completed as well as the seeding, with the exception of the structure.
- The Minnesota Association of Watershed District's (MAWD) annual tour this year features the Sauk River Watershed District in Alexandria on June 22-24, 2006.
- The next Red River Watershed Management Board's will be held at the grand opening of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District's new office on June 20, 2006.

- RLWD's Ten Year Comprehensive Plan ad hoc meeting, hosted by Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, will be held at the Pelican River Watershed District office in Detroit Lakes on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. The RLWD is to give a 15 minute presentation, similar to the one presented at the hearing held on May 22, 2006.

In addition to his written report, Administrator Jesme stated that included in the manager's packets is a May 2006 Water Quality Program Progress Report authored by staff member Corey Hanson.

Engineer Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, presented the Final Engineer's Report for RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No.166. Landowner/petitioner Ron Novacek was also in attendance. Following Mr. Pribula's presentation of the Report and fielding questions from the Board, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, to accept the filing of the Final Engineer's Report for Red Lake Watershed District Ditch No.11, RLWD Proj. No. 166, Improvement to Polk County Ditch 40, submit the filing to appropriate State agencies, and set the hearing for July 20, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northland Community and Technical College, East Grand Forks, MN. Motion carried.

A letter of complaint filed by Espelie Township regarding a dike that had been placed on land owned by Don Schmidt on the east side of County Road 53 along the north ½ mile of Section 16, Espelie Township, Marshall County was reviewed by the Board. Don Schmidt, the landowner, was in attendance and distributed a sheet with elevations of the dike built in proportion to the county/township road. Section 5, subdivision E, of the Red Lake Watershed District's Permit and Drainage Rules pertaining to permitting for a dike built was noted by Legal Counsel Sparby. Since Mr. Schmidt had not applied for a permit prior to building a dike per the RLWD's Permit and Drainage Rules, an after-the-fact permit will be completed and filed with the RLWD and processed in the normal procedure.

Administrator Jesme stated he had met on Friday, May 2, 2006 with Tom Jones of Jones Architectural Engineering, Inc. regarding the RLWD building. Mr. Jones will revise the original plans and resubmit a new plan.

The purpose of RLWD's Ten Year Comprehensive Plan's ad hoc meeting to be held June 14, 2006 was discussed. Administrator Jesme indicated that the meeting is not a hearing and he believed that only those on the agenda are able to speak. The meeting would consist of an overview of the town meetings, review all comments made from before and after the hearing, and a 15 minute presentation from the RLWD. Manager Stanley indicated that he thought during the committee meeting which was held to review the comments of the plan prior to Board approval, Managers Knott and Tiedemann had agreed with him that more than the word "consensus" was to be removed in the area of pages 110-121 of the Plan. Manager Tiedemann stated he did not recall that there was discussion to take out entire pages but did concur with Manager Stanley that the word "consensus" was to be removed. Manager Knott indicated that during the committee meeting, he felt all the information other than the word "consensus" was to remain

because as he sees it as the pages in the report are only a history of what transpired during the Project Work Team meetings.

Motion by Carlson, to adjourn to June 22, 2006 at the regular meeting time of 9:00 a.m. at Grygla Community Center, seconded by Stanley. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary