

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 11, 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 Coe, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Delray Larson and Todd Stanley requested to be added to the agenda to discuss the Ten Year Comprehensive Plan.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 27, 2006. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The board reviewed the Financial Report of May 10, 2006. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated May 10, 2006.

Delray Larson and Todd Stanley came before the Board to request the whole paragraph referencing the Project Work Team for State Ditch 83 located on page 121 of the Ten Year Comprehensive Plan be removed. After lengthy discussion, President Nelson indicated that the proper venue to address their concerns would be at the public hearing on the Ten Year Comprehensive Plan to be presented on May 22, 2006 by BWSR. Darrold and Dave Rodahl were also in attendance.

At 9:30 a.m. the appraisers/viewers for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 40, RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Project 166, Roger Beiswenger, Jerry Bennett, and Rodney Langaas, presented the viewers report. The total benefits are \$1,292,176.40 and included in this total are benefits to roads and corporations as follows: Keystone Township - \$1,695.00; Sullivan Township-\$23,197.50; Grand Forks Township-\$250.00; and Polk County-\$9,090.00. The damages were determined of permanent right-of-way at \$1,600.00 per acre and temporary right-of-way at \$160.00 per acre (calculated at \$80/acre, for two years). It was further determined that 52.80 acres were for permanent right-of-way and 78.67 acres of temporary right-of-way for a total payment of damages in the amount of \$95,727.85. The appraisers/viewers further determined the relative utility and estimated expense and found that the utility and benefits derived for the improvement are greater than the estimated cost and expense and recommended that the improvement of RLWD Ditch #11 be established in order to alleviate the chronic drainage problem. Ron Novacek, landowner and petitioner, stated that he feels that the assessment to the unimproved portion was not enough and that there is more of a benefit to that area than \$10 per acre. Mr. Novacek also indicated that in his opinion, the southerly 160 acres of

Section 7 and Section 8 of Keystone should be included in the benefited area as some of the water from these areas does indeed drain into Polk County Ditch #40. The appraisers stated there could be an outlet charge and recommended the issue be addressed at the final hearing. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed unanimously to accept the filing of the viewers report.

The 2005 Annual Report was distributed for review.

Tom Jones, architect for the new RLWD building, met with the building committee on May 5, 2006. Mr. Jones anticipates having a completed architectural drawing of the building for the Board by the end of May or early June. The land transaction with School District 564 was finalized on May 10, 2006. Administrator Jesme inquired of the Board if they wished to purchase a riding lawnmower or solicit quotes for maintenance of the lot. The consensus of the Board is to seek quotes for "minimal" lawn maintenance on the lot.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 06029 from Tim Rolf and Kay Rolf, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 06032 from Mn/DOT District 2, King and Brandsvold Townships, Polk County; No. 06033 from The Nature Conservancy, Polk County; No. 06035 from Rodney Burns, City of Goodridge, Pennington County; No. 06036 from Rodness Lutheran Church, Ira Mjelde, President, Woodside Township, Polk County; and No. 06037 from Ray Hendrickson, Minnie Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried.

Manager Johnson requested the Board initiate a project and hire an engineer to investigate and determine a cost analysis of a flood damage reduction project around the City of Clearbrook. SWCD Doug Thompson had presented information on this potential project at the April 13, 2006 Board meeting. Following discussion of possible funding sources, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Arnold, and passed unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Clearbrook and the Clearwater SWCD have requested assistance from the Red Lake Watershed District to minimize the flooding in the City of Clearbrook, and,

WHEREAS, this project is of benefit to the residents of Clearwater County and the City of Clearbrook for potential damage losses from heavy rainfall events, and,

WHEREAS, there is an interest from other agencies to assist in the financial contributions to make this project a feasible one,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District name this project "Clearbrook Flood Damage Reduction Project" and number it RLWD Project No. 160A.

Following discussion of the engineering services for RLWD Proj. No. 160A, a motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to have Administrator Jesme contact Houston Engineering for a cost estimate for the engineering of the project and present at the May 25, 2006 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- Terry Wolfe, MnDNR and a project engineer from the MN DNR will be submitting a plan for the replacement of the outlet structure to Goose Lake at 9:30 a.m. at the June 8, 2006 Board meeting. Landowners have contacted Managers Knott and Tiedemann regarding the elevations, filling, the embankment and other items of concern to them.
- Advertising for bids to construct the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundments began the week of May 1, 2006 with bid opening set for 10:00 a.m. at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on May 25, 2006.
- Administrator Jesme met with approximately 20 landowners, Polk County Commissioners, Polk County Engineer, Polk County Auditor, and Rinke-Noonan attorney Kurt Deter to discuss the possible petition for the improvement of Polk County Ditch No.53. At that meeting, it was determined there is a considerable need for the improvement and a petition process will be started.
- Attorney Kurt Deter had been contacted regarding the outstanding petitions for the Sand Hill Cemetery/Tynsid Township Erosion project, RLWD Project Nos. 158 and 163. Mr. Deter stated that the landowners have determined that they can't pay nor find funding for what they want completed.
- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration sent staff member Loren Sanderson, on behalf of the District, a thank you for the contribution the RLWD provided them in assisting with the forecasting process during the high water and flooding time period.
- The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) will present Manager Vernon Johnson with an award for his many years of service at their monthly meeting held May 16, 2006 at the RLWD office.

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

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that Ronald and Paula Salentine had accepted the Board's offer for the additional wetland acres and had signed the release. Mr. Sparby also stated that the Thibert wetland mitigation has been completed for RLWD Ditch No. 10 and some leases still need to be completed for the Brandt Impoundment site, RLWD Proj. No. 60D, as well as the Doris Canaday land in the Euclid East Impoundment site, RLWD Proj. 60C.

Manager Johnson stated Doug Thompson, Clearwater SWCD, had contacted him to state that the Army Corps of Engineers had agreed to pay the un-obligated amount for the restoration of Silver Creek.

Manager Stanley asked if the board would be interested in having a short presentation on drain tile and suggested Hans Kandel as the presenter. The consensus of the Board was that it would be a good idea and suggested Manager Stanley arrange for the presentation at an upcoming Board meeting.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary