

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 28, 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, Gene Tiedemann, and Allan Carlson. Absent: Vernon Johnson and Orville Knott. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak.

Brian Enright requested to appear before the Board. The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of Brian Enright.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 9, 2006. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as amended.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of November 27, 2006. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 27, 2006.

Brian Enright appeared before board expressing his concern on the operation of a trap as applied for on RLWD Permit No. 01097. Mr. Enright stated that the trap was not opened after the crop had been harvested this past fall as was approved on the permit. The consensus of the Board is that Mr. Enright has the right to operate the trap as described in the previously approved permit as he is the operator of the land and that if there is a recorded history of someone closing the trap during this operating period, the Board will investigate further action on this permit. If further problems arise, Mr. Enright is to notify the Board of Managers.

Steve Young, Trout Unlimited, and Tony Kennedy, MN DNR, appeared before the Board to present a proposal for a joint project with the two entities and the RLWD for a study of the effects of water quality on winter carryover of trout in the Clearwater River. Mr. Kennedy provided a Power Point presentation on the project and explained the background, issues, the result, and the study proposal including funding. Their request of the RLWD is to partner with the project to purchase 5 data loggers and install them at locations in the stream. The total cost of the data loggers is approximately \$8,734 which would be loaned back to the MnDNR. The DNR and Trout Unlimited's commitment to the project would be the purchase of radio telemetry tags at a cost of \$3500 and flight time to locate the fish at an estimated cost of \$3500. Administrator Jesme explained the balance in the water quality budget and requested the matter be tabled until staff member Corey Hanson is able to attend the next Board meeting and to allow time to prioritize the funding of future water quality projects. Also discussed was article printed in local papers, also included in the Manager's packet, regarding the \$100,000 the RLWD is receiving from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a study investigating the sources of pollution in the Clearwater River. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 1, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Clearbrook Community Center to introduce the study concept, explain why the river does not meet water quality standards, and recruit people as advisory team members. It was also asked that staff member Corey Hanson also report on this project at the next RLWD Board meeting.

The pay estimate for Schmitz Construction for construction of the new Red Lake Watershed District office building was explained by Administrator Jesme. A motion was made by Coe to approve Pay Request No. 1 in the amount of \$29,587.50, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed unanimously.

Gate tenders for the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundment sites were discussed by the Board. On a motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously to pursue names for gate tenders for the impoundments and present potential tenders' names at the next Board meeting.

Administrator Jesme reported on the proposed Grand Marais outlet restoration project meeting held on November 27, 2006. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting. The Project Work Team (PWT) is seeking individuals to serve on a Ditch Advisory Board for this proposed project.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: Nos. 06119 and 06120 from Ronald Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 06126 from Roger Odegaard, Roome Township, Polk County; No. 06127 from MN DOT, Linsell and Moose River Townships, Marshall County; and Nos. 06128 and 06129 from Solheim Farms, Inc., Fairfax Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Steve Goodwin requested an amendment to his RLWD Permit No. 06109, Keystone Township, Polk County. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson, to approve the amended permit. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme gave a verbal Administrator's report:

- The MPCA Stormwater permit was received and R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. started construction on RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No. 166 on Tuesday, November 21, 2006. Approximately 1200-1500 feet of the ditch system has already been completed. Temporary seeding is being completed as the ditch work is completed. Next spring the permanent seed cover will be applied.
- JD 2 Main, RLWD Proj. No. 49, side inlet pipes have been installed as well as spot cleaning along the lower 1.5 miles.

Manager Coe will be presenting the resolutions at the Friday, December 1, 2006, business meeting of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts and wished to have supplemental information for the resolutions. Administrator Jesme will contact Legal Counsel Sparby for that supplemental information.

Manager Nelson presented the literature and an estimate for 2 different designs for the exterior plaques/sign for the Brandt, Euclid East and Parnell Impoundments. The estimated cost for each sign ranges from \$2160-\$2500 plus setup cost and shipping. The consensus of the Board is to pursue the purchases of a 24"x32" bronze plaque/sign for the each of the impoundment sites, Brandt, Euclid East, and Parnell, and report the cost at a future Board meeting. Manager Nelson will research for a plaque for the interior of the new RLWD watershed building.

Managers Stanley stated that Quentin Fairbanks had asked for a letter of support for his reappointment to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Board. It was noted that Mr. Fairbanks represents the northern part of the State on the BWSR Board. It was the consensus of

the Board to compile a letter of recommendation for Mr. Fairbanks and submit to Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty for his reappointment to the BWSR Board.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Carlson, motion carried to adjourn the meeting.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary