

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 26, 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.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 12, 2006. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as amended.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of October 25, 2006. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated October 25, 2006.

Correspondence from the attorney for Paul and Dell Hoff regarding the amended CRP lease agreement and the reply to the Hoff's from Legal Counsel Sparby was presented to the Board. Discussion was withheld until Mr. Sparby is in attendance.

Following the business part of the Board meeting today, the Board will tour the RLWD's new office building site and review the placement on the building on the lot.

Administrator Jesme reported on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Stormwater permit issue with RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Proj. No.166. Administrator Jesme explained the procedures for applying for Stormwater permits as well as the normal time frame in which a permit is issued. The MPCA had notified Administrator Jesme on October 23, 2006, that the permitting of this project could be a problem due to the fact that the Grand Marais Creek has been designated as a Federally Impaired Waters and there are some problems that come with that designation. Administrator Jesme indicated that at best there will have to be a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan submitted with the permit and that there is a 30 day review period that goes with that submittal. Administrator Jesme stated that Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc., has been hired to assist Jerry Pribula in completing the application and the amended application will be submitted no later than October 28, 2006.

The Lessor Township Land auction held on October 24, 2006 was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

The second Board meeting scheduled in November falls on Thanksgiving Day. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Knott, to change the November 23, 2006 Board meeting to November 28, 2006. Motion carried.

Gary Novak requested a one year extension on RLWD Permit No.05156. The permit was originally approved on November 22, 2005. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Carlson to extend permit for one year. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 06110 from Glen Jorde, North Township, Pennington County; No. 06114 from Dale Cote, Chester Township, Polk County; No. 06116 from Veldt Township, Grant Satre, Clerk, Veldt and Valley Townships, Marshall County; and No. 06118 from Dennis Brekken, Fairfax Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- The gates for the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundment sites have not been delivered. Dormant seeding is to be completed on various small areas of the dike and along the south township road. When these items are completed, construction is ended until final inspection next spring. Euclid East Impoundment should be operable in the Spring of 2007.
- The fill is being compacted around the Brandt Impoundment structure and black dirt is being applied on the levee. Dormant seeding may still be completed this fall on the site. Demolition of the former John Weiland building site will take place within the next few weeks. The Brandt site will not be available to store water in the spring but should be available by midsummer of 2007. Enclosed in the Manager's packet is a Weekly Construction diary and Statement of Working Days for both impoundment sites.
- Manager Tiedemann, RLWD staff Loren Sanderson, and Administrator Jesme attended a yearly meeting on October 24, 2006 with the committees representing Polk County Ditch 126 and Polk County Ditch 60. Committee members present were John Barrett, Randy Driscoll, Brian Love, and Dennis Goodyke. This meeting was held as part of an agreement made with the Polk County commissioners in order to review the yearly operation of Parnell Impoundment and answer questions that may have arisen during the yearly operational period. The consensus of both committees was that the operation of Parnell Impoundment was consistent with the operating plan and results were primarily favorable. The committee members agreed that we would meet in January or February of each year to review the yearly operations. Due to the timing of the present meeting, the next meeting will be held in January or February of 2008.
- The stop logs have been pulled from the Good Lake Impoundment and water levels are presently at winter level.

The potential joint project with the Clearwater SWCD, the Ruffy Brook/Silver Creek project, was questioned by the Board. Manager Johnson indicated that the quotes for completing the project came in higher than anticipated; therefore, the Clearwater SWCD is seeking additional funding and is considering re-bidding the project.

Manager Knott inquired on a water issue in a natural waterway between two landowners and the assistance the RLWD could provide. The consensus of the Board was to have the landowners provide the Board with additional information or to have the landowners address the issue between themselves, privately.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Stanley, motion carried to adjourn.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary