

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 12, 2007

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, Orville Knott, Gene Tiedemann, Vernon Johnson and Allan Carlson. Absent: Arnold Stanley. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Carlson, and passed unanimously that the Board dispense reading of the minutes and approve them as printed.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of April 11, 2007. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated April 11, 2007.

A Petition for the Abandonment of Red Lake Watershed District Project #106, Jensen Petition from The Nature Conservancy was presented to the Board for restoration of wetlands on The Nature Conservancy property. A joint hearing will be held with the RLWD and Polk County for the abandonment of Polk County Ditch #140 on May 9, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at the Youngquist Auditorium, UMC. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, to accept the Petition for the Abandonment of Red Lake Watershed District Project #106, Jensen Petition and to hold a joint hearing with Polk County for abandonment of Polk County Ditch #140. Motion carried.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering presented plans and specifications for the construction of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Project No. 60E. Administrator Jesme stated that the FSA needs to complete an Environmental Review prior to the landowner enrolling their property into a CREP contract. Due to a 60 day review period for the Environmental Review, Administrator Jesme requested an extension from BSWR for the grant application until December 30, 2007. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Plans and Specifications for the construction of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Project No. 60E and authorize the staff to proceed with the Advertisement for Bids for construction.

LeRoy Sundquist, Chairman, Winsor Township discussed the assessment that Winsor Township received for maintenance on J.D. 72, RLWD Project #41, on six miles of township road. Mr. Sundquist stated that he has spoken with both Clearwater and Polk County ditch authorities and auditors and has not received an adequate response to his concerns. It was the consensus of the Board to have Administrator Jesme contact the Polk County Auditor/Treasurer to schedule a meeting with the J.D. 72 Joint Ditch committee, and to include Winsor and Hangaard Township officials in the meeting.

Administrator Jesme discussed the dismissal of petitions for RLWD Project No. 158, Polk County Ditch 19 Improvement and RLWD Project No. 163, Tynsid Erosion Control Project. A hearing is scheduled with the petitioners of the Tynsid Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 163, on May 10, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a hearing at 10:45 a.m. with the petitioners

for the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 19 Improvement, Project #158. These hearings are intended to allow the petitioner to update the Board on the acquisition of outside funding for the proposed project and to discuss the possibility of dismissing one or both of the petitions.

Legal Counsel Sparby updated the board on the procedures that are required for the amendment of the viewers report for RLWD Ditch #11, Project #166. After further discussion, it was determined that Administrator Jesme should contact the viewers for the project to review the damages that appear to be in error and report back to the board at a later date.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had been contacted by a landowner near the Parnell Impoundment who wishes to install a temporary irrigation system and use the water in the borrow pool within the impoundment to irrigate his property. It was the consensus of the board to deny the landowners request.

Administrator Jesme discussed the purchase of a YSI 600 QS sonde to be used for the River Watch Program. This piece of equipment is a more durable and portable than presently used Hydro lab. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the staff to purchase an YSI 600 QS sonde in the amount of \$3,980 for the River Watch Program.

Manager Nelson updated the Board on various issues concerning the construction of the new RLWD building and the purchasing of new office furniture.

The Board reviewed the permit applications. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe and passed unanimously to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 07007, Pennington County Highway Department, River Falls Township; No. 07008, Eric Samuelson, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 07012, Polk County Highway Department, Crookston and Parnell Townships; No. 07014 Beltrami County Highway Department, Minnie and Spruce Grove Townships; No. 07015, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Knute and Badger Townships, Polk County and Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 07016, Darrell Cymbaluk, Crookston Township, Polk County; No. 07017, City of East Grand Forks, Huntsville Township, Polk County; No. 07018, Concrete Inc., Black River Township, Pennington County; and 07019, City of Fosston, Brandsvold Township, Polk County.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Johnson to approve permit No. 07009 from Russell Wilson, Woodside Township, Polk County that had been previously tabled at the March 22, 2007 Board of Managers meeting. Motion carried.

Wade Robinson, Clearwater County SWCD was present to discuss the following projects within Clearwater County:

- Eddy Township Stream Channel Restoration Project to restore 1500 feet of the Silver Creek to its original stream bed. The RLWD has committed \$17,000 towards the project. Bids were higher than the original construction estimate. Eddy Township has agreed to cover the shortfall;
- The SWCD received a \$25,000 Clean Water Legacy grant to complete streambank restoration along Silver Creek. Various sites have been prioritized for grading back slopes, riprap toe protection, geo-textile liners, seeding disturbed areas;

- Clearbrook Urban Runoff Project has received a Challenge Grant in the amount of \$19,200 through BWSR to complete this study. The purpose of the project is to reduce sediment loads entering Silver Creek from the city of Clearbrook.

Administrators Jesme read his written report:

- Administrator Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB Joint Conference held March 29, 2007 at the Northland Inn in Crookston. Guest speaker was Brad Moore, Commissioner of the MPCA. Mr. Moore's topic of presentation was to emphasize programs available through the MPCA as well as an update on the rules and regulations that pertain specifically to "Impaired Waters" and permitting projects within them. Each Watershed also had the opportunity to rate a project in their prospective watershed, using the "Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Project Prioritization Worksheet".
- A meeting has been scheduled for April 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. with the DNR, SWCD, BWSR and engineering staff to discuss the petition for Improvement of Polk County Ditch #53, RLWD Ditch #12. This meeting will allow us to introduce the project and show the interested agencies what we would like to accomplish with this project.
- Administrator Jesme has submitted a request to BWSR to extend the existing Challenge Grant Agreement, which will expire June 30, 2007 to run through December 30, 2007 for restoration of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Project #60E. This will allow the FSA the time it will require to complete their Environmental Review which is required to complete the CREP signup.
- A RLWD Advisory Committee meeting has been schedule for April 24, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office.
- Administrator Jesme spoke with the Viewers on a previous project, who expressed their appreciation for the support of the Board to offer paying their expenses to attend the Viewers Annual Meeting in Morton. Due to time commitments they were not able to attend but plan to next year.

Administrator Jesme distributed the 2006 Draft Financial Statement for review by the board prior to its presentation at the April 26, 2007 board meeting.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, with motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary