

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 24, 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, Arnold Stanley, Orville Knott, Vernon Johnson, Allan Carlson and Gene Tiedemann. 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.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of May 10, 2007. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes with minor corrections.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of May 23, 2007. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 23, 2007.

Manager Nelson updated the board on construction activities for the new RLWD Building. The Board discussed options for landscaping around the building.

The Board reviewed permits for approval: A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 07026, City of Red Lake Falls, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 07029, Nature Conservancy, Kertsonville, Tilden, Grove Park and Godfrey Townships, Polk County; No. 07030, Loren Sanderson, Onstad Township, Polk County; No. 07031, Evans Steel, North Township, Pennington County; Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed the MnDNR meeting to be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> in Grygla regarding the rule making procedure for the Commissioner of the MnDNR to determine whether or not to participate, and to what extent, in assessments involving Con Con lands in regard to ditch projects. Administrator Jesme, Managers Stanley and Coe are planning to attend.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- Quentin Fairbanks, Beltrami County Commissioner has been re-appointed to the BWSR Board. His term expires January 3, 2011. BWSR has hired a new Conservationist Chad Severts to replace Jeff Hrubes. Mr. Severts had worked for various years with Jon Hodgeson, Joint Powers Engineering staff, out of the Bemidji office.
- RLWD Staff, HDR staff, and Dave Zavoral (R.J. Zavoral Sons, Inc.) met to review the list of tasks to be completed for the construction of the Euclid East and Brandt Impoundments. Both sites should be completed by the end of June with a final payment hearing following completion.
- Enclosed in today's packets are the approved minutes of the RRWMB.

- We are awaiting the petition for construction of a lateral to Polk County Ditch #53 to arrive. Engineering will be halted for the petition for Improvement of Polk County Ditch #53 until we receive the lateral petition.

Administrator Jesme discussed the handout regarding policy issues passed within the Minnesota State Legislation that affect watershed districts.

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to allow President Nelson to call the RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Project No. 166 Amendment to Viewers Report Hearing to order. It was stated that the hearing had been properly noticed. The purpose of the hearing was to clarify an error in benefits and damages awarded to landowners located in Section 10, Sullivan Township, Polk County. After explanation of the error in benefits and damages, requests for public comment was made, the hearing was closed. President Nelson reconvened the regular board meeting. After further Board discussion, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann to amend the Viewers Report for RLWD Ditch No. 11, RLWD Project No. 166, with changes as presented. Motion carried.

Manager Knott stated, at this point the International Water Institute was unable to obtain funding from the Minnesota State Legislature or the Federal Government for Lidar Imaging of the Red River Basin. Mr. Fritz is still trying to get commitments and is planning on moving forward with the project in hopes that the remaining funding will occur.

Administrator Jesme stated that an agreement with Jeannette Kliner, landowner along the Brandt Channel Restoration, RLWD Project 60E, has been a drafted and presented to Legal Counsel Sparby for review.

At 10:00 a.m. the bid opening for the construction of the Brandt Channel Restoration, RLWD Project No. 60E, was conducted. Legal Counsel Sparby stated the time and that all bid proposals had been accepted by the 10:00 a.m. bid closing. Bids received and the bid amounts are as follows: TS Holte Construction, \$57,197.81; Art Laudal & Son, Inc., \$58,994.69, Wright Construction, Inc., 64,761.60; Nanik Construction, \$65,580.87; Gladen Construction, Inc., \$65,899.80; R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc., \$66,657.64; Taggart Excavating, \$67,534.46; Northern Paving, \$70,369.15; All Seasons Contracting, Inc., \$71,359.00, Triple D Construction and Leasing, Inc., \$75,017.29, Olson Construction, TRF, Inc., \$76,762.04, Davidson Ready Mix & Construction, Inc., \$87,933.75; Bohlman Trenching Services, Inc., \$91,580.40; and Lyle Wilkens, Inc. \$109,847.80. Motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, to accept the apparent low bid from TS Holte Construction in the amount of \$57,197.81, contingent upon review and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed the State of Minnesota funding for ring dike construction. \$100,000 per year was allotted for 2008 and 2009 for a total of \$200,000. The State will allow the entire \$200,000 to be spent within the first year. The Flood Damage Reduction work group received an additional \$100,000 funding for a total of \$310,000.

Manager Knott stated the following: the RRWMB approved funding \$750,000 for the Bois de Sioux WD for Natural Resource Enhancement benefits on the North Ottawa project; Team Works International was hired for public relations for the RRWMB and individual watersheds; and the DNR hired Bob Bezek to replace Larry Kramka in the Bemidji DNR office.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the Historical Grant that the District received in 2001 for repairs and maintenance of the building.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., to allow President Nelson to call the continuation hearing for the Abandonment of RLWD Project No. 106, Jensen Petition, to order. Keith Mykelseh, Nature Conservancy, presented the petition, map, and notices that were mailed to the landowners in the area. Mr. Mykelseh stated that at the hearing held on May 9, 2007 additional information was requested by the Board regarding elevations and maintenance of a culvert prior to action taken by the Board. He further stated that approval of the abandonment is one step in the entire process. Plans and specifications will be forthcoming along with a RLWD permit application. The hearing in regard to the Abandonment of RLWD Project 106, Jensen Petition was closed. President Nelson reconvened the regular board meeting. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD Board of Managers grant the full Abandonment of RLWD Project #106, Jensen Petition, contingent on the Nature Conservancy agreeing to take over maintenance of the culvert located on the west side of the SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 1, Onstad Township, Polk County and signed Plans and Specifications being approved through the RLWD permit process. Motion carried.

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

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary