

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
December 29, 2008

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, Vernon Johnson, Gene Tiedemann and Jim Votava. 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 Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of December 11, 2008. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that minutes be approved with minor corrections.

Manager Johnson asked whether the RLWD received upland banking credits on the Greenwood 27, RLWD Project 82G wetland banking project in Clearwater County. It was the consensus of the Board that inquiries should be made whether upland bank credits can be obtained.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated December 26, 2008. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated December 26, 2008.

The Board reviewed the Capital Project Fund Transfers balances as of December 26, 2008. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Capital Project Fund Transfers. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District (MSTRWD) approved the Joint Powers Agreement for the Grand Marais Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. The MSTRWD appointed Managers John Nelson and Arlyn Stroble to represent the MSTRWD on the Joint Powers Board and that the RLWD should appoint three Board members as well to serve on the Joint Powers Board. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, to appoint Managers Tiedemann, Knott and Votava, with Manager Nelson as a substitute, if needed, to the Joint Powers Board for the Grand Marais Restoration Project pending the approval and signature of the Joint Powers Agreement. Motion carried. Jesme stated that the first Joint Powers Board meeting will be held the week of January 12th with a Project Work Team meeting held on January 15th. Jesme suggested that Legal Counsel Sparby attend the first Joint Powers Board meeting to review the obligations of a joint powers board.

Discussion was held on the Drainage Work Group 2008 Consensus recommendations. Administrator Jesme stated that the Drainage Work Group consists of individuals from DNR, BWSR, MAWD, counties and landowners. Legal Counsel Sparby discussed various points of concern to watershed districts within the document. It was the consensus of the Board to have Legal Counsel Sparby further review the document and report back to the board at the January 8 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter received from BWSR denying the RLWD grant application for the Drainage Records Modernization Grant.

Discussion was held on the purchase of an AutoCad program that would be compatible with the Districts surveying equipment. Jesme stated that after discussion with staff members it was the consensus to delay the purchase of the AutoCad program at this time and address this program at a later date.

Enbridge Energy requested a one year extension on RLWD Permit No. 07119. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, to accept the request of a one year extension for RLWD Permit No. 07119, Enbridge Energy. Motion carried.

Minnesota Pipe Line Company requested an additional one year extension on RLWD Permit No. 06138. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, to accept the request of a one year extension for RLWD Permit No. 06138, Minnesota Pipe Line Company. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme discussed the RRMWB meeting held on December 16, 2008.
- Staff member Corey Hanson gave a presentation on the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project to the Water Quality team on December 22, 2008. Jesme stated that we are still in conversation with Ottetail Power Company in regard to land ownership for the project.

Discussion was held on the status of the land acquisition with Roger and Roxanne Hagen, husband and wife, for the Brandt Channel Project No. 60E. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that we should obtain a copy of the trust document for recording and then we can proceed with the land acquisition.

Manager Nelson asked the status on RLWD Ditch 13, Project No. 170. Discussion was held on having the viewers come to a RLWD Board meeting to discuss their recommendations. It was the consensus of the Board that a meeting should be held with the viewers for the project along with Administrator Jesme and Manager Nelson to update the Board on the progress of viewing. It was also the consensus of the Board to have Jesme meet with the Engineer to review the Engineer's estimate in light of changes that may have occurred in the construction industry since the prior estimate was submitted.

Manager Knott discussed legislation that Representative Morrie Lanning is drafting in regard to reorganization of all Watershed Districts. Knott stated that Lanning is suggesting that each Watershed District should have several elected officials on each Board.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary