

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 10, 2008

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, Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe, Orville Knott, Arnold Stanley, Jim Votava, and Vernon Johnson. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson requested the Brandt Impoundment be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Votava, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Brandt Impoundment.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Stanley, with motion carried to dispense reading of the June 26, 2008 minutes. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the June 26, 2008 minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of July 9, 2008. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated July 9, 2008.

Administrator Jesme stated that quotes had been solicited for the maturity of a CD which has since expired. Jesme also indicated that it would be at the best interest of the District to solicit quotes for another \$200,000 CD. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote to purchase two additional \$100,000 CD's.

Administrator Jesme stated that beavers had built a dam in the structure of the Brandt Impoundment. The Board discussed various options for removal of the beaver dam. It was the consensus of the board to hire a local contractor to remove the dam. Jesme further stated a trapper will be contacted to remove any beaver.

Jerry Bennett, Roger Beiswenger, and Rodney Langaas presented the Viewer's Report for the Improvement and Lateral of Polk County Ditch No. 53, Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 12, Project No. 169, to the Board for informational purposes. The viewers indicated they have determined the total benefits to be \$1,934,919.98. Damages include 104.67 acres of permanent right-of-way and 30.62 acres of temporary right-of-way for a total payment of damages in the amount of \$99,087.50. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the filing of the Viewer's Report and to prepare property owners statements. President Nelson thanked the viewers for their efforts.

Administrator Jesme stated that a meeting has been scheduled with the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to discuss the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration, RLWD Project No 60F on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Warren. It was the consensus of the Board that

Managers Nelson, Tiedemann, and Knott attend the meeting along with Administrator Jesme and Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc.

Discussion was held on the Pennington SWCD 60th Anniversary Tour to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2008.

Administrator Jesme discussed the repairs on the Elm Lake structure. Repairs would be a cooperative effort between the MnDNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and RLWD. Engineering fees are \$2800, which the District would be responsible for 1/3 of the cost. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, with motion carried to enter into a 1/3 cost share agreement with the MnDNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to pay 1/3 of the cost of engineering fees for repairs on the Elm Lake Structure.

Discussion was held on the article printed in the Bemidji Pioneer in regard to the Beltrami County Comprehensive Local Water Plan.

Manager Stanley stated that per a request from the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD, the Beltrami County Board of Commissioners was going to discuss the authorization of \$21,500 for erosion control repairs on the Judicial Ditch 21/Moose River system. Jesme indicated that Marshall Beltrami SWCD has called him to discuss a cost share project if these funds were approved by the County Board.

Administrator Jesme stated after recent rains, water is not draining from the front lawn of the District's property. Discussion was held on needed drainage repairs and the addition of trees and signage. Jesme indicated he had received a quote for lawn excavation from a local contractor, but would like authorization to proceed with getting various quotes. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, with motion carried, to proceed with quotes for drainage repairs and the addition of trees and signage for the building.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Stanley, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 08019, Agder Township, Marshall County; No. 08037 and 08038, Badger Township, Polk County; No. GMG Farms, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 08040, Marshall County Highway Department, Cedar Township, Marshall County; No. 08041, Ray Ulrich, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 08042, Jason Kotrba, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 08043 and 08044, Pennington County Highway Department, Black River Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrators Report:

- Staking on the Brandt Outlet Restoration Project has started with possible construction starting today. Abstracts have been received from Roger and Roxanne Hagen in preparation for the purchase of 60.85 acres in which the District has the option to buy.
- Gates on the Moose River Impoundments were opened on June 16th. Summer elevations were reached on July 3, 2008. Outflows on both pools have been reduced to normal operation and will continue as conditions warrant. The mowing process as been started on all impoundments and should be completed by mid-July.

- The buffer strip right-of-way staking on all our legal systems has been completed with spot seeding starting in the next few weeks.
- Construction of Wayne Swanson ring dike has been completed and that a Ring Dike Grant Agreement with the State has been used up and expired on June 30, 2008. Jesme also indicated that construction on the Ron Black ring dike has been started under another Ring Dike Grant Agreement that will expire on June 30, 2009.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, Jesme was not able to attend the Beltrami County Commissioners meeting on July 1, 2008, with Manager Coe. This concludes our county board meetings for 2008.
- The new RLWD website will be up and running within the next few weeks.

Manager Stanley discussed the mowing of the various impoundments. Administrator Jesme stated that quotes are being solicited from several local contractors and that work will be granted to the lowest quote.

Discussion was held concerning recommendation for repairs outlined in the Moose River Impoundment Dam Inspection Report completed by JOR Engineering. Administrator Jesme stated that the staff is working on recommendations for the Board and will report back at a future meeting.

President Nelson discussed the 2009 Budget and Salary process. Managers Nelson, Coe, and Johnson serve on the Budget and Salary Committee. The committee will meet in the next few weeks with recommendations for the board.

Administrator Jesme stated that it was brought to his attention that lands located in Section 17, Equality Township, Red Lake County, drained water into Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 7, Project No. 20, but were not included into the benefited area. Jesme stated he contacted landowners Robert Solien and Leslie Hofstad who are in attendance at today's meeting. Jesme stated the drainage system has not been altered and it appears that when the benefited area was determined, these parcels have been overlooked. After discussion with Board and landowners, the landowners indicated that they will petition the RLWD to be included into the benefited area of RLWD Ditch 7, Project No. 20. Once the petitions are received, the RLWD will move forward with the hearing process.

Manager Coe discussed the Beltrami County Commissioners meeting he attended on July 1, 2008 to present the 2007 Annual Report.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary