

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 8, 2008

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Arnold Stanley, Vernon Johnson, Lee Coe, Orville Knott, Gene Tiedemann and Jim Votava. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

The minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, 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 May 7, 2008. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Votava, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 7, 2008.

Administrator Jesme discussed the notice received from Polk County for abandonment of Polk County Ditch 140, under the jurisdiction of Polk County.

The Board discussed RLWD Permit No. 08009, Dean Phillip, Agder Township, Marshall County. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Knott, with motion carried, to deny RLWD Permit No. 08009, Dean Phillip.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 08012, Polk County Highway Department, Onstad and Godfrey Townships; Nos. 08021 and 08022, Sinclair Township, Clearwater County; No. 08023, Dorothy Green/Georgia Egeland, Tynsid Township, Polk County; No. 08024, Tabor Township, Polk County; No. 08025, Woodside Township, Polk County; and No. 08026, Dave Garry, Parnell Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby distributed the Order for the addition of four miles of roadway in Winsor Township to be included into the benefited area of the Winsor Hangaard Ditch, RLWD Project No. 113.

Sparby stated he has not had a response from Attorney's Dan Rust or Gerard Neil in regard to our easement interest on property within the Brandt Impoundment.

Administrators Update:

- Administrator Jesme met with Roger Hagen and staff from the Polk County FSA office concerning Brandt Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD No. 60E for the purpose of

discussing requirements for grass mixtures as well as program options available under the current farm programs. HDR Engineering, Inc. is in the final planning stages of the project and construction should begin by late May early July.

- Jesme met with the viewers on Polk County Ditch 53 Improvement, RLWD Ditch 12 to discuss various issues. The viewers hope to be completed by late June with a hearing in late July or early August, with possible construction mid to late September.
- Jesme inquired from the MnDNR-Waters about the availability of another \$5,000 grant to assist with the engineering costs for the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Jesme was informed this week that we were approved for the grant and the amended grant agreement should arrive soon. With this amendment, the total grant money that we received for this project will total \$21,000.
- Jesme and Manager Stanley presented the 2007 Annual Report to the Marshall County Commissioners on Tuesday, May 6th.
- Enclosed in today's packet is a handout from BWSR which Jesme indicated will be presented to each county board. This handout is intended to better explain to the County Boards what a watershed district manager's role is and what procedures and tools they could use in recruiting and appointing watershed managers.

Administrator Jesme presented the letter he mailed to Sullivan Township concerning their request to improve a township road along RLWD Ditch No. 11, Project No. 166.

Faye Auchenpaugh, Chairperson, Sesquicentennial Commission presented the Rivers and Waters activities being held in Pennington County. Various activities throughout the summer to include canoe and kayak trips, bus tour of Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge with activities concluding on August 2 in Hartz Park. As an educational component of the rivers and waters, Auchenpaugh is seeking a sponsor to purchase small canoes to be painted and deposited into the river for future tracking. Discussion was held that this project would be an educational component of the River Watch Program. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, with motion carried to donate \$1500.00 to sponsor the Rivers and Waters Activities with funding to be used from the River Watch budget.

Manager Tiedemann asked if the northern landowners on the Grand Marais Restoration Project had been contacted. Jesme stated that letters and a map had been sent to the landowners.

Discussion was held on the Clearbrook Flood Damage Reduction Project.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary