

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 25, 2008

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of November 13, 2008. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the minutes be approved with minor corrections.

The board reviewed the Financial Report dated November 24, 2008. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 24, 2008.

The Board discussed the status of Pledged Securities at Border State Bank and Access Bank. Administrator Jesme stated that the District has adequate coverage for the current balances at both banks. A partial release of the securities is required in regard to Access Bank and one of the pledged securities at Border State Bank will terminate of its own accord. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Coe, with motion carried to approve the partial Release of Pledged Securities from Access Bank. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed repairs completed by Schmitz Builders, Inc. on the RLWD building. Jesme stated that in accordance with the construction contract, Schmitz Builders had to guarantee all material and labor for a period of one year from completion date. Jesme indicated that all repairs that have been identified are completed and that Schmitz Builders, Inc. should be released from the contract with the RLWD. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote to release Schmitz Builders, Inc. from the contract with the RLWD for construction of the new building.

Administrator Jesme discussed information he received regarding Land Use Ordinances regarding drainage issues in Traverse County.

Administrator Jesme discussed various informational meetings hosted by BWSR regarding the newly passed Constitutional Amendment.

Discussion was held on RLWD Ditch 12, Project No. 169. Administrator Jesme stated he received a bill from R.J. Zavoral and Sons for the purchase of pipes for construction of the project. Jesme stated that there is a provision in the specification that allows the District to pay for items prior to installation. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, authorizing the payment of culverts for the construction of the

RLWD Ditch 12, Project 169, in the amount of \$50,019.77 less the 10% retainer. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Working Lands Initiative (WLI) meeting he attended for the Brandt Channel Restoration, RLWD Project 60E. Jesme stated that if the Grand Marais Restoration Project, RLWD Project 60F proceeds there could be some cost share funding available as well.

Administrators update:

- Jesme presented information on RLWD Impoundment water levels.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on November 18, 2008. The approved RRWMB minutes are included in the packet. The RLWD will host the December RRWMB meeting on December 16, 2008.
- Jesme and Clearwater SWCD staff is working on land issues and utilities for the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project.
- A Water Quality Report is included in today's packet.
- MPCA Director Brad Moore is stepping down effective December 1, 2008.

Administrator Jesme discussed information he received from the viewers for RLWD Ditch 13, Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75, Project 170. The viewers are also working on the benefited area of RLWD Ditch 8, Project 36.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated he will contact Jeff Hane, Legal Counsel for the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District in regard to the Joints Powers Agreement for the Restoration of the Grand Marais Project, RLWD Project No. 60F.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary