

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
September 4, 2008

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

President Nelson stated that today's meeting was reconvened from the August 28, 2008 board meeting.

Viewers Jerry Bennett and Rodney Langaas presented their recommended changes.

In attendance at the meeting was landowner Allan Halvorson who requested his land in the SE1/4, Section 16, Bygland Township be removed from the benefited area of the project. After considerable discussion by the board, a motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley, and passed by unanimous vote to amend the viewers report to remove the property owned by Allan Halvorson from the benefited area of the project.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Polk County Highway Department concerning their estimated benefits to the project. Administrator Jesme stated that Polk County as part of a road project is providing several culverts for the project at an estimated cost saving to the project of \$124,000 which will be billed to the project initially, but will be reimbursed upon the completion of the project. The Viewers have estimated Polk County's assessment to be approximately \$15,276.00. The county is requesting that the funds paid from the culvert replacement be used towards the projected levy for construction and the remaining fund balance be used for any future assessment cost to the County until at such time the credit balance is exhausted. Once the balance is exhausted, future maintenance levies would be paid at the rate initially determined by the viewers.

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, with motion carried, to allow Polk County to receive a credit against the assessment determined by the viewers, with any remaining credit balance to be used for future assessments until the credit balance is exhausted.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, to approve the Viewers Report as amended and to establish the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 53, RLWD Ditch 12, Project No. 169, pursuant to the Detailed Findings and Order presented by Legal Counsel Sparby. Motion carried.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Stanley, to approve the Viewers Report as amended and to establish the Lateral to Polk County Ditch 53, RLWD Ditch 12, Project No. 169A, pursuant to the Detailed Findings and Order presented by Legal Counsel Sparby.. Motion carried.

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


Vernon Johnson, Secretary