

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 26, 2009

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of February 12, 2009. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated February 25, 2009. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Votava, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated February 25, 2009.

Administrator Jesme stated that quotes were received for a CD that matured. The highest responsible quote was received by 1st National Bank in Bemidji.

The Board reviewed a letter and request for services from Prairie Restorations, Inc. for monitoring and maintenance of the wetland mitigation sites for both the Brandt and Euclid East Impoundments. Administrator Jesme stated that as part of the wetland mitigation plan, there are certain expectations that have to be accomplished prior to approval of each site which includes a five year monitoring plan. If after this time frame, the wetland sites don't properly vegetate in accordance to the plan, the District would have to replant the area. Jesme stated that in 2008, Prairie Restorations, Inc. spot sprayed and mowed within the mitigation site and is recommending the same for 2009 at an approximate cost of \$2500. Motion by Coe, seconded by Votava, with motion carried to enter into an agreement with Prairie Restorations, Inc. for wetland mitigation maintenance on the Brandt and Euclid East Impoundments at an approximate cost of \$2500.

Administrator Jesme stated that a meeting was held on February 19 with various agencies to discuss the RIM Program for the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration, RLWD Project 60F. A meeting with the landowners will be held on March 2 in Alvarado to discuss the RIM Program and that landowners must be signed up for the program by June 1, 2009. Jesme stated that the RLWD Board and Joint Powers Board might want to have a discussion whether they feel the RIM payment of \$1330 per acre for cropped land and the additional \$300 per acre available for establishment of the buffer is adequate. It was the consensus of the Board to have Jesme report back after the meeting March 2nd to further discuss land cost.

Discussion was held on a request from the Pennington SWCD for financial support of the Area 1 Envirothon. Motion by Votava, seconded by Nordlund, to donate \$300.00 to the Pennington SWCD Area 1 Envirothon. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Votava, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No.'s 09002, 09003 and 09004, Polk County Highway Department, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 09005, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Pennington and Marshall Counties; No. 09006, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Marshall County; No. 09007, Jim Reitmeier, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 09008, Enbridge Pipeline LLC, Crookston Township, Polk County; No. 09009, City of East Grand Forks, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No. 09010, Marshall County Highway Department, Mud Lake Township, Marshall County; and, No. 09012, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Gully and Pine Lake Townships, Polk and Clearwater Counties. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated he has been working on updating staff job descriptions as part of the policies in the handbook and that some of the descriptions have not been updated since 1992 and that some of the job descriptions are no longer valid. Jesme is recommending we remove some of the job descriptions that have not been used in the last 6-10 years and to review the starting salary amounts. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this matter further at the March 12, 2009 Board meeting.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme has been in contact with John Hoffman, ICS Agency concerning Directors and Officers Insurance liability coverage for the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board. The policy should be ready to review within the next few weeks.
- Included in today's packet is a snow survey report dated February 21, 2009. This report does not show any real increase of moisture.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the Legislative Briefing and RRWMB meeting at the Kelly Inn on February 11th. Copies of the letter sent to the counties concerning the legislation requiring budgets be approved by the counties were handed out at the meeting. Included in today's packet is the most recent draft version of Representative Morrie Lanning's watershed bill, If passed, this bill would organize watershed basins throughout the state consistent to how the RRWMB operates.
- The Red River Basin Monitoring Advisory Committee is hosting the 6th annual RRBWQ Monitoring Training Session to be held at the University of Minnesota-Crookston on March 4, 2009. Staff members Hanson and Blix will be attending this session. Hanson will be giving two presentations during the morning session.
- Jesme and Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD will meet with landowners along the Red Lake River in the vicinity of Jerome Street to discuss a potential project that may include stabilization of the riverbank in that area. The meeting will be held on March 3 at 5:00 p.m. at the Pennington County SWCD office.

Manager Knott discussed the February RRWMB meeting held in St. Paul and the concern of reductions in bonding money.

Discussion was held on the LIDAR process and the potential savings for project surveying.

Administrator Jesme and Legal Counsel Sparby will meet with landowner Roger Hagen on March 4, 2009 to complete the easements for the Brandt Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project 60E.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Orville Knott". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Orville Knott, Secretary