

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 22, 2009

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

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of January 8, 2009. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Votava, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated January 21, 2009. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated January 21, 2009.

Administrator Jesme presented the General Fund Budget balances as of December 31, 2008. Due to the annual audit scheduled prior to this Board meeting, Jesme stated that the transfer for the building fund was completed. Remaining amounts from various budgeted items in the amount of \$83,000 was allocated to the building payment for 2008. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Votava, to transfer funds for the building at \$83,000. Motion carried.

The 2008 Administrative Construction/Capital Projects Budget was reviewed. Administrator Jesme presented a proposed 2009 Administrative Construction/Capital Projects Budget.

The RLWD was notified that the Surface Water Quality Grant for the Upper Lost River, RLWD Project No. 82FF, had been awarded. The grant is for e-coli assessment on the Nassett Brook in Clearwater County to be completed by the staff member Jim Blix and the River Watch students from Bagley High School. Motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, authorizing Administrator Jesme to sign all related grant documents when the grant is received for the Upper Lost River/Nassett Brook, RLWD Project No. 82FF.

Manager Arnold Stanley's resignation from the RLWD Board was reviewed. A motion was made by Coe to accept the resignation, with regrets, from Arnold Stanley, seconded by Tiedemann. Motion carried. Notification of the Boards acceptance of Manager Stanley's resignation is to be sent to Marshall County.

Administrator Jesme reported on the meetings of the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board. Liability insurance for Joint Powers Board members has been an item that had been questioned. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that the watersheds' liability insurance may not cover the Joint Powers Board members.

MAWD dues for 2009 were presented to the Board. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed unanimously to approve paying \$2,000 for the 2009 MAWD dues.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board on the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Jesme stated that \$780,000 has been set aside for land acquisition through the Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) program. RIM payments for agricultural land will be approximately \$1330 per acre plus up to \$300 per acre for establishment of buffer strips. Deadline for the RIM signup is June 1, 2009. A meeting with landowners along the channel will be held in the near future and a meeting with agency representatives will be held within the month to discuss the EAW process and permitting requirements.

The Board reviewed the permit for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Votava, to approve the following permit with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09001, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Pennington/Beltrami counties. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report

- A meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2009, with permitting agents, to discuss the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project. The meeting will be held at the Clearbrook City Council Room at 9:30 a.m.
- At the request of the National Weather Service and Central River Forecast Center, the staff has started the 2009 Snow Survey a month earlier than normal. Included in today's packet is the first report submitted.
- Manager Tiedemann has been asked to assist the Drainage Workgroup in updating the MN Public Drainage Manual. The meeting will be held February 11, 2009 in Waite Park. The MN Public Drainage Manual is the collective effort of an Advisory Committee that came together to develop a suggested guide for the proper establishment and construction of public drainage systems in Minnesota.
- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting on January 20, 2009 in Hallock. Included in the packet are the approved RRWMB meeting minutes from November 18, 2008. The next RRWMB meeting will be held on February 17, 2009 at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul, MN.

Discussion was held on whether the RLWD or City of Clearbrook should enter into an agreement for land acquisition for the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project, RLWD Project No. 160. The estimated market value of the property is \$1100. Otter Tail Corporation may require an appraisal to be completed.

The next RRWMB meeting will be on February 17, 2009 at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul for the Legislative Briefing. Administrator Jesme stated that the RRWMB drafted a letter to the Attorney General in regard to correspondence received from the Citizens for Farmland Preservation regarding Open Meeting Laws. It was the decision of the RRWMB that until a determination is made from the Attorney General regarding territorial boundaries of the RRWMB and also with the Red River Basin, the meeting will take place in St. Paul.

Manager Coe discussed the Education Committee he is serving on for the MAWD Board and asked if the Board or staff have any suggestions for training ideas.

Discussion was held on purchasing Board and staff members clothing apparel with the RLWD lettering on it. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize staff members to proceed with the purchase of apparel for the Board and staff members.

Motion by Coe, 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