

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
June 11, 2009

Present were: Managers Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe, Jim Votava, Orville Knott, LeRoy Ose, Dale M. Nelson and Kelly Nordlund. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of May 28, 2009. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated June 10, 2009. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated June 10, 2009.

Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc. discussed the applicable transfer of engineering fees associated with the original County Ditch 75 extension petition, and the new county Ditch 75 establishment Petition also known as RLWD Ditch 13, Project No. 170. Langan stated that the fees associated with the original petition for the two mile extension are applicable to the required preliminary engineering work associated with the new petition establishing a new ditch system. The total preliminary engineering fees are \$21,341.51. Administrator Jesme stated that the viewers determined that the cost of viewing in the amount of \$2,459.45 should be transferred to the new petition. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to transfer the preliminary engineering fees in the amount of \$21,341.51 and the viewers expenses in the amount of \$2,459.45 into the new petition for establishment of a new ditch system, known as RLWD Ditch 13, RLWD Project No. 170. Motion carried. Langan stated that a meeting will be held in the near future with Jesme, Manager Nelson, petitioners, county engineer and county commissioner.

Jeff Langan discussed the Clearbrook Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project 160A and the possibility of completing a Dam Safety Permit. Langan stated that a breach analysis report could be completed to determine what type of impacts it would have and determine how high of a hazard dam it would. Surveying costs would be saved with the recent completion of Lidar Data. Langan stated he will contact the Clearwater County Engineer to discuss further alternatives.

Administrator Jesme and Manager Nelson discussed the bank stabilization project on Jerome Street along the Red Lake River downstream of the dam in Thief River Falls. The Pennington SWCD has estimated the project cost to be \$100,000. Jesme stated that the City of Thief River Falls may be able to furnish dirt and in-kind use of city trucks to haul the dirt. Jesme stated that the Pennington SWCD will donate \$25,000 towards completion of the project, with engineering and construction inspection to be completed

by the Joint Powers Board Engineer. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the Red Lake River-Jerome Street Bank Stabilization Project No. 97B, contingent upon obtaining acceptable cost share funding. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the landowners estimated assessment for the Redetermination of Benefits for RLWD Ditch 8, Project 36. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to levy the assessments over a five year period for the Redetermination of Benefits for RLWD Ditch 8, Project 36. Motion carried. Landowners would have the option to pay their assessment up front if so willing.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented a Resolution for consideration by the RLWD Board. Sparby stated that the District from time to time may direct its employees and staff to conduct business or carry out certain tasks on behalf of or for the benefit of the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board. The resolution clarifies that the employees and staff would at all times be under the direction and control of the RLWD Board. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, with motion carried to accept the Resolution as presented.

The Board reviewed a petition on behalf of Jerome Ness and Peggy A Grove for a partial abandonment of Polk County Ditch No. 53, Branch 2. Administrator Jesme stated that the ditch has been maintained by the landowners and does not resemble a legal system therefore, the petitioners are requesting a partial abandonment, but are still requesting that their property remain in the benefited area of the legal drainage system. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, with motion carried to accept the Petition for a partial abandonment of Polk County Ditch No. 53, Branch 2, and set the hearing date for July 23, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. for partial abandonment of Polk County Ditch No 53, Branch 2.

Discussion was held on the RLWD Advisory Board tour to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. It was the consensus of the Board to invite the RLWD Advisory Board, county commissioners, and local media.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09015, Clarence M. Tadych, Maple Ridge Township, Beltrami County; No. 09040, City of East Grand Forks, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; Nos. 09042, 09043 and 09044, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 09047, Red Lake County Highway Department, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 09048, Red Lake County Highway Department, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; and No. 09049, Tim Numedahl, Godfrey Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- The RRWMB meeting will be held in the RLWD office on June 16, 2009. The RLWD and MSTRWD have been asked to set up a tour for the Joint Conference between the RRWMB and Red River Basin Commission for July 21, 2009 touring flood damage reduction projects completed in the Red River Basin. A complete agenda and tour guide will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

- Jesme presented the 2008 Annual Report to the Red Lake County Commissioners on June 9, 2009. The Red Lake County Ditch Inspector thanked the RLWD for assistance in getting Browns Creek cleaned out last year.
- Jesme and Manager Ose attended an interagency meeting at the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD office on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The District received a thank you from The National Weather Forecast Center for contributions to the river forecast process this past winter and spring. This agency uses the Districts snow measurement reports and other information to assist in flood forecast and crest predictions in the Red River Basin on a yearly basis.
- Included in today's packet is a water quality report from April and May.
- In the near future a press release from Collin Peterson's office will be issued stating that the USDA-NRCS will assist in funding ring dikes in the Red River Valley.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will meet with Administrator Jesme to determine a schedule for the Redetermination of Benefits for RLWD Ditch #8, Project 36.

Manager Ose updated the board on the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD interagency meeting he attended with Administrator Jesme. Ose stated that discussion was held on weed management and the possibility of restoring oxbows on state land along the Thief River north of Thief Lake.

Manager Knott asked if staff had been contacted by the Red Lake County Highway Department in regard to culvert sizing.

Manager Votava stated that landowner Merle Kolstad is in the process of signing up for RIM.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary