

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
June 25, 2009

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of June 11, 2009. A motion was made by Votava, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 24, 2009. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 24, 2009.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board approved the Public Officials Professional Liability insurance policy that would protect the Joint Powers Board in any decisions made in regard to the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project. It was the consensus of the RLWD Board that this insurance policy should be reviewed periodically.

Administrator Jesme stated he met with Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD, Jim Hest, Joint Powers Board Engineer, Mark Borseth, City of Thief River Falls, Jim Courneya, MPCA, Larry Puchalski, USACOE, Brian Dwight, BWSR, Garry Bennett, MnDNR and Tom Groshens, MnDNR-Fisheries in regard to the Jerome Street Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project 97B. This meeting was held to introduce the project and complete a site visit for future permitting. Jesme stated that since the project is longer than 500 feet, a Corps of Engineers permit may be required. Jesme will attend the City of Thief River Falls Council meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> to make a formal request for in-kind services.

Property Owners Reports for the Redetermination of Benefits for RLWD Ditch 8, Project 36 will be mailed to the landowners on June 30, 2009. The hearing is schedule for July 23, 2009.

Advertisement and notices to landowners for the July 23, 2009 hearing for Partial Abandonment of Polk County Ditch 53, Branch 2 are ready to be mailed.

The final determination for additional wetland banking credits for the Louisville Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 121 should be completed this week. If approved by the Technical Environmental Panel, information will then be forwarded to BWSR for filing.

The appraisal for the Clearbrook Storm Water Retention Project, RLWD Project No. 160 has been completed. TRT Appraisals appraised the .70 acres at \$5,000. Administrator Jesme stated the appraisal will give us a starting point in order to make an offer for purchase of the property presently owned by MN Dakota Generating Company. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, with motion carried to authorize Administrator Jesme to proceed to work with the City of Clearbrook to make an offer to MN Dakota Generating Company for purchase of .70 acres for the Clearbrook Storm Water Retention Project, RLWD Project No. 160. Administrator Jesme recommended that the City of Clearbrook purchase the property from MN Dakota Generating Company so that the land will not have to be transferred back to the city at a later date.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09045, Leon Thoreson, Roome Township, Polk County; No. 09046, Solheim Farms, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 09050, Doug Barth, North Township, Pennington County; No. 09051, Scott Baatz, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 09052, Thomas Fillmore, Holt Township, Marshall County; and No. 09053, Harlow C. Johnson, River Falls Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manger Nelson met with Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc., Mike Flaagan, Pennington County Engineer and Don Jensen, Pennington County Commissioner to discuss various components for the petition received for Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Jesme and Langan toured the proposed site and identified various locations of interest such as possible field entrance locations, split flow areas and viewed downstream portions of the project near the Red Lake River.
- A Project 60 Work Team meeting was held in the Districts office on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The intent of the meeting was to update the work team on progress that has been made concerning land acquisition, permitting questions, EAW and funding timeline.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the RIM Program for the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project. Administrator Jesme stated that an additional \$10,000 grant was received from DNR Waters which is the second amendment received on the original grant. The total amount of this grant is \$31,000. The District also received an amended grant from Working Lands Initiative which will now reflect the additional RIM applications that have been signed up since our original grant application was approved.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary