

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 24, 2009

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, Kelly Nordlund, Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe and LeRoy Ose. Absent: Jim Votava. 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 November 12, 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 dated November 23, 2009. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 23, 2009.

The regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 24, 2009 falls on Christmas Eve. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Coe, to change the December 24, 2009 Board meeting to Monday, December 28, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the funding application for the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration, RLWD Project No. 60F to the Lessard-Sam Heritage Council did not make the hearing process. Jesme stated that of the 42 applications, 26 were selected for a hearing for further funding review. The District can resubmit an application in the spring of 2010.

The Board discussed box culvert maintenance in Branch 200 of the Elm Lake Project located in Agder Township, Marshall County that had been requested by the Adger Town Board. In 1990, the District agreed to a 26 year maintenance agreement where the District would maintain the box culvert structure through the township for 26 years and then turn them over to Agder Township. Agder Township is concerned with recent maintenance issues on the wing walls of the box culvert structure. Staff member Gary Lane provided photos of the maintenance concerns and discussed metals plates and bolts installed on the structure this summer which he hoped would alleviate the shifting of the wing walls. After the installation of metal plates and bolts was completed, it appeared additional shifting/cracking has occurred on the wing walls. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering suggested removing the pressure from the plates and bolts and suggested the possible installation of dead man anchors. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Coe, seconded by Ose, to appoint Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. to review the project site and bring back recommendations to the Board for further maintenance. Motion carried.

Howard Person, UMN Extension Office gave a presentation on a grant application written by Molly McGregor, MPCA to be submitted to BWSR for the creation of several

rain gardens within the City of Thief River Falls and Crookston. Rain gardens are used to collect water/runoff prior to entering storm sewers. Person stated that they are requesting the RLWD to be the fiscal agent for the grant application and have allotted \$3900 for expenses incurred by the District. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize the MPCA to submit the grant application to BWSR for the creation of rain gardens within the City of Thief River Falls and Crookston and that the RLWD be named the fiscal agent. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 09128, Darrell Payment, Gervais Township, Red Lake County. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated that due to a group ditch constructed in 1982 and county road right of way requirements he is recommending the permit be tabled until the spring of 2010. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, with motion carried to table Permit No. 09128 until the spring of 2010. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 09129, Doug Peterson, Sullivan Township, Polk County. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated that when he viewed the site, construction had already been completed. Sanderson stated the applicant has submitted various permits in the past and knows the process to be followed. Sanderson stated that construction was within Sullivan Township road right of way and presented a letter to be submitted to Sullivan Township for their approval of the work completed prior to the District approving the permit application. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve sending the letter to Sullivan Township for their approval of work completed. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held by the Board on creating a policy for after the fact permit application. It was the consensus of the Board to have Legal Counsel Sparby draft a resolution addressing after the fact permit applications for the Boards review and consideration.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09125, Leslie Iverson, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 09130, Marvin L Zak Jr., Keystone Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed Branch C of Polk County Ditch 66 which is the outlet channel for the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Pictures were shown of the outlet channel at various locations after a 4" rain and break out flows into crop land in June of 2009. Sanderson stated Polk County surveyed the ditch system and will reslope the ditch to obtain fill material for spoil bank and extra fill over existing field inlet culverts. The current renter will place the spoil material at appropriate locations at no cost to the county or District. The renter is requesting the District to purchase four canal gates for the existing side inlet culverts at an approximate cost of \$5,000. The renter will install the canal gates at his own expense. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the purchase of four canal gates to assist with the management of discharged waters from the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C at an approximate cost of \$5,000. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board on the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond, RLWD Project No. 160. Jesme stated that he had contacted the landowner to inquire of a potential land swap for construction of the Gourmet site. Jesme stated that the landowner did not wish to pursue this matter. Jesme stated that construction of the other site will be constructed the summer of 2010.

The Board reviewed the 2009 MAWD Proposed Resolutions Recommendations. It was the consensus of the Board that Manager Coe will represent the District during the MAWD resolution recommendations.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Clearwater SWCD is completing a draft 2010 Water Plan. A draft review will be submitted by the end of November and reviewed at the December 17, 2009 Water Plan Task force meeting.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme will be leaving for the MAWD meeting the afternoon of December 2nd and returning December 5th.
- Construction has been substantially completed on the Srsnsky ring dike located east of Goodridge in Reiner Township, Pennington County. This is the first NRCS cost share dike to be completed. The District was informed that an archeological review is required on all sites which are deemed to be in sensitive areas. Newton's ring dike is located in one of these areas and construction will not occur until the site has been inspected which may not happen until the spring of 2010.
- Included in the packet is an article written in the St. Croix Valley local news concerning Washington County Commissioners continuing concerns about Watershed District's authority to set a budget without county review. This topic may be brought up at the upcoming legislative session.
- Construction is nearly completed on the 2.56 mile repair of JD 72 located in Winsor Township, Clearwater County. The culvert listed in today's financial report has also been installed with the cost of the installation to be paid by Winsor Township.
- The viewers have started working on the Pennington County Ditch No. 75, RLWD Project No. 171 viewers report with the final hearing to be held in the spring.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. stated that the survey for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 has been completed. Dalager is currently working on the Preliminary Engineers Report.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary