

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 22, 2010

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

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to dispense reading of the April 8, 2010 minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated April 21, 2010. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated April 21, 2010.

The Board reviewed the 2010 General Fund Budget and Capital Project Budget balances as of March 31, 2010.

Administrator Jesme indicated that the Committee set up to review the FEMA DFIRM grant, RLWD Project No. 172, Request for Proposals (RFP's) to update the floodplain map elevations for parts of Polk, Pennington and Red Lake Counties has completed its review of RFP's. RFP's were received from HDR /Houston, Barr/JOR, and Wenck/Baker engineering firms. After explaining to the Board the steps taken by the committee, Jesme stated that the Committee's recommendation to the Board would be that the committee be allowed to enter into negotiations with Wenck/Baker to reach an agreement which would complete the FEMA DFIRM and studies for Polk County and floodplain mapping studies for Red Lake and Pennington Counties. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to enter into negotiations with Wenck/Baker and if an agreement can be reached, to proceed with the FEMA DFIRM Grant, RLWD Project No. 172. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated he would like clarification on funding with NRCS Ring Dikes to allow the drafting of a contract between the landowner and Red Lake Watershed District. Jesme indicated that the Red River Watershed Management Board has agreed to pay 12.5% of cost not covered under the NRCS agreement but was not sure about the District's policy. After considerable discussion, motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann to enter into an agreement with the landowner, consistent with the District's policy with State funded ring dikes, to cost share 12.5% of engineering and construction costs not covered under the present NRCS ring dike agreement. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on boundary line delineations between the District and the Sandhill River Watershed District. Sandhill River Watershed District Administrator Dan Wilkens, would like to

hire Houston Engineering to complete surveying to assist with boundary line delineation, with each District sharing the engineering costs equally. It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Jesme should utilize RLWD Staff to handle the concerns of the District and to work with whomever Sandhill Watershed District hires.

The Board reviewed the 2009 Annual Report. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the 2009 Annual Report for printing. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the June 24, 2010 Board meeting is the same day as the MAWD Summer Tour. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to change the June 24, 2010 Board meeting date to June 21, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 10019, King Township, Polk County. Due to jurisdictional watershed boundary issues, staff recommended tabling the permit until the jurisdictional boundary issues are resolved. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, to table Permit No. 10019, King Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10013, Daniel Haack, Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 10014, Hammond Township, Polk County; No. 10015, Duane Lindblom, Kratka Township, Pennington County; No. 10016, BNSF Railroad, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; No. 10017, Calvin F. Harmoning, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 10018, Bray/Numedal Townships, Pennington County; No. 10020, Marshall County Highway Department, Valley Township; No. 10021, Curtis Swanson, Bray Township, Pennington County; No. 10022, Tabor Township, Polk County; No. 10023, Ronald Lanctof, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; and No. 10024, Andover Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

The Bagley River Watch Students gave a presentation on Investigating Impairments on the Clearwater and Lost Rivers. They currently sample at 11 sites, focusing on dissolved oxygen and e-coli to determine if they meet EPA requirements. Upon answering several questions from the Board, President Nelson thanked the students for their effort in this project and the time they have put toward the River Watch Program.

#### Administrators Update:

- A quarterly report for the Glacial Ridge Project, JD No. 66 Water Quality Study is included in the packet.
- The Preliminary Survey Report and hearing notice for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project was mailed to the

Pennington County Auditor, MnDNR Director, MnBWSR, Thief River Falls Mayor, MnDNR Area Hydrologist and Pennington County Engineer.

- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting held in the District office on April 20, 2010.
- Jesme contacted the City of Thief River Falls to discuss the possibility of a left turning lane being installed on Pennington Avenue at the entrance into the District office.

Administrator Jesme discussed a crossing located in Hammond Township, Polk County that was installed as part of the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project 43. Jesme stated that the culvert appeared to be damaged during the spring flood. After discussion by the Board, it was determined that culvert is the statutory responsibility of the road authority, which in this case is Hammond Township. The Board directed Jesme to contact the township in regard to this matter.

Manager Knott discussed the RRWMB meeting. Knott stated that on May 15, 2010, the International Water Institute will take over the River Watch Program as a non-profit program. A Board of Directors will be created to oversee the program. Two RRWMB members will be appointed to the River Watch Program Board of Directors

The Board discussed the current policy on District permit applications in regard to who should apply for the application. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, that both the landowner and renter should sign the permit application form when submitted to the District. After further discussion by the Board, Managers Knott, Mandt and Coe voted aye, with Managers Tiedemann, Ose and Nordlund voting nay. President Nelson voted nay breaking the tie. Motion failed.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary