

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
December 23, 2010

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

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

Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the December 9, 2010 minutes and approve them with corrections. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated December 22, 2010. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated December 22, 2010.

The Board reviewed a Disposal of Property list concerning items that have been fully depreciated and are no longer used and have no present value. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to declare the property on said list as surplus property having no present value and approving disposal of the same. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a resolution and petition to withdraw approximately 2,198 acres from the boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District. Administrator Jesme stated that staff have surveyed the area and are in concurrence that the land is within the Mississippi watershed area, not the RLWD. Legal Counsel Sparby addressed the Board on statutory guidelines regarding watershed boundary changes. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There is a need for correction in the boundary line between the Red Lake Watershed and the Mississippi Watershed to make the common boundary between the two watersheds, more closely conform to the actual watershed drainage divide, and

WHEREAS, Approximately 2,198 acres extend into the Red Lake Watershed District in Beltrami and Itasca Counties, and

WHEREAS, The following described lands approximately 2,198.21 acres located in the counties of Beltrami and Itasca are presently within the boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District:

A. Beltrami County

The following real property, all in T149N, R30W (Summit Township)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Section</u>
SE1/4 SW1/4	10
S1/2 SE1/4	10
SW1/4	11
W1/2 SE1/4	11
SE1/4 SE1/4	11
S1/2 SW1/4	12
NE1/4	13
NW1/4	13
SW1/4	13
SE1/4	13
NE1/4	14
NW1/4	14
SW1/4	14
SE1/4	14
E1/2 SE1/4	15
NE1/4	15
NE1/4 NW1/4	15

B. Itasca County

1. The following real property, all in T149N, R29W (Moose Park Township)

<u>Description</u>	<u>Section</u>
NW1/4	18

WHEREAS, Said lands and the affected common boundary line between the watershed district and counties is shown on the map and Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, and

WHEREAS, The affected lands are proposed to be withdrawn from the Red Lake Watershed District and included within the Mississippi watershed within the Counties of Beltrami and Itasca, thereby changing the boundary line between the Mississippi watershed within the Counties of Beltrami and Itasca and the Red Lake Watershed District, and the withdrawal of said territories and the proposed boundary line change would be conducive to the public health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, That the territories described above have not received or will not receive any benefits from the operation of the Red Lake Watershed District, and

WHEREAS, That the Red Lake Watershed District can perform the functions for which it was established without the inclusion of the above described territories, and

WHEREAS, That the above described territories are not, in fact, a part of the Red Lake Watershed District, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers submit a petition for withdrawal of approximately 2,198 acres of land from part of Beltrami County in the township of Summit and from part of Itasca County in the township of Moose Park. Subject land is properly part of the Mississippi Watershed and should not be part of the Red Lake Watershed.

Motion unanimously carried to accept the resolution and proceed with the withdrawal by submitting the petition to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

A Petition to BWSR to withdraw certain lands in Beltrami and Itasca County, Red Lake Watershed District and to properly include them as part of the Mississippi Watershed District was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the Petition to be submitted to BWSR in regard to the withdrawal of approximately 2,198 acres of land from part of Beltrami County in the township of Summit and from part of Itasca County in the township of Moose Park. Subject land is properly part of the Mississippi Watershed and should not be part of the Red Lake Watershed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clean Water Fund Competition Grants Awarded through BWSR. Administrator Jesme stated that the District received a grant in the amount of \$187,974 for grade stabilization for Reduction of Sedimentation in the Thief River (State Ditch #83), RLWD Project No. 14 and a grant in the amount of \$662,000 for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 60F. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to accept both grants and authorize Administrator Jesme to sign the grants once they are received. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the final payment to Dwight I Johnson Construction in the amount of \$25,747.86 for construction of the District garage. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County in regard to a safety concern on a township road in which a landowner cut a 2 foot drop on the inside slope of the ditch. It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to the landowner stating that the District will review the ditch in the spring.

The Board reviewed a request from Pennington County Highway Department Engineer and landowner Luane Tasa to amend Permit No. 10124, Tasa Farm, Hickory Township, Pennington County for installation of an 18" CSP north of the existing centerline culvert. The permit was previously approved on September 28, 2010. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Nordlund, to amend Permit No. 10124, Luane Tasa as recommended by Pennington County Highway Department Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to table Permit No. 10200, Everett Ault, River Falls Townships, Pennington County, for further review in the spring of 2011. Motion carried.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the 2010 General Fund Budget. Motion by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the 2010 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Arlene Novak reviewed the proposed Capital Project Fund Transfers as of December 22, 2010. After discussion by the Board, motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the Capital Project Fund Transfers as of December 22, 2010, as proposed. Motion carried

#### Administrators Update:

- The District was informed by BWSR that they received the Quiet Title Information and have requested a few changes to the abstract. Legal Counsel Sparby sent the paper work to the Pennington County Abstract Company to incorporate the changes and Jesme indicated that the final document was received yesterday. We should be in the final stages of banking upwards of 19.5 acres of wetland banking credits which could be sold or kept for future projects.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on Tuesday, December 21st in Fertile. Included in your packet is the "News and Views" which is featuring the Watershed District of the Year that was received by the Red Lake Watershed District .
- Jesme attended a Watershed and Basin Management Round table meeting on December 13, 2010. Jesme's group then joined the Planning and Funding committees for discussion to develop a strategy which can be shared with legislators in the upcoming session.
- Jesme and staff member Jim Blix met with the Viewers and Engineer for the Pennington County Ditch #1 Improvement/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Projects to review roadways and right of ways for urban and rural portions of the project. The

Viewers also reviewed benefits and cost per acre and will meet again in the near future to continue their assessment.

Administrator Jesme stated that local SWCD offices will be having a meeting in the near future to discuss options of hiring a joint technical person to assist them with future projects and the possibility of sharing that person with the District.

Manager Nelson discussed the purchases of stocking caps for use by District staff and Managers in accordance to Section 8F of the Personnel Policy and Procedures. It was the consensus of the Board to purchase the stocking caps with number ordered be determined by the staff.

The Board further discussed the funding received through the Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants. Discussion was held on the possibility of charging the legal systems that drain into the Grand Marais Cut Channel Stabilization for a portion of the costs to repair the channel. It was the consensus of the Board that this topic would be discussed at a later Board meeting or as the final project design moves forward.

Discussion was held on funding commitments for 2011. The Board directed Administrator Jesme to have an estimate of commitments for 2011 at the January 13, 2011 Board meeting.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, to adjourn the meeting.



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Orville Knott, Secretary