President Dale M. Nelson called the hearing to order concerning the petition for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls, MN

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

President Dale M. Nelson introduced the members of the Board, then turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Delray Sparby to address the hearing and its process. Sparby indicated that the hearing is being video taped and will available for viewing at the RLWD office. Sparby stated that two hearings will be held, the first being the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1 with the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project hearing starting at 7:30, at that time both hearings will be held in conjunction with each other. Administrator Jesme read for the record the MnDNR Commissioners Advisory Report and MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Advisory Report. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. and Engineer for the projects presented the Preliminary Engineer’s Report for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171.

At 7:30 p.m., President Nelson called the hearing to order concerning the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, RLWD Project No. 171A to run in conjunction with the hearing for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171. Dalager presented information for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project.

Upon completion of the presentations, questions were fielded from the Board and audience. All members of the audience had adequate opportunity to express questions and comments.

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

Orville Knott, Secretary