

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
January 14, 2010

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of December 28, 2009. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated January 13, 2010. Motion by Ose, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated January 13, 2010. Administrator Jesme stated that a CD had been purchased from Unity Bank North.

The Board reviewed the Capital Project Fund Transfers as of December 31, 2009.

Pennington County and Red Lake County confirmed that Managers Dale M. Nelson and Orville Knott were both appointed by their respective counties to another 3-year term on the Board. Manager Votava did not seek another term. Polk County is in the process of filling Votava's position.

Election of officers was conducted with President Nelson turning the meeting over to Vice President Gene Tiedemann. Manager Tiedemann called for nominations for president. Manager Coe nominated Dale M. Nelson. Upon calling for further nominations three times, a motion was made by Coe for nominations to cease, seconded by Nordlund, and that the secretary cast a unanimous vote ballot for Dale M. Nelson for president of the Board. Motion carried.

Vice President Tiedemann turned the meeting over to President Nelson to conduct elections for the remaining Board positions.

Nominations were opened for vice-president. Manager Nordlund nominated Gene Tiedemann for vice-president. Upon calling for further nominations three times, a motion was made by Coe for nominations to cease, seconded by Nordlund, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Gene Tiedemann for vice-president of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for secretary. Manager Nordlund nominated Orville Knott for secretary. Upon calling for further nominations three times, a motion was made by Coe

for nominations to cease, seconded by Nordlund, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Orville Knott as secretary of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for treasurer. Manager Tiedemann nominated Lee Coe for treasurer. Upon calling for further nominations three times, a motion was made by Tiedemann for nominations to cease, seconded by Nordlund, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Lee Coe as treasurer of the Board. Motion carried.

The Overall Advisory Committee and the specific watershed area Advisory Committee members were discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Overall Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee lists as presented. Motion carried.

The positions of Delegate and Alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) were discussed. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to re-appoint Orville Knott for another 3-year term as Delegate to the RRWMB. Motion carried. Discussion was held in regard to the Alternate to the RRWMB. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to appoint LeRoy Ose as the Alternate to the RRWMB. Motion carried.

Delegates and Alternates to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts were discussed. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote for Manager Coe to serve as the delegate, and Manager Tiedemann to serve as alternate.

The committees for the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards were reviewed. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote to appoint Managers Nordlund and Tiedemann to the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards.

The Budget/Salary Committee was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nordlund, to approve Managers Nelson, Coe and Tiedemann to serve on the Budget/Salary Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the regularly scheduled Board meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for 2010.

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, that the following financial institutions be designed as depositories for the RLWD: Northern State Bank, Border State Bank, First National Bank of Bemidji, Access Bank and Unity Bank North with the following signatures on the signature cards at the financial institutions: Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak. Motion carried.

Staff member Corey Hanson presented the Thief River Watershed Assessment Project Work Plan to be submitted to the MPCA for funding to create a watershed based TMDL Study on the Thief River. Hanson stated that the Work Plan needs to be submitted by

January 15, 2010 for funding consideration. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the Thief River Watershed Assessment Project Work Plan application to be submitted to the MPCA. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme provided a copy of the Legislative Guide for Legacy Funds created by legislators as a guideline to help define some of the tasks that will be required to receive funding through the Legacy Funds. Legal Counsel reviewed several points of interest and questioned whether some of these guidelines could pertain to funding for water quality studies.

The Minnesota Viewers Association dues for 2010 was presented for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, with motion carried to approve the payment of \$125.00 for the Minnesota Viewers Association 2010 dues. It was the consensus of the Board to pay the expenses of the viewers to attend the Viewers Association convention.

Administrator Jesme stated that an informal meeting regarding the Petition for Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 was held in the District office on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Representatives from the City of Thief River Falls, Pennington County and the petitioners attended the meeting, along with Senator LeRoy Stump, Representative David Olin, Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering and RLWD staff. Dalager presented preliminary documentation with some type of diversion as a component of the proposed project. Discussion was held as to what parts of this project may be regarded as a Flood Damage Reduction Project.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permit with conditions stated on the permit: No. 09134, Jeremiah Johnson, Garnes Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 09133, Agder Township, Marshall County. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to table Permit No. 09133 for further review during spring runoff. Motion carried.

Minnesota Department of Transportation requested an extension for RLWD Permit No. 08083 until November 15, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to extend Permit No. 08083, Minnesota Department of Transportation until November 15, 2010. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme and staff member Loren Sanderson discussed the Red Lake Tribal Council meeting they attended to discuss maintenance issues and a new Special Land Permit on the Good Lake Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 67. The 20 year Special Land Permit with the Red Lake Tribal Council for access to the Good Lake Project expired on January 12, 2010. It was the consensus of the Board to table discussion until further communication is received from the Red Lake Tribal Council.

Administrators Update:

- BWSR and NRCS have developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding implementation of the MN Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and the “Swampbuster” provisions of the Federal Farm Bill. The MOU signed by both agencies is now operational. Included in the packet is the MOU as well as a press release that better explains the agreement.
- Jesme met with the viewers on the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch #75, RLWD Project No. 170 on January 6, 2010. The viewers are close to defining the benefited/damaged area. Prior to completing this task the Viewers have set aside January 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> to meet with the landowners. The Viewers hope to have their report complete by the end of February.
- An informal meeting for Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 was held on January 7, 2010 with representatives from the City of TRF and Pennington County, Representative David Olin, Senator LeRoy Stumpf, two petitioners, Engineer Nate Dalager and RLWD staff. The meeting was set up to get information from each entity as to how the potential project could proceed and funding options that may be available.
- BWSR held a Training Focus Group meeting in the District office on January 13, 2010. The meeting was intended to better understand how agencies work and how agencies can better work together to accomplish common goals.
- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB on January 19, 2010 in Grand Forks. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Red River Basin Commission Joint meeting to be held January 19-22, 2010.
- The Auditors will be starting the year audit of the District on January 20<sup>th</sup> and hope have the office review completed by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. A date has not been set for the Auditor’s report to the Board.
- The International Water Institute is sponsoring a free LIDAR Application workshop on January 26, 2010 at the Ramada Inn, Grand Forks. Jesme and staff member Jim Blix will attend the day long workshop. Due to demand, future workshops will be held spring/summer 2010 in Fargo.
- Included in the packet is the December 2010 Water Quality Report.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated he received a phone call from Attorney Ann Rasmussen who is representing several landowners in regard to the Pennington County Ditch 75 petition.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary