

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

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, Gene Tiedemann, and Kelly Nordlund. Absent Albert Mandt. 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 Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of July 8, 2010. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated July 21, 2010. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated July 21, 2010.

Administrator Jesme stated that construction of Mitchell Srnsky's ring dike has been completed. The remaining balance left to be paid by Srnsky is \$3,517.15. Srnsky is requesting to pay one half of the balance this fall with the remaining balance to be paid the same time next year. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to allow landowner Mitchell Srnsky to make two payments, the first payment in the amount of \$1,758.58 this fall and the second payment of \$1,758.57 the fall of 2011 for construction of his farmstead ring dike. Motion carried.

Two quotes were received for construction of the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project, RLWD Project No. 160. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the low quote in the amount of \$34,700 from Blaser Excavating for construction of the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project, RLWD Project No. 160. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the presentation given at the July 8, 2010 Board meeting by Janeen Steno, Red River Basin Commission and Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering in regard to long term flooding solutions throughout the Red River Basin.

Gary Pulkrabek, Richard Kobetsky, Jon Kobetsky and Don Kobetsky appeared before the Board to discuss the operation of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Discussion was held on the drainage area of the project and the responsibility of the watershed district to provide an outlet for the Brandt Impoundment. Pulkrabek stated that water downstream of the impoundment, west of Highway 75 is extremely high, with water backing up in field and road ditches at various locations. Pulkrabek stated that due to the constant stream of water, landowners have not been able to maintain the ditches, which have become plugged with cattails. Discussion was held on re-sloping of the bank and spraying of cattails. The Board stated that the District had recently cleaned four miles of the ditch. Discussion was held with landowners in attendance that a petition should be presented to the District for a Lateral to Polk County Ditch 2. The Board further discussed cleaning the remaining channel downstream of CSAH #21

downstream of the Brandt Impoundment. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to do a one-time cleaning of the remaining channel downstream of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project 60D, to facilitate discharge of impoundment waters, with approval from adjacent landowners. Motion carried with Managers Ose and Nordlund opposed.

The Board discussed the hearing held on July 8, 2010 for the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Engineer Nate Dalager discussed the need for additional culverts near the inlet of the Euclid East Impoundment. Dalager stated that he had re-examined the drainage area and the impoundment inlet area. Dalager discussed a partial collapse of a culvert located at the SE Inlet of the Impoundment. Discussion was held on having culverts to match the ditch capacity and site constraints that exist in ditch widths relating to the size of culvert needed. Dalager recommends installing 1- 58"x 36" CSP-Arch at the intersection 1/2 mile east of the SE inlet, installation 2 - 48" CSP culverts at the SE inlet, installation of a rock spillway crossing and 1500' of berm on the north side of the ditch to contain the water in the ditch allowing it to flow into the impoundment. After further discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to set a hearing for 9:30 a.m. on August 12, 2010 at the RLWD District office. Motion carried.

Further discussion was held in regard to the presentation by the Red River Basin Commission in regard to long term flooding solutions along the Red River. The Red River Basin Commission would like watershed districts to help reduce the flow of water by 20% for water entering the Red River. Each watershed would prepare a detailed report for potential projects in order to be prepared if funding for potential projects becomes available. After discussion by the Board, the Board instructed Administrator Jesme to obtain more information and report back to the Board at a later date.

Administrator Jesme stated that Ray Bohn, MN Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) appeared before the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) requesting a watershed district from northern Minnesota to host the 2011 MAWD Summer Tour. It was the recommendation of the RRWMB that the RLWD and Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed District host the 2011 MAWD Summer Tour. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to host the 2011 MAWD Summer Tour. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed Permit No. 10068, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Moylan Township, Marshall County. Sanderson stated that MnDOT and the District received misinformation in regard to the property ownership for the requested permit and wishes the Board to rescind the permit application. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to rescind Permit No. 10068, MnDOT, Moylan Township, Marshall County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10070, Norman Lindemoen, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 10076, Euclid Township, Polk

County; No. 10080, MnDOT, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 10081, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 10083, 10084 and 10085, Perry Farm, Inc., Andover Township, Polk County; No. 10087, Ray Kuznia, Norden Township, Pennington County; and No. 10088, David Olson, Grove Park Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- One NRCS funded ring dike and one state funded ring are currently under construction and should be completed within the next week. Quotes will be solicited for an additional NRCS ring dike with construction to take place within the next few weeks.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting and a joint meeting with the RRWMB and the Red River Joint Water Resources Board meeting on July 20, 2010 in Moorhead. The Joint Board was formed as an agreement between North Dakota and Minnesota to address specific Flood Damage Reduction Projects on either side of the Red River.
- Jesme, Manager Ose and staff members Corey Hanson and Jim Blix attended a Thief River Stakeholders meeting on July 9 at the District office.
- On July 9th, Jesme took part in a conference call between HDR Engineering, Inc. and the US Army Corps of Engineers in regard to the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project to discuss moving forward with the preliminary design. Various aspects of the preliminary report were discussed such as staging areas for construction, goals and language that may need to be incorporated into the agreement that the District will sign with the landowners prior to construction.
- Jesme and Manager Tiedemann attended a Water Management Summit on July 12th between Counties, SWCD and Watershed Districts. This summit was intended to get input from each group as how we can better work together to handle water resource project and address government overlapping. A full profile of the summit as well as at the presentation provided by Jay Kiedrowski (Senior Fellow, Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center, Humphrey Institute) in which he gave a great overview of the state of the State is available at [www.mnlocalgovernmentroundtable.com](http://www.mnlocalgovernmentroundtable.com).
- Mowing has been completed on all legal drainage systems from Crookston west. Burnham Creek was being mowed as of July 13th. State Ditch #83 spoil north of CSAH #7 has been leveled and seeded along with the replacement of a side inlet pipe on one of the oxbows adjacent to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. All areas repaired this spring on RLWD Ditch #12 have been leveled and seeded.
- A Clean Water Fund RFP Outreach session will be held at 9:00 a.m. on July 26, 2010 at the District office. This session is intended to give some insight into this year's round of clean water fund grant applications.
- Included in the packet is a June 2010 water quality report.

Manager Ose discussed the Thief River Stakeholders meeting he attended on July 9, 2010. Ose stated that potential erosion control sites were identified along County Ditch 20 to help control erosion.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the Owner's Policy of Title Insurance for the Louisville/Parnell Wetland Banking Project, RLWD Project No. 121. Sparby stated that the District office should retain the original and forward a copy to the SWCD and BWSR.

Manager Nelson stated that he attended a meeting along with Administrator Jesme, Legal Counsel Sparby, Engineer Nate Dalager and Viewers Jerry Bennett and Rodney Langaas to discuss the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, RLWD Project No. 171A. Nelson stated that the group gathered a list of questions to be answered by Legal Counsel Kurt Deter.

Manager Knott distributed a handout for taxable market value from the RRWMB, which shows the market value payable to the RRWMB from each watershed district. Knott also discussed the next RRWMB meeting to be held on August 17, 2010.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



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Orville Knott, Secretary