

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
July 8, 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 and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of June 21, 2010. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of the June 30, 2010 hearing for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approved the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated July 7, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment summary dated July 7, 2010. Administrator Jesme stated that a CD at Northern State Bank will mature on July 20, 2010. It was the consensus of the Board to reinvest the maturing CD at its current location.

Staff member Arlene Novak discussed the request by First National Bank-Bemidji to release excess securities. Novak stated that the District will have adequate securities to cover the current investments. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to authorize the release of excess securities at First National Bank-Bemidji. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 2011 General Fund Budget schedule. It was the consensus of the Board that the Budget and Salary Committee will meet following the July 22, 2010 Board meeting. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to schedule the 2011 General Fund Budget hearing for August 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Manager Nordland stated that after meeting with the landowners along Ruffy Brook on June 29, 2010 in Clearbrook, it was the consensus of the landowners that they do not wish to pursue a project along the Ruffy Brook with the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the District. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Mandt, to withdraw the motion made at the June 12, 2008 RLWD Board meeting for participation in the Ruffy Brook Project in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the final payment for R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$9,576.68 for the construction of the Mike Egland ring dike. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to approve the final payment to R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the final payment to Wright Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of the Parnell Impoundment Modifications, RLWD Project No. 81. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to approve the final payment in the amount of \$5,555.12 to Wright Construction Company, Inc. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10055, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 10069, Ronald Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 10071, Gary Novak, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 10072, Joe McGregor, East Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 10073, Kevin Krueger, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 10075, Ole Tweet, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 10077, Brian Svendsen, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 10078, Pennington County Highway Department, Kratka Township; and No. 10079, Roger Larson, Euclid Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed previously tabled Permit No. 09128, Darrell Payment, Gervais Township, Red Lake County. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the permit with conditions stated on the permit application. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Plans and specifications were sent out to five contractors for the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project. Quotes will be open on July 20, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
- Jesme and Managers Tiedemann and Mandt presented the 2009 Annual Report to the Polk County Commissioners on July 6, 2010.
- Cleaning of 4.5 miles of the Brandt Channel should be completed sometime today.
- Jesme and Managers Coe, Tiedemann and Mandt attended the 2010 MAWD Summer Tour on June 24-26th at the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District in Bloomington.
- Included in the packet is a Legislative Update dated June 24, 2010.

The Board discussed cleaning that is being completed on the Brandt Channel downstream of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Discussion was held on the benefits of a wider channel and the potential of future ditch improvements.

Manager Nelson asked about the status of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 75. Administrator Jesme stated that he was made aware of a pending petition from Roger Kriel for a

Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75 for approximately of two miles. Jesme stated that there appears to be continued support to present another petition for an improvement for the entire legal drainage system but to date no petition has been submitted.

Janeen Stenso, Red River Basin Commission and Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering were present to discuss long term flooding solutions throughout the entire Red River Basin. The Red River Basin Commission started their study with the Bois De Sioux Watershed District. Anderson discussed a basin wide flood flow reduction strategy and the implementation planning of the Red Lake Watershed District. They have identified water storage impacts through the Red River Basin Commission Mike 11 component of the plan. Such storage, if funded and implemented into sub-watersheds, could help with local flooding problems, but also result in flow reductions on the mainstem of the Red River and help mitigate downstream impacts. Stenso stated that as part of the study the Red River Basin Commission would like a detailed report from each watershed. The Red River Basin Commission will cost share 50/50 up to \$10,000 to complete the coordination of the modeling for all the watersheds in the basin.

At 10:30 a.m. President Nelson called the hearing to order for Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Legal Counsel Sparby stated the purpose of the hearing. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the proposed installation of two additional culverts near the inlet of the Euclid East Impoundment to increase the efficiency of inlet waters. Engineer Dalager answered questions from the Board and landowners in attendance. Comments from landowners in attendance were also received. President Nelson closed the hearing. After further discussion of the Board, it was the consensus of the Board that the Engineer review the presently existing drainage area to determine any changes from the time the project was initially constructed. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, to instruct Engineer Dalager to gather additional information on the drainage area and how it may or may not impact proposed culvert sizes and inlet efficiency. Motion carried.

The Board held discussion on the hearing that was held for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. recommended Option 3B, which could divert 100% of County Ditch 1 flows at the Challenger Road (CSAH 8) to the West, adding urbanization to a portion of the drainage system north of the Challenger Road (CSAH 8). Option 3B alone did not include storm sewer pipe urbanization, but would have the ability to detour all water to the west. Urbanization can be added to Option 3B.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to proceed with Option 3B with storm sewer pipe urbanization for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171. Motion carried.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to proceed with the Flood Damage Reduction Option 3B, which includes a structure and diversion channel to the west for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, RLWD Project No. 171A. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to authorize Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the Final Survey Report and to authorize Administrator Jesme to appoint three viewers to proceed with the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, RLWD Project No. 171A. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that the final Title Opinion and Title Insurance for the Louisville Parnell Wetland Bank Project, RLWD Project No. 121 will be completed upon payment to the title company.

Administrator Jesme asked the Board how they would like to address cost overruns on NRCS ring dikes when the landowner withdraws their request after the design but prior to construction. It was the consensus of the Board that the District will pay all costs not paid for under the NRCS grant agreement.

The Water Management Summit for Local Governments will take place on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in St. Cloud. Administrator Jesme and Manager Tiedemann will attend.

Legal Counsel Sparby recommended preparing a brief report to be provided to Senator Stumpf and Representative Olin for potential funding sources in regard to the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary