

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
June 10, 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 Nordlund, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of May 27, 2010. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 9, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 9, 2010.

The Board reviewed a Lateral Petition to Pennington County Ditch No. 31 located in Mayfield Township, Pennington County. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he had reviewed the petition and found it acceptable. Administrator Jesme stated that the Bond for the project will be forthcoming. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann to accept the filing of a Lateral Petition to Pennington County Ditch No. 31, RLWD Project No. 173 upon receipt and acceptance of the bond. Motion carried.

Appointment of an Engineer for the Lateral Petition to Pennington County Ditch No 31, RLWD Project No. 173 was discussed by the Board. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to appoint Houston Engineering Inc. to complete the Engineering for the Lateral Petition to Pennington County Ditch No. 31, RLWD Project No. 173 upon receipt and acceptance of the bond.

Jim Courneya , MPCA and staff member Corey Hanson presented a four year Work Plan for the Red Lake River Watershed Assessment Project. Courneya stated that the MPCA intends to complete intensive watershed studies throughout the State over a 10 year period. Courneya stated that \$250,000 would be allotted for completion of the Work Plan, with \$150,000 from the 2011 funds and the remaining \$100,000 from funding available from 2012. Courneya stated that the entire watershed will be studied, and for areas that are determined to be impaired, a TMDL will be written for that area and protection plans prepared for areas that are not impaired. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the Work Plan for the Red Lake River Watershed Assessment, RLWD Project No. 157C. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed a ring dike application located south of East Grand Forks that is located in the floodplain. Jesme stated that the MnDNR has a 50/50 grant buyout and would

need a local governmental unit to participate. It was the consensus of the Board not to participate in buyout programs.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the east inlet culverts of Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C that were discussed at the May 27, 2010 Board meeting. Dalager stated that the Euclid area received 4-5" of rain, equal to a 10 year rain event. Dalager stated that there was some ponding of water along Ditch C, that runs north/south and that it appears that an 18" culvert located at the south end of this ditch has been obstructed. Dalager recommends restoring the 18" obstructed culvert along Ditch C back to its original constructed state. Dalager also recommended installing additional culverts alongside the current 58" culverts on the east/west road in Ditch A where water enters the impoundment and other modifications such as the construction of a berm at the entrance of the impoundment. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended that the District should conduct a hearing since culvert sizes will be changed. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to hold a public hearing on July 8, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at the District office for the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Administrator Jesme stated that the District is limited to the amount of water they can discharge during Summer events due to water backing up into fields downstream. Jesme indicated that this impoundment was intended to give the downstream landowners a 5 year protection and it was the intent of the project to have the ditch improvement account for the other 5 year protection. To this point it appears downstream landowners expect 100% protection and that is not possible nor was it intended. Cattails and grass plug the channels, along with sediment deposits, which appear to be part of the problem. Another problem is that there are areas downstream where the channel is shallow. Jesme noted that the Brandt Channel has been restored from the outlet of the Impoundment to Highway 75 through a channel restoration project. He thought maybe one alternative would be to try to find funding and continue the restoration downstream. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Administrator Jesme to contact landowners to proceed with spot cleaning areas downstream of TH #75.

The 12th Annual Joint Conference Red River Watershed Manager Board and Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group will meet on June 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, Detroit Lakes.

A Water Management Summit for local governments will be held on July 12, 2010 at the Kelly Inn, St Cloud. Managers Coe and Tiedemann and Administrator Jesme will attend.

Administrator Jesme stated the County Highway Departments are requesting a general permit for maintenance to culverts that are replaced with the same size and at the same elevation, therefore not requiring a District permit application. After considerable discussion, motion by Ose,

seconded by Coe, to allow District staff the authority to approve County Highway Departments permits for culverts that are deemed maintenance and are replaced at the same size and elevation, with the understanding that the Counties notify the District prior to beginning any work . Motion carried

Manager Nelson inquired on two permit applications located within Pennington County. Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed the Keith Soglo permit along with permit application from Numedahl/Bray Townships. Sanderson stated that he had attended a meeting with officials from the township, county and FEMA to discuss the drainage area and culvert sizes.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10049, Scott Strand, Badger Township, Polk County; No. 10050, Robert Finstad, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 10051, Joey McGregor, East Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 10052 and No. 10053, Pete Carlson, Norden and Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 10054, William J Langlois, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; Ron Engelstad, Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 10059, Numedal/Bray Township, Pennington County; No. 10060, Louis Schulz, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 10062, Marshall County Highway Department, Eckvoll Township; and No. 10063, Randy Versdahl and Ulrich Farms, Inc., Gervais Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- Design work is in the process of being completed on the NRCS ring dikes with intent of completing construction by September 30, 2010. Jesme attended meetings with landowners to get the final details resolved prior to signing agreements with the landowners. Quotes will be solicited for the one state funded ring dike with construction starting late June early July. That state grant agreement runs through June 30, 2011.
- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting held in Fertile on June 15, 2010.
- The hearing for the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project will be held on June 21, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clearbrook City Council room.
- Jesme and Manager Ose presented the 2009 Annual Report to the Marshall County Board on June 1st and Pennington County Board with Manager Nelson on June 8th.
- A Project 60 Team meeting will be held at the District office on June 17, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will cover the MPCA TMDL stakeholders kickoff meeting as well as a wetland study presentation from Houston Engineering as part of the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project.
- The North and South gates on the Moose River Impoundment were opened on June 7th to allow the impoundment to be drawn down to summer elevations.

- Details of the FEMA D/FIRM Grant with Wenck/Baker have completed. The District will enter into an agreement with them to proceed with the project.
- A May 2010 Water Quality Report was included in the packet.

Discussion continued on the outlet of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize RLWD Staff to survey the downstream channel to determine areas in need of cleaning.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will send a letter to Attorney Brian Rokke in regard to the agreement with Agder Township and that title opinions were completed for the wetland banking credits within the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment. Manager Ose stated that the Marshall County Commissioners requested the District to attend the next Marshall County Ditch 11 meeting to give a presentation on the Moose River Impoundment.

Manager Coe discussed the Beltrami County Commissioners meeting he attended to present the 2009 Annual Report. Coe stated that the Beltrami SWCD Stewardship Forestry Program will give a presentation to the Board at the June 21, 2010 meeting.

Manager Mandt stated that he met with landowner Marilyn Iverson, Grove Park Township officials and staff member Loren Sanderson to discuss Iverson's concerns.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the importance of the District's Water Quality Program and that the District along with staff member Corey Hanson has a good reputation with the MPCA.

Discussion was held on cattle operations along the Ruffy Brook and the various size of operations within the area. Manager Tiedemann stated that BWSR has funding available to provide riparian corridor along waterways within the State. Landowners would be responsible for 12.5% of the project cost.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary