

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 25, 2010

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of March 11, 2010. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Coe, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 24, 2010. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated March 24, 2010.

A request was received from Clarence Tadych for a one year extension to Permit No. 09015 until June 17, 2011. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to extend Permit No. 09015, Clarence Tadych to June 17, 2011. Motion carried.

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. 10004, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Grand Forks, Esther, Northland and Sandsville Townships, Polk and Marshall Counties; No. 10005, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Fairfax, Crookston, Kertsonville and Gentilly Townships, Polk County; and No. 10006, Dale M Nelson, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County. Motion carried with Manager Nelson abstaining from discussion and vote.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented to the Board for informational purposes only the Preliminary Engineers Survey Report for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A which included various options and alternatives. President Nelson informed Dalager that we would continue his presentation but felt we should proceed with the agenda item which includes the presentation of the 2009 Annual Audit.

Kim Durbin from Drees Risky Vallager, Ltd. presented the 2009 Annual Audit Report. Durbin discussed a Conflict of Interest Policy and cell phone regulations as stated in her letter to the Board. After various questions by the Board, a motion was made by Coe, seconded by Ose and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the 2009 Annual Audit Report as presented.

The Board continued their discussion with Engineer Nate Dalager on the Preliminary Engineers Survey Report for Pennington County Ditch 1. After various discussions with the Board, a

motion was made by Ose, seconded by Coe, to accept for filing the Preliminary Engineers Survey Report for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Motion carried.

President Nelson discussed the Professional Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. stated the contract was intended to be an umbrella agreement for the District and HDR Engineering, Inc. working relationship. It was the consensus of the Board to have Legal Counsel Sparby review the agreement and discuss it at the next Board meeting.

The Board reviewed a three year Audit Proposal from Drees, Risky Vallager, Ltd. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the three year quote from Drees, Risky & Vallager, Ltd. in the amount of \$8,380 for 2010, \$8,630 for 2011 and \$8,890 for 2012.

Notice of Public Hearing for redetermination of benefits was received from Polk County for Joint County Ditch #60, Polk County Ditch #2 and Polk County Ditch #126, all in the vicinity of the Parnell Impoundment. The hearings will be held on March 31, 2010 at the Youngquist Auditorium, University of Minnesota Crookston starting at 1:30 p.m. Jesme indicated that RLWD staff has assisted in the redetermination of benefits and that staff member Loren Sanderson will attend the hearings.

Administrators Report:

- The annual Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 23. Attending the meeting was 15 advisory members, 6 staff and 4 board members. The meeting was well received with some very good questions.
- Water elevations are subsiding dramatically upstream of Thief River Falls and in the eastern portion of the District. Thief Lake and Elm Lake Impoundments have reached summer levels with Agassiz reporting no flooding problems. The Agassiz Pool has been operated as a flow through structure. The radial gates were not operated during the spring runoff event. Flooding continues to be a problem along the Red River, with much lower flows this year versus last year. RLWD Ditch No. 12 received substantial flood damages to roadways which will have to be addressed when water levels allow. Some repairs will be costly and will have to be charged to the drainage system. Some erosion to the connector channel occurred within the Parnell Impoundment which allows flows to go around the north side of the new structure. The north side of the structure will need to be shored up and a good seed bed established to assure this will not happen again. The stem near the bottom of the Site No. 1 Parnell structure sheared off during operations and will have to be repaired. The gate was operated with the use of a come along.

- Letters were sent to the Petitioners on Pennington County Ditch No. 75 explaining the action taken by the District in regard to the petition for a new ditch system. Jesme has not received comment from the petitioners in regard to their wishes. Included in the packet is a copy of the letter sent to the Petitioners.
- Included in your packet is the February water quality report.
- The video of the Red River Mediation promo has been received.

Discussion was held by the Board on the status of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Administrator Jesme discussed the letters sent to the petitioners.

Manager Tiedemann inquired about ring dike funding. Administrator Jesme stated that the District has some funding from a previous agreement between the State of Minnesota and the Red River Watershed Management Board but all funding has currently been allocated. Jesme indicated that funding for future ring dikes could be minimal this year.

Staff member Arlene Novak discussed financial institutes for RLWD investments. Novak stated that the audit report states that the District should invest in financial institutions for 13 months or less. It was the consensus of the Board to withdraw \$250,000 from the Northern State Bank account and invest into a certificate of deposit. Staff members will solicit quotes.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary