

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 9, 2010

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of February 25, 2010. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated March 8, 2010. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated March 8, 2010.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to designate American State Bank of Grygla as a depository for the RLWD. Motion carried.

The Board discussed FDIC insurance and additional securities at financial institutions holding investments of the District. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to withdraw the \$160,000 certificate of deposit at Access Bank of Plummer and deposit into the Northern State Bank account. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board that the certificate of deposit that matures March 18, 2010 with First National Bank Bemidji remain with said bank.

The Board discussed the petition for Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Investigation into this matter revealed that the amended petition signatures were not properly affirmed by the petitioners attorney. Requests had been made to the petitioners to reaffirm the amended petition, but an insufficient number of petitioners were willing to reaffirm the amended petition. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the dismissal of Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170, reserving the issue of collection of costs for a reasonable time to see if any other petitions related to this drainage area are presented. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Worker's Compensation coverage for the Board members. Staff member Arlene Novak stated that an annual premium for coverage of the Board would be \$1,113. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to purchase Worker's Compensation to cover the Board of Managers. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on investments held by Border State Bank. It was the consensus of the Board to transfer \$300,000 from Border State Bank to Northern State Bank. At a future Board

meeting, the Board members are to report with recommendations for potential financial institutions for investment purposes.

Administrator Jesme stated that five Lincoln High School students in Thief River Falls have qualified to advance to the International Science and Engineering Fair held in California in May and are seeking monetary support to help defray expenses. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt to donate \$300 to help support the Lincoln High School students attendance at the International Science and Engineering Fair. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- After today's meeting, Jesme will be leaving to attend the MAWD Legislative Breakfast/Briefing and will return on March 11th. Jesme will attend the Association of District Administrators meeting, along with various meetings with Representative Lieder and Olin and Senator Stumpf.
- Included in the packet is a farewell open house for the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD on March 16th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Manager Knott discussed access to the structure at the Schirrick Dam, RLWD Project No. 25.

Manager Knott stated that Mike Carroll has replaced Paul Swenson within the MnDNR. Knott stated that the FDR mediation agreement is being reviewed and any suggested changes to improve the mediation process would be welcomed.

Manager Coe asked about the status of renewal of the access agreement with the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians for the Good Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 67. Administrator Jesme stated that we have not heard from the Red Lake Tribal Council, but was informed that Jay Huseby, Red Lake Band DNR received a grant for repairs to the Good Lake outlet structure.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary