

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 13, 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.

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.

Landowner Marlyn Iverson requested to appear before the Board.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of April 22, 2010. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated May 12, 2010. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated May 12, 2010.

Marlyn Iverson discussed his drainage concerns on his property located in Section 31, Grove Park Township, Polk County. Mr. Iverson stated that water is backing up onto his property and also standing along the township road. Manager Mandt stated that he had viewed the area along with Mr. Iverson. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff member Loren Sanderson inspect the area and report back to the Board at a later date.

The Board reviewed the FEMA D/FIRM Grant agreements received from the MnDNR to update the floodplain map elevations for parts of Polk, Pennington and Red Lake Counties, RLWD Project No. 172. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to authorize Administrator Myron Jesme to sign the grant agreements with the MnDNR to complete floodplain map elevations for parts of Polk, Pennington and Red Lake Counties, RLWD Project No 172. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a one year no cost extension for the Glacial Ridge/JD 66 Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152A with the University of North Dakota. Administrator Jesme stated that the grant is expiring and there are funds remaining to continue monitoring. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund to approve the one year extension for the Glacial Ridge/JD 66 Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152A.

The Board reviewed a Joint Funding Agreement from the U.S. Geological Survey to continue hydrologic monitoring for the Glacial Ridge/Nature Conservancy Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152. Administrator Jesme stated that the U.S. Geological Survey received additional funding to continue the grant. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve the Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the Glacial Ridge/Nature Conservancy Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152.

Administrator Jesme stated that at the RLWD Board of Managers' meeting on October 8, 2009, the Board approved funding for two erosion control projects for the Clearwater SWCD. Jesme stated that the SWCD was not able to construct either project and wish to use their 2009 funds from the Erosion Control Projects, RLWD Project No. 164 to complete the projects in 2010. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann to approve the use of the Clearwater SWCD funds requested in 2009 for construction in 2010. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond Project, RLWD Project No. 160. Jesme stated that since the District has adopted this as a project using watershed funds, a hearing should be held for public comment. Motion by Knott, seconded by Norlund, to hold a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. June 21, 2010 at the Clearbrook City Council Chambers in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Board meeting date. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that he received a call in regard to the boundary between the District and the Roseau River Watershed District. Jesme stated that there are washouts in the berm/spoil bank along Branch A of Judicial Ditch #21 that allows water from the District to enter into the Roseau River Watershed District. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the maintenance/repair of the ditch should be the responsibility of the Ditch Authority, therefore the District will not participate in the cost of repairing the berm.

Nicole Bernd, Manager West Polk SWCD and Jim Hest, Red River Valley Conservation Service Area presented information on a bank stabilization project located east of Crookston. Bernd stated that the site is a failed culvert system that has an approximate drainage area of 140 acres that drain into the Red Lake River on property owned by Elliott Solheim. The estimated construction cost is \$10,000 with total cost share of landowner yet to be determined. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve cost share up to \$10,000 for the Elliot Solheim Bank Stabilization Project with monies allotted from the 2010 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164.

The Board reviewed a BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program. Administrator Jesme stated that BWSR will be completing compliance reviews of all watershed districts.

The Board reviewed the 2010 MAWD Summer Tour Agenda.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 09133, Agder Township, Marshall County; No. 10003, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Agder and Mud Lake Townships, Marshall County; No. 10025, Leonard Huot, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 10026, Joe Jagol, Highlanding Township, Pennington County; No. 10028, Gene Tiedemann, Fanny Township, Polk County; Bruce Newhouse, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 10031, Pennington County Highway Department, Rocksbury Township; No. 10032,

Steiger Farms, Inc., Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 10033, Brad Lunke, East Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 10034, Don Lunke, East Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 10035, Dragseth Farms, Inc., Roome Township, Polk County; No. 10036, Randy Huot, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 10037, 10038, and 10039, Pennington County Highway Department, Silverton Township; No. 10040, Pennington County Highway Department, Hickory Township; No. 10041, Pennington County Highway Department, Star Township; No. 10042, Pennington County Highway Department, Reiner Township; and No. 10043, Pennington County Highway Department, Silverton Township. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 10030, Vance Thoreson, Inc., Roome Township, Polk County to replace two driveway crossing culverts a 15" CSP located thru a driveway north of the township road way and a 60" CSP located on Branch 2, Polk County Ditch 53, RLWD Ditch No. 12, Project No. 169. The driveway crossings will be enlarged to facilitate equipment access. The 60" CSP will be replaced with a 48" CSP which is consistent with the design capacity of said Branch 2. The Ditch system shall bare the repair costs of replacing the existing 26' length of the 48" CSP repair culvert, with any additional length installed to be paid for by the applicant. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the permit to replace the 15" CSP through the north driveway at landowners expense and to instruct staff to replace the 60" CSP located on Branch 2, Polk County Ditch 53, RLWD Ditch 12 with a 48" CSP as a repair, and that the existing length of 26' of the culvert should be replaced at a cost to the drainage system, with any additional length requested to be paid for by the applicant. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- Included in the packet is a thank you card from the Lincoln High School students that are attending the International Science Fair in San Jose, CA.
- Jesme was involved in a telephone conference concerning ring dike funding from both the State and Federal levels. It appears that the Red River Basin should receive approximately \$125,000 from the state for additional ring dike funding which will have to be spent by June 30, 2012. At this point, we are not sure if any additional federal funding will be available, but did clarify some questions. Construction on all NRCS funded ring dikes must be completed by September 30, 2010.
- On May 11, 2010, Jesme and Manager Knott presented the 2009 Annual Report to the Red Lake County Commissioners, followed by a presentation to the Clearwater County Commissioners with Manager Nordlund later that day. It was very clear that both County Board's are very interested in the District's goals and were very supportive.

- There will be a Project 60 Team/Grand Marais Creek Joint Board meeting on May 20, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting is to update all members and to have the MPCA give a presentation on the upcoming TMDL that is planned for the Grand Marais.
- Jesme attended a 2-hour Dale Carnegie seminar on May 12th.
- The abstracts for the Louisville/Parnell wetland banking project have been updated and the title opinion is being drafted to get the title insurance. Once completed, the information will be submitted to BWSR for filing, which should complete the project other than cleaning up some lost CRP contracts with the renter.

Administrator Jesme stated that he contacted Hammond Township in regard to a culvert that appeared to be damaged during the spring flood located within the Burnham Creek, RLWD Project 43. Hammond Township stated that the culvert was damaged by a backhoe hired by the township to remove snow in the ditch to prevent flooding. Hammond Township indicated that they would attempt to repair the culvert.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project 60 RIM sign-up and upcoming Project Team/Joint Powers Board meeting.

Manager Ose asked whether the District had been contacted by the Red Lake Tribal Council in regard to the Good Lake Impoundment. Administrator Jesme stated that the District has not received any correspondence from the Red Lake Tribal Council. It was the consensus of the board to have Administrator Jesme submit a letter to the Red Lake Tribal Council in regard to the Good Lake Impoundment.

Manager Knott stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be participating in the mediation meetings.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary