

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 27, 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 May 13, 2010. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 26, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 26, 2010.

The Board reviewed a letter from PrinsBank, who recently bought out Access Bank in Plummer. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to designate PrinsBank as a depository for the RLWD. Motion carried.

Manager Tiedemann stated that the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board met prior to today's meeting to discuss an agreement with a landowner in regard to the RIM program. Tiedemann stated that the landowner wished to have his questions answered in writing prior to signing up for RIM.

Gary Lee, East Polk SWCD presented information on a bank stabilization/sediment basin project located on County Road #30 in Section 28, Bransvold Township, Polk County located on property owned by Danni Carlson. Lee stated that the sediment basin will hold back water behind the structure for 36-48 hours then slowly release the water into the ditch system, therefore minimizing erosion and sediment entering into the ditch. The basin is designed for a 10 year flood event. The estimated project cost is \$21,500. Lee stated that the landowner will pay for 25% of the project and the SWCD will cost share \$3,500. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve cost share in the amount of \$12,500 for the Danni Carlson Sediment Basin Project with monies allotted from the 2010 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District should clarify their intent for cost share with the NRCS ring dikes. After discussion by the Board, it was the consensus of the Board that the District should be consistent with cost sharing for NRCS and State funded ring dikes. The Board continued the discussion on cost share for NRCS funded ring dike. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann to rescind the motion made at the April 22, 2010 RLWD Board meeting regarding

cost share with NRCS funded ring dikes. Motion carried. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, that the District will cost share up to 12.5% of the total ring dike cost in the event the landowners cost is more than 12.5% of the total project cost. Motion carried.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. was present to discuss the Ruffy Brook Project. Dalager stated that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented information to the District in February to resurrect the Ruffy Brook Project. The Ruffy Brook is a small tributary to the Clearwater River. When the Clearwater River was channelized, small tributaries like the Ruffy Brook started cutting down to the elevation of the river. Dalager asked if the Board would like to have a landowner meeting to determine if there is any interest in enhancing the Ruffy Brook. It was the consensus of the Board to have Dalager and Administrator Jesme set up a meeting with Ruffy Brook area landowners .

The Board reviewed correspondence from Attorney Brian Rokke on behalf of the Agder Township Board. Agder Township would like to extend the existing agreement the District has with the township which is an agreement for maintenance for the box culverts on the east edge of the Elm Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 52. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that the current agreement does not expire until 2016. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to decline the wishes of Agder Township to extend the agreement at this time. Motion carried.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the Euclid East Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 60C. Tiedemann stated that after the recent rains in the area, water has been backing up into fields where the water enters the impoundment. Tiedemann questioned Engineer Nate Dalager whether the last two 58" culverts along the south end of the project should be increased to allow water to enter the Impoundment faster. Dalager indicated that he could review this concern and get back to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Dalager to look at the area and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Kurt Deter regarding the MN Legislative Changes to MN Drainage Code.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. A motion was made by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10027, Lee Applequist, Onstad Township, Polk County; No. 10044, Robert Schear, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 10045, Stuart Peterson, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 10046, Erik Nymann, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 10047, Keith Sogla, Sanders Township, Pennington Township; and No. 10048, Mark Johnson, 128 Oak Avenue North, Thief River Falls Township. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- The District has entered into an agreement with landowner Barry Newton to construct a ring dike as part of the NRCS ring dike program. The District has at least 6 ring dikes in which we need agreements signed as well as two more State funded ring dikes
- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting held in Ada on May 18th. One of the items addressed was the clarification of funding for NRCS ring dikes and what the RRWMB would fund. It was determined that the USDA portion and the RRWMB portion would not exceed 75% of the total ring dike cost with the remaining 25% funded by the landowner or cost share with the Watershed District if they so choose.
- John Knisley, Clearwater SWCD, Manager Nordlund and Jesme attended a Clearbrook City Council meeting on Monday, May 17th. The city will draft a resolution to spend \$5,000 of the initial \$10,000 appropriated for the entire project.
- Presentation of the 2009 Annual Report to the county boards continues with Marshall and Beltrami Counties on June 1st and Pennington County on June 8th.
- The Project 60 team meeting was postponed due to the MPCA not being able to attend. A meeting will be rescheduled for June or July.
- The signed executed grant agreement for the FEMA D/FIRM Grant was received. Jesme attended a meeting with Suzanne Jiwani, MNDNR and Chris Meehan, Wenck Engineering. The meeting was held to gather information to be used as an attachment to the agreement for services with Wenck/Baker that the District will draft for signature. It appears that the agreement will be finalized within the next few weeks with the project starting in June.
- A request was received from Clifford Schultz to hay the Euclid East Impoundment. Based on past Board action, Schultz completed the Release of Claims and Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement that Legal Counsel Sparby had previously drafted.
- The average rainfall event in the area was approximately 3.5" to 4" throughout the watershed which has caused severe flooding to many areas.
- Included in the packet is the April Water Quality Report.

Administrator Jesme stated that after the recent rain event, he viewed the Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170 area. Jesme stated that farm land in the area had extensive flooding.

Administrator Jesme stated that all District impoundments were closed on Monday, May 24th after the large rain event.

Manager Knott stated that the RRWMB transferred the River Watch Program over to the International Water Institute.

Manager Mandt discussed the concerns of landowner Marlyn Iverson who had appeared before the Board at the May 13, 2010 meeting. Mandt, Iverson and staff member Loren Sanderson will review the area the week of May 31st.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary