

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 28, 2010

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

Adam Philips, Biologist for the Detroit Lakes Ducks Unlimited office requested to appear before the Board.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of October 14, 2010. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated October 27, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated October 27, 2010.

Ducks Unlimited Biologist Adam Philips appeared before the Board to discuss his position with Ducks Unlimited. Philips stated that his position was created to help enhance and restore some of the shallow lakes that are suffering from poor conditions and high water levels and work towards restoring them for productive waterfowl habit.

Engineer Jeff Langan discussed survey information that will be required for Four Legged Lake, Judicial Ditch 5, RLWD Project No. 102. Langan stated that District staff would obtain survey information from the township road and west. Langan estimated that the additional information would take one day to survey. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize District staff to obtain the additional work requested by Langan, and that further discussion would be held at the November 9th Board meeting.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed Permit No. 10160, King Township, Polk County. Sanderson stated that when he viewed the permit application, the proposed work had begun and had also continued into Brandsvold Township. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to table Permit No. 10160, King Township, until Manager Mandt was in attendance. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board to have Sanderson send a letter of warning to the applicant stating that the District could require the applicant to restore the work completed to the original condition.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 10162, Jason Johnston,

Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 10163, Dave Cameron, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 10164, Chad Broadwell, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 10165, Russell Coenen, Polk Centre Township, Pennington County; No. 10166, Pennington County Highway Department, Deer Park Township; No. 10167, Pennington County Highway Department, Hickory Township; No. 10168, Pennington County Highway Department, Silverton Township; No. 10169, Harlow C Johnson, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 10170, Michael Boucher, Crookston Township, Polk County; William J Langlois, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 10173, Dan Schow, King Township, Polk County; and No. 10175, Dale Benson, Hangaard Township, Clearwater County. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request by Agder Township, Marshall County to complete a road survey and design for a township road. Staff member Loren Sanderson explained that when the District received the new survey equipment they surveyed and designed a township road in Agder Township as a learning tool for the new equipment. The township is completing an additional mile and wishes the District to once again complete the survey and design. It was the consensus of the Board, that the District will survey the road to determine a grade, but the township will need to hire an engineer to design the road.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed recent rain fall and impoundments levels. The gates on the Moose River Impoundment were open prior to the rainfall. Sanderson estimates it will take 22 days for the Moose River Impoundment to reach winter levels. Gates on the Brandt Impoundment remain open.

Administrator Jesme and Legal Counsel Sparby reviewed the 2010 MAWD Proposed Resolutions that pertain to the District. After discussion by the Board, Manager Coe stated that he would take the recommendations from the Board and present them to the MAWD Board at their next meeting which will be held during the MAWD Annual meeting held in December.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme attended the second Watershed & Basin Management Round Table meeting on October 18, 2010 that MAWD requested he take part in.
- Jesme attended a Farm Bill Program Subcommittee meeting on October 25th at the USDA center in Crookston to discuss water retention through the use of Farm Bill programs such as EQIP, AWEP, and WHIP. Discussion was held on tiling with control structures and various projects that include culvert sizing. The next meeting which will follow the Ad Hoc committee meeting will be held on November 8th in Moorhead.

- Staff member Gary Lane met with the Technical Evaluation Committee meeting to address the wetland site that was established on RLWD Ditch #10. The meeting was intended to assist in completing the 4th year Monitoring Plan that is required.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting in Fertile, MN on October 19th.
- One state funded ring dike was constructed with the exception of the mulching. If weather allows, mulching will be completed as the dike has been seeded.

Manager Tiedemann inquired on the status of the Marlin Iverson concern. Administrator Jesme stated that Staff member Loren Sanderson is reviewing the area.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented the Detailed 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. Dalager stated that the field survey is complete, and the viewers can begin their process of determining the benefitted area of the project. The Board reviewed the Water Management District Plan concept that will be submitted to BWSR for their review. Dalager stated that prior to BWSR establishing the Water Management District Plan a hearing will be held which will be set up by BWSR.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to approve the Water Management District Plan concept for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A, and to proceed with the filing of said plan to BWSR for their acceptance. Motion carried.

Dalager discussed the changes that were made in the Detailed Survey Report Detailed 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. The preliminary report did not state what the bare minimum would be to complete the project as to the Petitioner's wishes. An Alternative 7 was added to provide a 10 year protection from the south end of the project all the way to Red Lake River, to include excavation, right of way, culverts, buffer strips, side water inlet pipes and utilities. The Viewers will require this alternative to better assist them in determining project costs and benefits .

Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to accept for filing the Detailed Survey Report for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nordlund, to appoint Rodney Langaas, Jerry Bennett and Roger Beiswenger as Viewers for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 171. Motion carried.

Manager Ose asked about work completed on State Ditch No. 83, RLWD Project No. 14. Administrator Jesme stated that due to high water levels no cleaning of the system was completed, but there was clearing of the right of way access and the installation of side water inlet pipes through the oxbows.

Manager Tiedemann inquired about the condition of a legal drainage system referred to as Burnham Creek, RLWD Project No. 43B. Tiedemann indicated that he has received telephone calls from landowners indicating that portions of this project should be cleaned. Administrator Jesme indicated that Ditch Inspector Gary Lane, has discussed this issue on various occasions and will hire a contractor to spot clean this system.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary