

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
September 23, 2010

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of September 9, 2010. Manager Knott questioned the bond for the Lateral to Pennington County Ditch No. 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Administrator Jesme stated that the bonding company will add the petition to the current bond held by Roger Kriel. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated September 22, 2010. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated September 22, 2010.

The regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 11, 2010 falls on Veterans Day and the November 25, 2010 Board meeting falls on Thanksgiving Day. A motion was made by Ose , seconded by Mandt, to change the November 11, 2010 Board meeting to Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and change the November 25, 2010 Board meeting to Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that District did not receive funding from the Lessard Sam Heritage Council for the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F.

Administrator Jesme was informed that the State of Minnesota will fund one-third of the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Legal Counsel Sparby will research limitations on District participation.

Landowner Jerry Hermreck was present to discuss the Goose Lake structure located 11 miles west of St. Hilaire, situated between two beach ridges, that ultimately outlets into the Black River. Staff member Loren Sanderson presented the history of the project area and the concerns of high water levels over the past several years. The project has a 15.6 sq.mi. drainage area with 5500 ac.ft. of flood capacity. The Goose Lake structure was completed in the 1970's as a DNR project. Sanderson explained what the original structure consisted of and that over years the structure deteriorated. The original structure was replaced in 1996 with a fixed crest 6' riser, with an inlet pipe going into the pool to help eliminate beaver problems. A new concrete structure was installed in 2005 with a fixed crest weir, a 58" RCP outlet and no operable gate. Jerry Hermreck stated that there are too many cattails that are blocking the flow and suggested a culvert be installed to draw down the water which would help in maintaining the cattail issue.

Doug Frankie, MnDNR Area Wildlife Management discussed rain received this summer with the combination of culverts being plugged by beaver. The MnDNR hired trappers to remove the beaver and the channel was sprayed for cattails. After further discussion, it was the consensus of those in attendance that an informational meeting should be held with designated area landowners, MnDNR, township, county and Watershed District officials to address the present fixed structure and possible future modification.

The 28th Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference will be held January 18 -20, 2011 at the Ramada Plaza and Suites, Fargo, ND.

The Board reviewed a letter from Pennington County Highway Department to Richard Miller, RLWD Permit No. 10090 in regard to a drainage issue along CSAH No. 27.

The Board reviewed the Permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10124, Tasa Farm LLC, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 10131, Jade Klein, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 10133, Mike Nelson, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 10134, Paul Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 10135, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 10136, Mid Valley Grain, Andover Township, Polk County; No. 10137, Pennington County; Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 10138, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 10139, James Wallace, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 10140, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 10141, Scott G Olson, Norden Township, Pennington County; and No. 10142 and 10143, Todd Stanley, Valley Township, Marshall County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Corey Hanson attended a meeting with Margaret Anderson and Greg Knutson both employees of Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge to review the agenda for the upcoming Thief River Watershed TMDL Congressional meeting/tour that has been scheduled for October 5, 2010. This meeting was set up at the Federal level to have various governmental agencies and Congressional delegation view the Thief River Watershed and explain how the federal money that was appropriated was used and what accomplishments are being sought. Jesme and Hanson will speak at this meeting/tour to discuss the collaborative effort that is taking part between Agassiz and the District.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the September 21, 2010 RRWMB meeting held at the District office. It was determined that the District would receive an additional \$20,000 of ring dike money from the State which will allow us to construct another ring dike this fall.
- On September 15, 2010, Jesme attended a meeting for the Watershed and Basin Management Round Table committee that MAWD asked him to participate in. The goal of this group is to reach a consensus with counties, SWCD's and watersheds as to what legislative issues we feel should be addressed concerning duplication of efforts by each of these entities. The next meeting will be held September 30th to address some talking points that were addressed at our first meeting.

- On September 20, 2010, Jesme attended the Pennington County EQIP meeting at the SWCD office in TRF. The meeting was intended to give input on future funding and what projects should be prioritized for EQIP.
- Two EQIP ring dikes have been substantially completed this month and one state funded ring dike. Staff is working on completing final paper work for reimbursement from the NRCS and RRWMB.

Manager Tiedemann asked if estimates had been obtained for a rain garden on the District property. Administrator Jesme stated that staff member Corey Hanson is working on it.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he is working on a Quiet Title Action for the Louisville Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 121 with Paul and Del Hoff. Sparby explained that an investment company that deeded the property to a trustee did not identify the trust.

Manager Nelson, Administrator Jesme, Legal Counsel Sparby and Engineer Nate Dalager will be meeting with the Viewers for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A on Monday, September 7, 2010.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary