

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 14, 2011

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. Manager Nelson stated that he would like to add to the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171 and 171A to the agenda. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171 and 171A

Tammy Audette read the minutes of March 29, 2011. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to dispense reading of the March 31, 2011 Board meeting minutes. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the March 31, 2011 Board meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, to dispense reading of the March 31, 2011 hearing minutes for the proposed amendment to the District's 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the March 31, 2011 hearing minutes District's 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated April 13, 2011. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated April 13, 2011.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District received the MPCA Grant Agreement for the Thief River Watershed Assessment Project (TMDL), RLWD Project No. 157B that was approved at the May 14, 2009 Board meeting. Jesme also indicated that President Nelson signed the agreement and it has been sent back to the MPCA for their executed signature. The Board further reviewed a letter from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that was sent to the Natural Resource Conservation Service thanking them for participating in the meeting held in St. Paul between the Red Lake Watershed District and USFWS staff.

The Board discussed the repayment of the bond for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Legal Counsel Sparby presented a draft letter to be submitted to the Petitioners requesting payment due on the bond. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to authorize Administrator Jesme to send letters to the Petitioners for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 75, RLWD Project No. 170 requesting payment by April 29, 2011 for payment of the outstanding total costs. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme, Managers Nelson, Tiedemann and staff member Loren Sanderson met with individuals from the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD) and BWSR to determine boundary adjustments in the southwest area of the District's boundary near the Red River. Jesme stated that after viewing the hydrologic boundaries a preliminary boundary was agreed to and that we will proceed to petition BWSR for a hearing. Lawrence Woodbury, Houston Engineering will complete the petition to BWSR for a boundary change on behalf of the District and the SHRWD. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nordlund, to approve a 50/50 cost share with the SHRWD to hire Houston Engineering to prepare and submit a petition to BWSR for boundary adjustment between the District and the SHRWD. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed three quotes from dealerships for the purchase of a new vehicle. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford F150 from Salem Motors, Inc. in the amount of \$15,995 which includes the trade-in of a 2005 Ford F150. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., President Nelson welcomed Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District (MSTRWD) Board members Doug Sorenson, Marvin Hedlund, Ben Klienwachter, David Bakke, Roger Hille and Alvin Nybladh and staff members Nick Drees and Connie Kujawa for a joint discussion on issues pertaining to both Districts. Administrator Jesme and MSTRWD Administrator Nick Drees discussed the 2011 MAWD summer tour that will be hosted by both District's in June. Further discussion was held on RLWD Project No. 60, land acquisition/rental, permitting, flooding concerns, TMDL projects and the Red River Retention Authority.

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. 10201, Lawrence Vettleson, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 11005, Ralph Hove, Brandsvold Township, Polk County; No. 11014, Bryan Enright, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 11015, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township; and No. 11016, Pennington County Highway Department, Sanders Township. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting in Fertile on April 19, 2011.
- Included in the packet is a District Impoundment update provided from Loren.
- Jesme received a call from a landowner in the benefitted area of the RLWD Ditch #12/Polk County Ditch #53. The landowner stated that he was extremely happy with how the legal drainage system worked this spring and that the water from the entire benefitted area was gone since April 8th. This is good news as the Red River of the

North still has not peaked in Grand Forks but peaked at the Thompson bridge on April 13th.

- A meeting will be held on April 18th at the Tabor town hall with local landowners to discuss the drainage system downstream of the Brandt Impoundment as well as Polk County Ditch #2.
- Jesme stated that the Trimble Certified Training Class that two staff members were going to attend had filled up. An additional class may be scheduled for May.

Discussion was held on a cell phone policy. Legal Counsel Sparby will draft a cell phone policy to be submitted for the Board's approval.

Discussion was held on the petition for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the affirmation of the signatures on the petition and process that was followed.

Managers Nelson discussed the BWSR meeting he attended along with Manager Tiedemann and Administrator Jesme to discuss the amendment to the RLWD 10 Year Comprehensive Plan. BWSR will hold a special meeting on April 27 to discuss the amendment for the inclusion of a Water Management District.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering Inc. appeared before the Board to discuss the timeline and procedure for holding hearings for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No.'s 171 and 171A.

Manager Coe discussed the increased amount of water that is being held back by the Red Lake Dam.

Paul Wannarka, MnDNR thanked the District board and staff for all their efforts and cooperation with the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to adjourn the meeting.



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Orville Knott, Secretary