

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
December 8, 2011

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

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

Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the November 23, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated December 7, 2011. Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated December 7, 2011.

The Board discussed the installation of an access gate on right of way that had been cleared along State Ditch 83, RLWD Project No. 14. Ditch inspector Gary Lane indicated that at the time permission was granted by the landowner to clear access for right of way, he expressed concerns about trespassing occurring on the RLWD access right of way on his property. It became apparent this fall that there indeed was an issue with trespassing therefore a gate was requested. Administrator Jesme stated that Lunke Construction, Inc. will construct and install an access gate for an estimated cost of \$300.00. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to authorize Lunke Construction, Inc. to construct and install an access gate on the RLWD access right of way on State Ditch 83, RLWD Project No. 14 at the estimated cost of \$300.00. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a draft letter to be sent to landowners along the right of way of the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Administrator Jesme stated that payment for damages will be sent to the landowners along with the letter and attachments.

The Board reviewed a draft letter to be sent to various landowners along legal drainage systems under the authority of the RLWD. Administrator Jesme stated that landowners along several legal drainage systems within the District have infringed on the mandated permanent grass buffer strip. The letter states that landowners will have until June 15, 2012 to re-establish the buffer strip or the District will take measures to re-establish the grass buffer strip and all costs incurred will be assessed to the landowner. In September 2007, letters were sent to landowners notifying them of the establishment of a grass buffer strip and what steps would be taken should the mandated buffer strip be disturbed.

Managers Nordlund and Tiedemann are up for re-appointment on January 10, 2012. Manager Nordlund indicated that he will not seek re-appointment.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve Permit No. 11189, Thief Lake Township, Marshall County, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to table Permit No. 11218, Shawn Jeuch, Euclid Township, Polk County for further review. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 11219, Preston Solberg, Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; No. 11220, Charles Swanson, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 11221, Dennis Piche, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 11222, Folsom Farms, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 11224, Jon Wilson, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 11225, McWalter Farms, Keystone Township, Polk County; and No. 11226, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Quiring Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried.

The 29th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference will be held January 24-26, 2012 at The Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, MB. Managers Ose, Mandt, Tiedemann and Knott will be attending.

The Drainage and Wetland Conference presented by Rinke Noonan will be held February 23, 2012 at the St. Cloud Civic Center.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Administrator Jesme will attend the December 20th, RRWMB meeting at the Badger Community Center. The meeting will include a tour of a potential project as part of a Step 1 submittal as defined in the Governing Documents for the RRWMB.
- Included in the packet is an agenda for the Red River Retention Authority meeting to be held December 13 as well as the minutes from the November 8, 2011 meeting. Some of the information includes how the proposed funding from the Farm Program for FDR will happen now that the “Super Committee” could not agree on any details that would assist the country in addressing the huge deficit.
- The District is addressing some beaver and beaver dam concerns on Pine Lake and the Brandt Impoundment as well as the Brandt Channel Restoration Project.

- Managers Coe, Tiedemann, Mandt, Ose and Administrator Jesme attended the 40th Annual MAWD Meeting and Trade show held December 1-3, 2011 in Alexandria, MN.
- Included in the packet is an article from the Grand Forks Herald which shares the views of Legislative Auditor, Jim Noble, concerning “A new method of funding Minnesota outdoors and art programs need better oversight”.
- Final costs for the construction of RLWD Ditch 13, RLWD Project No. 170A in the amount of \$164,356.30 was sent to Pennington County Auditor Ken Olson. Reimbursement should be received in the very near future. Pennington County will not bond for this project, which will save landowners a substantial amount of money.
- Included in the packet is the November 2011 water quality report.

Managers Ose, Coe and Mandt discussed the MAWD Annual meeting they attended in Alexandria, MN. Manager Coe stated that Jerome Deal is the new Chairman for MAWD.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. was present to discuss the timeline for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A. Dalager will present the plans and specifications for the both projects at the December 29, 2011 Board meeting.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented a Resolution for Sale of the Carnegie Library Building. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to authorize President Dale M. Nelson and Secretary Orville Knott to sign the Deed for Transfer of the Carnegie Library Building to the City of Thief River Falls. Motion carried.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Nordlund, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Orville Knott, Secretary