

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 10, 2011

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of January 27, 2011. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated February 9, 2011. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated February 9, 2011.

Administrator Jesme presented the 2011 U.S. General Services Administrative "Meals and Incidental Expenses (M&IE)" breakdown that should be used as a guideline for travel expenses.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the Red River Basin Commission's goal for the District of a 20% reduction of flows to the Red River based on the gage on the Red Lake River at Crookston. Dalager discussed Engineer Charlie Anderson's request and the impact the existing District's impoundments have on the Red River. Dalager estimates it would cost approximately \$2,000 to complete a further review for Mr. Anderson's request of reducing flows through Crookston at a rate of approximately 27% to reach the goal of 20% reduction on the Red River of the North. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Dalager to complete a further review at a cost no more than \$2,000.

Administrator Jesme discussed the City of Thief River Falls Council meeting he attended along with Dalager. Jesme presented a list of questions the City would like responses to. Discussion was held on the Water Management District and the possibility of asking a representative from Rinke Noonan to be present at the Water Management District hearing to be held on March 10, 2011. The hearing is to be held to obtain public comment regarding the proposed amendment to the District's 10 Year Plan to allow the creation of a Water Management District. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to hire Rinke Noonan, to attend the Water Management District hearing on March 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

After further discussion, Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to hold the Water Management District Hearing on March 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Imperial room, bottom floor of the Ralph Engelstad Arena and hold the March 10, 2011 Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the RLWD office. Motion carried.

Manager Nelson and Administrator Jesme discussed the meeting that was held with the Petitioners for Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170 to discuss costs incurred as part of a new ditch proceedings for Pennington County Ditch 75. At the meeting, the Petitioners requested an extension of time for payment of costs incurred. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to extend the payment of costs incurred until March 15, 2011. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Marshall and Polk Rural Water on their intent to develop a wellhead protection plan.

Administrator Jesme discussed the need for the District to update the video camera. Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to authorize staff members to purchase a new video camera at a cost of no more than \$500. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed the concerns of landowner Gilbert Weber in regard to the benefitted area of the Scott Baatz Petition, RLWD Project No. 123. Sanderson stated that after his review he determined that Mr. Weber's property does not drain into the benefitted area. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that Mr. Weber would have to petition the district to have his land withdrawn from the system. Sparby further stated that since Mr. Weber did not appeal his assessment at the time of the public hearing, that he may still be obligated to pay the original assessment.

Sanderson discussed the meeting he attended at the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD) to discuss boundary changes. Sanderson discussed the westerly part of the District that the SHRWD would like to obtain, where the water drains west to the Red River. It was the consensus of the Board that the request for boundary change of the SHRWD be denied as to the area in question draining west to the Red River. The Board reviewed correspondence from the Board of Water & Soil Resources showing the 2011 calculated wetland bank credit values for fee pricing.

The MAWD Legislative Reception and Day at the Capital will be held March 23 and 24th at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul.

Administrator Jesme stated that District staff members have been working jointly with the Middle Snake Tamarac River Watershed District (MSTRWD) on the 2011 MAWD Summer Tour. Jesme stated that miscellaneous costs will be forthcoming that will need to be decided upon. Jesme asked if the Board wishes to have staff bring each item to the Boards attention for approval or would the Board like to set a maximum dollar amount for staff to use. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to authorize staff members to spend up to \$5,000 towards expenses for the 2011 MAWD Summer Tour. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 11001, Kevin Ross, Andover Township, Polk County. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Tiedemann, to table Permit No. 11001, Kevin Ross. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme attended the Red River Retention Governmental Roundtable meeting on February 7th. This meeting was focused on U.S. Army Corps of Engineering permitting process. Jesme will be attending a Farm Program Committee meeting on February 14th in the District office.
- Jesme and Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting on February 15th in the District office. Included in your packet are the approved December 2010 RRWMB meeting minutes.
- A Project 60 Team meeting will be held in the District office on February 17th to update the team on funding highs and lows, design update and RIM land acquisition.
- Jesme, Sanderson and Manager Coe will attend a meeting with the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in regard to the Good Lake Impoundment on February 18th at 12:00 p.m.
- Jesme and Sanderson will attend the annual impoundment meeting with staff members from Thief Lake and Agassiz NWR on February 22 at the Agassiz NWR headquarters.
- Jesme has been in contact with landowners along the Brandt Channel who may be interested in petitioning for a ditch downstream of the Brandt Impoundment and upstream of Polk County Ditch #2. The District cleaned out this channel late last summer to allow better drainage of the Brandt Impoundment. Attorney Kurt Deter has been tentatively retained by the Petitioners for this project and has set a meeting date for February 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the District office.
- Included in your packet is a January 2011 Water Quality Report.
- Included in the packet is a letter from Senator LeRoy Stumpf congratulating the District on receiving the "Watershed District of the Year" award.

Legal Counsel Sparby recommended that the District respond to the list of questions from the City of Thief River Falls in regard to the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No 1 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No's. 171 and 171A , respectively. Sparby stated that Board should review the answers prior to sending a response to the City.

Manager Knott discussed the RRWMB meeting, FDR meeting and Project 60 meetings that will be held in the District office the following week.

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Manager Mandt stated that a representative of King Township contacted him in regard to beaver dams located in a county road ditch, adjacent to Wildlife Management Areas.

Manager Nelson discussed the Drainage Law conference they attended in St. Cloud on February 3rd.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Orville Knott". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Orville Knott, Secretary