

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 23, 2011

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

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of June 9, 2011. A motion was made by Mandt, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve them as printed.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 9, 2011. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 9, 2011.

The Board discussed the MAWD Summer tour and commended the staff on their efforts in organizing the tour.

Nathan Nordlund, Clearwater SWCD was present to discuss the culverts that washed out in the restored channel of the Silver Creek, Eddy Township. The Clearwater SWCD is recommending installation of an overflow culvert under a driveway to the north thus allowing high water to flow north in emergency conditions. Eddy Township replaced the culverts at a cost of \$10,492.50. The SWCD is requesting \$6,295 from the 2011 Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 164 towards the cost of replacing the culverts, plus an additional \$2,990 for the installation of the overflow culvert. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the request of the Clearwater SWCD for cost share in the amount of \$6,295 for the eroded culverts and \$2,990 for installation of the overflow culvert from the 2011 Erosion Control funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter of request from the Red Lake County SWCD to take the lead on the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project located in Section 7 and 8, Gervais Township, Red Lake County. Administrator Jesme stated that in an earlier telephone conversation with Tanya Hanson, Red Lake County SWCD District Manager, she indicated that the project is too large for Red Lake SWCD and the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Engineer Jim Hest does not have the time needed to survey, design and oversee construction of this size of a project. The SWCD has about \$60,000 to \$65,000 of funds still remaining from the Red River Valley Flood Recovery Grant received in 2010 and will put these funds toward this project. Legal Counsel Sparby indicated that the District should get a copy of the grant for review. Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Coe, to accept the request from Red Lake SWCD to take the lead on the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 175. Motion carried. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to appoint HDR Engineering, Inc. to do the engineering on the project. Motion carried with Manager Knott abstaining.

Administrator Jesme stated that advertising for bids for RLWD Ditch No. 13, Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170A is proceeding. Bid opening will be at 2:00 p.m. on July 12, 2011. Bids will then be audited by staff and reviewed by Legal Counsel and then will be presented to the Board at their July 14, 2011 meeting for awarding of the contract.

The Board discussed the potential of the State of Minnesota shutdown due to the state budget and how it could affect District projects that are receiving state funding.

Discussion was held on the repayment of the bond for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. There are currently two petitioners that have not paid their share.

A request was received for haying from Calvin Harmoning on Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 10. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to approve haying by Calvin Harmoning on Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 10, on the same terms as in the past. Motion carried. Mr. Harmoning has signed the Release of Claims and Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Administrator Jesme stated that the viewers submitted a draft viewer's report for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A. District staff is currently reviewing the report.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 11048, Robert Olson, Deer Park and Highland Township, Pennington County; No. 11049, Tim Disrud, Hill River Township, Polk County; No. 11051, Pennington County Highway Department, Deer Park Township; and No. 11053, Ronald Moritz; Rocksbury Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrator's Update:

- The Viewers are 90% complete with their report for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage/Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1 Project. RLWD staff has started checking names, parcel ID numbers and acreage which will be sent back to the viewers for confirmation. Upon completion of their report, the Viewers will file their report with the Board and then a hearing will be held for both projects of the legal drainage system and the initiation of the Water Management District. We hope to hold the hearings late July 2011.
- The north pool of the Moose River Impoundment is in complete drawdown. The south pool floodgates were closed on June 21st. We anticipate reopening them on June 23rd due to the recent rains received. Pool elevation at closure is 1214.25 and summer target elevation is 1213.65.

- Jesme and Loren Sanderson will meet with the Red Lake DNR at the Good Lake Impoundment outlet structure on June 29th to compile a list of things to be completed in order to get the impoundment operational, including repairs to the gate operating mechanism.
- Loren Sanderson met this morning with Dan Zwilling, MnDNR Dam Inspector, to inspect the Schirrick/Black River Dam. A dam safety report should arrive in several weeks.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on June 21 at the District office. Some of the discussion was proposed revisions to drainage law funding of future projects and planning for a state government shutdown. Included in your packet are the approved minutes from April 19, 2011.
- Attorney Kurt Deter called a meeting on June 16th with potential petitioners for the Brandt channel outlet. Due to the late notice of the meeting and farming commitments, the meeting was not held. Deter has since sent another letter to potential petitioners.
- Included in the packet is a May 2011 water quality report.

Board discussion was held on the Good Lake Impoundment and potential repairs to the structure.

Administrator Jesme discussed information Manager Mandt gave him in regard to draft guidance that could potentially expand the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water Act regulatory authority.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary