

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 9, 2011

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. requested to appear before the Board. A motion was made by Nordlund, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to dispense reading of the May 26, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 8, 2011. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 9, 2011.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Viewers for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 171, submitted a draft viewer's report to RLWD staff for review of names, parcel numbers etc. Jesme stated that upon staff review of the items requested of the Viewers, the final report should be completed within the next few weeks.

Staff member Loren Sanderson was present to discuss an amendment to Permit No. 06082, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. Sanderson stated that the new outlet structure was installed as an alternate outlet of the Agassiz Pool as well as restoring continuous flows down SD #83 and to allow drawdown of the pool and reduce ice damage to the radial and screw gates during winter operation. The structure is a four bay stoplog structure that would help with watershed water management and water quality. The operating plan would allow for water to be passed from either the new structure or the radial screw gates, but not allow for both to be operated concurrently. Sanderson stated that during spring flood events, it would be beneficial to allow both structures to be used at the same time to allow Agassiz NWR to draw down their pools, provided that there is no damage to downstream infrastructure. During the growing season, the structure will not be used to exceed an elevation of 1137.0 as measured at the Marshall County 7 bridge gauge. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the amendment to Permit No. 06082, Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, allowing both structures to be used simultaneously during spring flood events and not used to exceed elevation 1137.0 at the Marshall County 7 Bridge during the growing season. 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. 11035, Robert O'Neill, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 11036, Tony Gerardy, Emarville Township, Red Lake County; No. 11037, Pennington County Highway Department, Cloverleaf Township; No. 11038, Pennington County Highway Department; Mayfield Township; No. 11039 and 11040,

Pennington County Highway Department, Kratka Township; No. 11041, Pennington County Highway Department, Wyandotte Township; No. 11042, 11043 and 11044, Pennington County Highway Department, Black River Township; No. 11045, Nature Conservancy, Onstad and Tilden Township, Polk County; No. 11046, Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, Woodside Township, Polk County; and No. 11047, Lee Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting on June 21, 2011 at the RLWD office.
- The north pool of the Moose River Impoundment reached the summer target elevation on June 8, 2011. The south pool still has to be lowered 1.7 feet before the gates can be closed. Staff member Gary Lane inspected BR-6 with NRCS staff. No repairs are expected. Lane also inspected the Louisville Parnell Impoundment and wetland sites with BWSR staff member Dan Giralomo. An inspection report will be forthcoming.
- The District received the final recommendation for boundary changes from the Sandhill River Watershed District. Staff will review the final boundary map.
- Staff member Corey Hanson has been working on the District monitoring and calibrating equipment for summer installation. Hanson is putting together a TMDL presentation for a seminar that will include students attending from UMC.

Manager Knott discussed the FDR meeting held in the District office on June 8th. Knott stated that Molly McGregor discussed water quality monitoring that the District used for the Project 60 area and how that will be used as a model for other projects.

Manager Coe asked the status of the Good Lake Impoundment. Administrator Jesme stated that part of the structure was removed by the Red Lake DNR and the gate was opened to allow increased discharge of water.

Administrator Jesme discussed the water levels of the Upper and Lower Red Lakes. With the recent west winds and high water levels, various cabin owners contacted our office to express their concerns of the current lake levels.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he received the wetland banking agreements for the Louisville Parnell Project and is waiting for the recording of the agreement.

Administrator Jesme stated that we received a letter from the bonding company for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170. The District has received a copy of the letter sent to two of the petitioners from Dave Dahlen's attorney.

Manager Ose discussed the Marshall County Water Plan meeting he attended along with concerns expressed to him from Marshall County Commissioner Gary Kiesow concerning ditches entering the NE corner of the Agassiz NWR.

Manager Nordlund stated that he met with the Clearwater County Engineer and SWCD staff in regard to the culverts in the restored channel of the Silver Creek, Eddy Township that blew out during the spring flood. Nordlund stated that it was the consensus of the group that a high flow culvert should be installed through the driveway south of the township road culverts that washed out, to act as a relief valve for high flows. The Clearwater SWCD will present information to the Board in the future in regard to funding assistance.

Administrator Jesme stated that Houston Engineering, Inc. will survey the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project 60FF, once the water recedes.

The Bagley River Watch Students gave a presentation on the Clearwater and Lost Rivers and various parameters they sample. Upon answering several questions from the Board, President Nelson thanked the students for their effort in this project and the time they have put toward the River Watch Program.

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



Orville Knott, Secretary