

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 29, 2011

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, Orville Knott, Albert Mandt, Kelly Nordlund, and Gene Tiedemann. 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 Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of March 10, 2011. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes as read.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 28, 2011. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 28, 2011. Administrator Jesme stated that a CD will mature at Citizen's State Bank. It was the consensus of the Board, to renew the matured CD with Citizen's State Bank.

Kim Durbin from Drees Risky Vallager, Ltd. presented the 2010 Annual Audit Report. After various questions by the Board, a motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the 2010 Annual Audit Report as presented.

Beltrami SWCD staff Jerry Stensing and William Patnaude presented information on two projects for cost share assistance for installation of conservation practices for water quality protection. Stensing discussed the Dennis Kihlstadius site located in Section 32, Hornet Township with a total project cost of \$4,068.03. Stensing is requesting cost share from funds allocated to the 2011 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164 in the amount of \$349.10. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve cost share in the amount of \$349.10 for the Dennis Kihlstadius project to be paid from funds allocated to the 2011 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Stensing presented information on the Bud Moen site located in Sections 13, 14, and 23, Langor Township with a total project cost of \$32,638.74. Stensing is requesting cost share from funds allocated to the 2011 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164 in the amount of \$8,478.87. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve cost share in the amount of \$8,478.87 for the Bud Moen project to be paid from funds allocated to the 2011 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the Water Management District hearing to be held on March 31, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input and comment concerning the proposed amendment to the District's 10 Year Overall Plan. After discussion by the Board, it was the consensus of the Board to meet with Attorney John Kolb, Rinke Noonan prior to the hearing to discuss the process of the hearing.

Administrator Jesme stated that he will be meeting this afternoon with the viewers to finalize the viewers report for the Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170A.

Administrator Jesme stated that the petitioners for Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170 will be meeting with their legal counsel on March 30, 2011 to discuss their options whether they should proceed with the project. The Board had previously requested repayment of the bond by March 15, 2011. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to table the repayment of the bond for Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170 for further action by the Board at the April 14, 2011 Board meeting to allow the petitioners to attend a meeting with their legal counsel on March 30, 2011. Motion carried.

The District received the signed BWSR Competitive Grant Agreements and 90% of the funds for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60F and County Ditch 20/State Ditch 83 Channel Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 14D.

The Board reviewed a quote for renewal and technical support for AutoCad Civil 3D 2011 in the amount of \$1,135.30. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the purchase of AutoCad Civil 3D 2011 in the amount of \$1,135.30. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that Frontier Precision, Inc. is offering a Certified Training Class April 12-13, 2011 for the District's Trimble survey equipment. Jesme would like staff members Loren Sanderson and Jim Blix to attend the class in the amount of \$595.00 per person. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve the attendance of two staff members for the Trimble Certified Training Class. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Overall Advisory Committee meeting held on March 28, 2011 and the appointment of new members. The Board will review the committee members at a future meeting.

Manager Coe discussed Overall Advisory Committee member Gordon Foss's concern of bank erosion on the Moose River. Coe spoke with Beltrami SWCD staff members about Mr. Foss's concern after their presentation at today's meeting. Beltrami SWCD staff stated that they will have a meeting to discuss his concerns and invite Coe to participate.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District would like to have a joint board meeting with the District at the April 14, 2011 meeting.

The Board reviewed permit No. 11014, Bryan Enright, Fanny Township, Polk County. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to table Permit No. 11014 until after the 2011 Spring runoff event. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Permits for approval. Motion by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 11010, BNSR

Railway, Falk Township, Clearwater County; No. 11011, Garden Valley Telephone Company, Polk County; No. 11012, Daniel J. Burkholder, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County; and No. 11013, Scott Neujahn, Steenerson Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on March 15, 2011 held in Moorhead. Included in the packet are the approved RRWMB minutes from February 15, 2011.
- Jesme and Managers Tiedemann, Knott, Coe, and Ose attended the MAWD Legislative Briefing held in St. Paul on March 23-24th. Watershed Administrators and Board members from Red Lake, Roseau, Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers and Two Rivers Watershed Districts met with Representatives Kiel and Fabian and Senator Stumpf. Jesme testified before the House and Senate Finance Committee discussing the need for continued support of FDR funding. Manager Coe attended the MAWD meeting held on March 23 and Manager Tiedemann attended a BWSR meeting then joined us for the hearings. The legislative breakfast was held on March 24th with Representative Fabian attending.
- Jesme attended the 13th Annual Joint Conference on March 15th and 16th.
- Various utility departments are holding a Call Before You Dig seminar on April 19 at the Eagles Club in Thief River Falls. The agenda is included in the packet.
- Included in the Board's packet was an updated snow moisture content report dated March 26, 2011, as well as the Red River Basin "Flood Status update dated March 25, 2011.
- Included in the Board's packet was a report completed by BWSR and MnDNR titled "Brief Analysis of Flooding in Minnesota". This report was requested by our state legislators to give them a better understanding of the flooding problems in the State of Minnesota.

The Board discussed the funding timeline of the Lessard Sam Heritage Counsel for potential funding for the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60C.

Discussion was held on how to move forward with the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60C. Administrator Jesme stated that a meeting will be held with Polk County officials to determine if a hearing would need to be held to assess benefits to the area landowners for stabilization of the cut channel.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the recent request of the Euclid Fertilizer Plant to lower the gates at the Euclid East Impoundment due to localized flooding within the City of Euclid. Tiedemann stated that there was a plugged culvert along State Highway 75, thus causing flows to enter into the city from the south and meeting up with the waters outletting from the Euclid East Impoundment. Upon contacting and inspection from District staff, the gate was closed to allow water to recede by the fertilizer plant. By temporarily holding back water in the Euclid East Impoundment, it allowed the water to disperse, therefore causing no damage to the fertilizer plant.

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Manager Tiedemann discussed the possibility of having the gate keeper for the Euclid East Impoundment and Brandt Impoundment as well as the gate keeper for the Parnell Impoundment trained to be able to operate all three impoundments as a back-up plan in case one of the tenders is out of the area. Jesme indicated that he would discuss this with District staff to incorporate this request.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to adjourn to March 31, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office. Motion carried.



Orville Knott, Secretary