

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
September 22, 2011

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

Motion by Nordlund, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the September 8, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to dispense reading of the September 13, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated September 21, 2011. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated September 21, 2011.

Marshall County Highway Department Engineer Lon Aune presented plans for bank and channel stabilization for Marshall County Ditch 20/State Ditch 83 Project #14D. This project starts at the intersection of SD #83 and Marshall County Ditch #10, extending three miles upstream along the County Ditch 20 channel. Aune stated that seven side water inlets pipes as well as six rock chute weirs will be installed to help keep sediment out of the water and reduce erosion. The District received a grant through the Clean Water Legacy Fund in the amount of \$187,974. Aune stated that the plans are prepared and he would like to move forward with advertising for construction with a completion date of July 1, 2012. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the plans for construction of the County Ditch 20/State Ditch 83 Channel Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 14D, and authorize Marshall County Highway Department to proceed with advertising for bids for construction of the project. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme and Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc. discussed the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Jesme stated that the District received \$2,320,000 in funding from the Lessard Sam Outdoor Heritage Counsel for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project. Langan stated that his office will begin surveying the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project and the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel. Jesme indicated that the District may not be able to incur costs and use it as a match until the grant agreements with the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage are signed. Jesme continued to mention that clearly is the case for the Flood Damage Reduction Grant that we hope to secure through the State of Minnesota. Jesme stated that a Joint Powers Board established for the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project should set a meeting date in the very near future to get updated on the status of funding and other details. The Board discussed the possibility of viewing the project and/or having a presentation at a future meeting to update the Board of

Managers on the area and plans for the restoration. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that a hearing will need to be held once the Final Engineers Report is completed.

The Board reviewed a Conservation Easement with Todd and Melanie Mack and Beverly G. Nelson for enrollment in the RIM program for the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to authorize President Dale M. Nelson to sign the Conservation Easement in the amount of \$77,425.50 with Todd and Melanie Mack and Beverly G. Nelson for enrollment in the RIM program for the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Request No. 2 to All Seasons Contracting in the amount of \$33,532.25, for construction of the New Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170A. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve payment in the amount of \$33,532.25 to All Seasons Contracting for construction of the New Lateral to Pennington County Ditch 75, RLWD Project No. 170A. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented the Detailed Findings and Order for the establishment of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 171. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Detailed Findings and Order for the establishment of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 171. Motion carried. The Board discussed the timeframe for bid opening and construction. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., discussed a potential bid opening by November 2011 with construction completed by November 2012. Dalager stated that he would like to see the diversion structure for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project completed late this fall or early winter.

Administrator Jesme stated that Attorney John Kolb is preparing the Detailed Findings and Order for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A, and that it will be presented at the October 13, 2011 Board meeting. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to table the Detailed Findings and Order for the establishment of the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A until the next Board meeting scheduled for October 13, 2011. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Order establishing the boundary change as Petitioned to the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources between the District and the Sand Hill River Watershed District.

The Board reviewed a Notice of Filing of Withdrawal of Territory Petition from the MN Board of Water and Soils Resources for withdrawal of territory including 2,198.21 acres of land located in Summit Township, Beltrami County and Moose Park Township, Itasca County. Public comments will be received by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources until October 25, 2011.

The Board viewed the River Watch Video that was prepared for the Red Lake Watershed District by RMB Laboratories.

Permit No. 11001, from Kevin Ross, the City of Crookston and Polk County Highway Department that was previously tabled was reviewed by the Board. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Permit No. 11001, from Kevin Ross, the City of Crookston and Polk County Department with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 11133, Eric Engelstad, Onstad Township, Polk County; No. 11144, Sanford Health, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 11146, Donald Steinhauer, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 11149, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 11150, Daniel J Walker, Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 11151, Pennington County Highway Department, Rocksbury Township; No. 11152, Duane Finkenbinder, Andover Township, Polk County; No. 11153, Roger Rogalla, Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; No. 11154, Steve Goodwin, Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 11155, Ron Goodyke, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 11156, Ron Goodyke, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 11157, Timothy L Wagner, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 11158, Abeld Brothers, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 11159, Philip I Quam, Badger Township, Polk County; and No. 11160, Lessor Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- A pre-construction meeting for the Radi ring dike was held September 15, 2011 between the NRCS, HDR and contractor Derek Brummond. Construction was scheduled to start September 19th.
- Various SWCD's within the District are applying for competitive grants with the signup deadline of September 20th. Some the grants they are applying for are for buffer strips, streambank restoration and side water inlets.
- The RRWMB meeting on September 20th was held in the District office.
- The 29th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference will be held January 24-26, 2012 in Winnipeg.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the issuance of a check to Todd and Melanie Mack for RIM signup when the land in question is in Contract for Deed Agreement. Sparby stated that in his opinion the check should be made out to the vendee, Todd and Melanie Mack, and vendor, Beverly G Nelson.

Manager Knott discussed the possible addition of a watershed district located in Ottertail and Wilkens County.

The Board instructed Legal Counsel Sparby to look into obtaining pay scale information.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Nordlund, with motion carried to recess the meeting to the regular scheduled meeting on October 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried.



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Orville Knott, Secretary