

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Hearing for the Proposed Amendment to the RLWD 10 Year Overall Plan  
March 31, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

President Dale M. Nelson called the hearing to order concerning Proposed Amendment to the RLWD 10 Year Overall Plan, RWLD Project No. 149 at 7:00 p.m. at the Imperial Room, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Thief River Falls, MN.

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

President Dale M. Nelson instructed the audience on the format that would be used in taking questions from the audience. Nelson then turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel John Kolb to address the hearing and its process. Kolb indicated that the hearing is being video taped and will available for viewing at the RLWD office. Kolb informed the audience that the hearing was called in order to received public comment in regard to the RLWD's petition to BWSR to amend their 10 Year Overall Plan to allow it the authority to implement or establish a water manage district for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. and Engineer for the project gave an overview of the proposed Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1 and Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Projects No. 171 and 171A.

After Dalager's presentation Administrator Jesme read into the record a letter received from landowner Robert Rausch. A copy was included as part of the hearing materials.

Upon completion of the presentations, questions and public comment was received from the Board and audience. All members of the audience had adequate opportunity to express questions and comments.

Manager Nelson closed the hearing. Attorney John Kolb, addressed the Board indicating that due to the evidence presented at today's hearing, he recommends forwarding information to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their consideration to the Amendment of the RLWD 10 Year Overall Plan.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to direct Administrator Jesme to assemble the materials and comments from the hearing and forward them to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their consideration of the RLWD's petition for the amendment to the RLWD 10 Year Overall Plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, with motion carried to adjourn the meeting.



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Orville Knott, Secretary