

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 12, 2012

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

Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to dispense reading of the March 22, 2012 and the March 28, 2012 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated April 11, 2012. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated April 11, 2012.

The Board discussed the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174. At the July 14, 2011 Board meeting, a motion was made to hold off on completing the preliminary engineering until the Red Lake County SWCD could obtain funding. Manager Knott stated that the Red Lake County SWCD obtained funding to proceed with the engineering. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to authorize HDR Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the preliminary engineering for the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174. Motion carried. A meeting will be held in the next few weeks with the landowners, HDR Engineering, Inc. and District staff.

The Board reviewed a request from the Red Lake County SWCD for the Ron Kees Grassed Waterway Project located in Section 11, Red Lake Falls Township for erosion control to prevent sediment from entering the county ditch system prior to entering the Red Lake River north of Red Lake Falls. The total project cost is \$17,522, with the Red Lake County SWCD requesting \$1,500 from the Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Mandt, to approve the request of the Red Lake County SWCD for cost share in the amount of \$1,500 for the Ron Kees Grassed Waterway Project from the 2012 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Prescribed Fire Plan for the Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 81 from the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. Staff from Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge will create a fire break around the perimeter of the proposed controlled burn with the hopes to complete the burn in the near future. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the Prescribed Fire Plan designed by the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge for the Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 81. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Draft Report on the Evaluation of Water Quality in the Judicial Ditch 66 Water, RLWD Project No. 152A.

The Board reviewed a Joint Funding Agreement Amendment for the Glacial Ridge/Nature Conservancy Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152 presented by USGS. Motion by

Knott, seconded by Ose, to accept the Joint Funding Agreement Amendment for the Glacial Ridge/Nature Conservancy Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 12016, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 12017, Clearwater County Highway Department, Dudley Township; No. 12018, Pennington County Highway Department, Kratka Township; No. 12020, Gary Miller, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 12021, Cheryl Snetting, North Township, Pennington County; and No. 12022, Gervais Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Manager Torgerson discussed a call he received from a landowner in regard to Judicial Ditch #5 (Four-Legged Lake), RLWD Project No. 102 and how that project relates to Permit No. 12017, Clearwater County Highway Department with the repairs to the county road.

Lincoln High School student Alisha Mosloff explained her Science Fair Project on Frost Air Study – Snow Depth vs Frost Depth. Mosloff will represent Lincoln High School at the National Science Fair in Pittsburg in May. Mosloff also participates in the River Watch Program.

The Board reviewed the following Administrators Update:

- A petition has been received for a new ditch petition downstream of the Brandt Channel. The petition was reviewed internally and sent to Legal Counsel Sparby's office for review. It appears that the petitioners have approximately 70% of the 40 acre tracts signed on the petition. We hope to have the bond from the petitioners by the April 26th Board meeting.
- Construction started last week on the on TRF Flood Damage Reduction Project No. 171A and RLWD Ditch No. 14, Project No. 171. Clearing from Greenwood Street to County Road 62 has been completed and the channel construction started there as well.
- Manager Knott, Loren Knott and Doug Frankie met with the Red Lake County Board to answer questions they have concerning the Goose Lake Project.
- Manager Knott and Administrator Jesme will attend the RRWMB meeting on April 27, 2012 in Fertile. The Tile Drainage Study is near completion and we should hear more this next week.
- A pre-construction meeting for CD20/SD 83 Bank Stabilization Project will be held with Taggart Excavating on April 18th. It appears additional work will be completed due to the low bids.
- Included in your packet is the March 2012 Water Quality Report.

Manager Knott discussed the Red Lake County Board meeting he attended in regard to the Goose Lake Project. The Board discussed the structure and culverts in place, cattails and water storage. Doug Frankie, MnDNR told the Red Lake County Board that it will be 2015 before anything can be done.

Administrator Jesme stated that bids for the Grand Marais Creek Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 60FF will be opened at the April 26th, 2012 Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the BWSR northern planning meeting he attend and the acceptance of a petition from Wilken and Ottertail County's to expand with the Buffalo Red Watershed District.

Administrator Jesme discussed a change in land ownership for the Thief River Falls FDR/RWLD Ditch 14, RLWD Project No. 171A/171. Jesme stated that the new owners have not responded to recent correspondence. After discussion by the Board and Legal Counsel Sparby, it was recommended that the District should send a registered letter to the landowner and wait for a response.

President Nelson turned the meeting over to Vice President Gene Tiedemann.

Kim Durbin from Drees Risky Vallager, Ltd. presented the 2011 Annual Audit Report. After various questions by the Board, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the 2011 Annual Audit Report as presented.

Manager Tiedemann questioned the pending petition/bond from the Petitioners downstream of the Brandt Impoundment. Administrator Jesme stated that the Petitioners are in the process of obtaining a bond.

Manager Mandt asked about the status of the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond, RLWD Project No. 160 and work completed by the contractor Blaser Excavating. Administrator Jesme stated some material has been purchased and are at the site. If the project does not proceed, the materials can be sold. Water levels are currently 3' lower than what they were in 2011. The City of Clearbrook may redirect their storm sewers

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



Orville Knott, Secretary