

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

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Mandt, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the December 29, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them with corrections. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated January 11, 2012. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated January 11, 2012. Administrator Jesme stated that quotes will be solicited for maturing a CD.

The Board reviewed the 2011 General Fund Budget as of December 31, 2011.

Polk County confirmed the reappointment of Manager Tiedemann to another 3-year term on the Board. Although we are aware of the fact Clearwater County is taking interviews for Kelly Nordlund's replacement, they have not notified the District of an appointment.

Election of officers was conducted with President Nelson turning the meeting over to Vice President Gene Tiedemann. Manager Tiedemann called for nominations for president. Manager Coe, seconded by Mandt, nominated Dale M. Nelson. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dale M. Nelson for president of the Board. Motion carried.

Vice President Tiedemann turned the meeting over to President Nelson to conduct elections for the remaining Board positions.

Nominations were opened for vice-president. Manager Knott, seconded by Coe, nominated Gene Tiedemann. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Gene Tiedemann for vice-president of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Manager Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, nominated Orville Knott. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Orville Knott for secretary of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for treasurer. Manager Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, nominated Lee Coe. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Lee Coe for treasurer of the Board. Motion carried.

The Overall Advisory Committee and specific watershed area Advisory Committee members were discussed by the Board. A motion was made Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Overall Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee as listed with the addition of Trent Stanley as Advisory Committee member for the Thief River area. Motion carried.

The position of Delegate and Alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) was discussed. Manager Knott is currently serving his third year of a 3-year term, with Manager Ose as the Alternate. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to re-appoint Orville Knott, Delegate and LeRoy Ose, Alternate to the RRWMB. Motion carried.

Delegates and Alternate to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts were discussed. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to appoint Manager Coe and Tiedemann as Delegates and Manager Ose as an alternate. Motion carried.

The committees for the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards were reviewed. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to appoint Managers Mandt and Coe to the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards. Motion carried.

The Budget/Salary Committee was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to appoint Managers Nelson, Coe and Tiedemann to serve on the Budget/Salary Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the regularly scheduled Board meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for 2012.

A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, that the following institutions be designated as depositories for the RLWD: Northern State Bank, Border State Bank, Unity Bank North, Citizens State Bank, American State Bank, First National Bank of Bemidji, and Ultima Bank with the following signatures on the signature cards at the financial institutions: Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that 18.23 acres of wetland banking credits have been established in Red Lake County on the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 121. With the

addition of these wetland banking acres and the acres we presently hold in Greenwood 27 Project, the District has approximately 25 acres banked for wetland mitigation.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond, RLWD Project No. 160. Jesme stated that the Clearwater SWCD is interested in assisting the District with the development of a replacement stormwater pond near the west edge of Clearbrook along Highway 92. Jesme questioned if the District would reimburse the Clearwater SWCD for any assistance for the project. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to reimburse the Clearwater SWCD for costs related to the development of the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond, RLWD Project No. 160. Motion carried.

The Annual Drainage and Wetland Conference sponsored by Rinke Noonan will be held on February 23, 2012 in St. Cloud. Administrator Jesme and Managers Tiedemann and Ose will attend.

The Board discussed changing the regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 23, 2012 as Administrator Jesme and Manager Tiedemann and Ose will be attending the Annual Drainage and Wetland Conference in St. Cloud that same day. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to change the February 23, 2012 meeting to February 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office.

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. 11228, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Red Lake Reservation, Beltrami; No. 11229, Polk County Drainage, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 11231, Agder Township, Marshall County; and No. 11232, Clearwater Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Gully Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB meeting on January 17, 2012 in Fertile. Included in the packet are the approved RRWMB minutes from November 15, 2011.
- Jesme attended the Clean Water Legacy Funding 2012 Stakeholders Forum title "Is the Legacy Amendment Money Going to Projects and Programs as Voters Intended," held in St. Paul on January 5, 2012.
- The FDRWG March Conference will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> in Moorhead. If the Board has any topics they would like covered at the conference, we will contact Paul Wannarka.
- Jesme attended a round table discussion on January 10, 2012 with the West and East Polk SWCD offices and Brian Dwight from BWSR to discuss upcoming projects related to surface water quality issues that can be focused on through collaboration between the

District and the SWCD's. The information obtained will be implemented in the Polk County Water Plan and for submittal of grants through the Clean Water Legacy fund.

- Included in the packet is a Water Quality Report dated December 2011. Also, included is a list of tasks that have to be completed for the Thief River Watershed Assessment Project.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented an Income Exclusions-Employer Provided Cell Phone policy. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to accept the Income Exclusions-Employer Provided Cell Phone Policy as presented by Legal Counsel Sparby for inclusion to the Districts Policy Manual. Motion carried.

Manager Knott discussed the RRWMB Technical Paper 14 that was set up as a guideline mechanism for funding cost share. Knott will not be in attendance at the January RRWMB meeting, Manager Ose as the Alternate will represent the District.

The Board discussed Permit No. 11202, Howard Liedberg, Moylan Township, Marshall County. An informational meeting in regard to Mr. Liedbergs permit was held at the December 29, 2011 meeting. Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed installation of a berm on Mr. Liedberg's property, and concern of local landowners that the berm will adversely impact their property. Sanderson and Engineer Nate Dalager determined an approximate location for construction of a spillway in the berm at a length of 200' wide and ¾ feet (9 inches) above natural ground level, on the south side of property line ditch on the Trent Stanley property. Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to approve Permit No. 11202, Howard Lieberg, Moylan Township, Marshall County, with the condition that a spillway in the berm be constructed at a location and elevation to be determined by District staff with work being completed by June 1, 2012. Motion carried. Manager Coe encouraged the local landowners to work together to improve drainage within the area.

Doug Frankie, MN Department of Natural Resources-Wildlife was present to discuss the Goose Lake Impoundment. Frankie stated that the MnDNR recognizes that there is a history of high standing water, downstream and upstream flooding impacts and that the structure was put in place to alleviate downstream flooding. The structure is a fixed weir structure with no ability for operation. On January 4, 2011, RLWD and DNR officials and local landowners met to discuss flooding concerns in the local area, at that time it was determined that a Hydrologic Study needed to be completed to address flooding issues. Frankie stated that the MnDNR is committed to finding a long term solution, but the obstacle is finding funds within the MnDNR to complete a hydrologic study. Frankie stated that this is a protected waters area with some very sensitive unique features with many environmental organizations involved. Discussion was held on the installation of ground water wells, profile of the existing basin, dam safety, bridges/roads and

cattails. Manager Coe suggested getting local legislators involved to help assist with funding options. Frankie committed to May 1, 2012 with an update to the Board and landowners as to where the MnDNR is at with the hydrologic study and encouraged local landowners to send letters of support to the MnDNR.

Discussion was held on the Clean Water Legacy stakeholders meeting Administrator Jesme attended. Jesme stated that questions arose on the MPCA receiving money for Clean Water Funds and that the Office of Legislative Audit questioned if whether giving lump sum money to a state agency was what the tax payers of Minnesota had in mind when they voted for the constitutional amendment. Further discussion was held on buffer strips along legal drainage systems.

Manager Coe stated that he will be attending a MAWD meeting on January 13, 2012 to establish legislative needs and if the Board had any recommendations for submittal.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary