

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
January 27, 2012

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

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the January 12, 2012 Board meeting minutes and approve them with corrections. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated January 26, 2012. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approves the Financial Report dated January 26, 2012.

Administrator Jesme stated that right of way/damage payments are being made to landowners along the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A. Jesme met with Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD, Steve Hofstad, BWSR and Craig Jarnot, USACOE to discuss wetland impacts from the project. Jesme is working with the NRCS for assignment of payment for the installation of side water inlet pipes. Jesme and Dalager have contacted Canadian Pacific Railroad in regard to the possibility of boring a steel casing culvert versus a concrete culvert through the railroad bed.

Manager Nelson discussed the Project 60 Work team meeting he attended on January 19, 2012 and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permitting for the Grand Marais Cut Channel. Administrator Jesme stated that he has spoken to Mike Wyatt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who completed a study of the project which may be of help during permitting process.

Discussion was held on the regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 23, 2012 that was changed to February 22, 2012 due to the Annual Drainage and Wetland Conference in St. Cloud. Upon further discussion, it was determined that there would be a quorum if the meeting was held on the regular meeting date of February 23, 2012. Motion by Ose, seconded by Mandt, to change the meeting date back to February 23, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried.

The 2012 MAWD Legislative Reception Breakfast and Briefing will be held on March 7-8, 2012 at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul.

The Board discussed changing the regularly scheduled Board meeting on March 8, 2012 to allow Board members and Administrator Jesme to attend the 2012 MAWD Legislative Reception

Breakfast and Briefing. Motion Ose, seconded by Coe, to change the March 8, 2012 meeting to Monday, March 5, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 12001, Matt Knutson, Gervais Township, Red Lake County; No. 12002, Michael Arveson, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 12003, Carl Moland, Onstad Township, Polk County; No. 12004 and 12005, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; and No. 12006, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Huntsville, Bygland, Tynsid and Vineland Townships, Polk County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose attended the RRWMB meeting held on January 17, 2012. Included in the packet are: approved RRWMB minutes from December 20, 2011, January 17, 2012 RRWMB meeting agenda, and the RRWMB 2011 Year End Treasurers Report.
- On January 19, 2012, Jesme attended a meeting in the District office with Attorney Kurt Deter and upwards of 12 landowners to discuss the potential petition for a new legal drainage system downstream of the Brandt Impoundment and outletting into Polk County Ditch 2. Included in the packet is a letter from Deter addressed to landowner Anthony Pulkrabek, confirming items discussed at the meeting. Jesme also met with landowner Jerry Larson in regard to concerns of Tabor Township.
- Jesme took part in the Association of District Administrator's meeting via phone conference on January 25, 2012. Included in the packet are items discussed as well as Ray Bohn's MAWD update.
- Included in the packet is a thank you from Dave Zenter, Chair of the Dedicated Funding Working Group Round Table for Jesme's presentation at the 2012 Stake Holders Forum titled "Is the Legacy Amendment Money Going to Projects and Programs as Voters Intended."
- Jesme, staff members Corey Hanson and Jim Blix and Manager Ose attended the Thief River Watershed Assessment Project Stakeholders Kick-off meeting held at the District office. There were approximately 43 landowners and agency members in attendance.

Manager Knott and Ose discussed the RRWMB meeting held on January 17, 2012.

Manager Coe discussed the MAWD meeting and discussion held on the Clean Water Legacy meeting.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the wetland permitting meeting he and Administrator Jesme attended for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River

Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A. Dalager further discussed the boring of a culvert through the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Further discussion was held on the circulation of a petition by local landowners for a ditch downstream of the Brandt Impoundment.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed his concerns with the wording on the permit from the Canadian Pacific Railroad for the boring of a culvert under the railroad bed for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A. Dalager discussed an addendum to the Plans and Specifications for the installation of a steel casing culvert versus a concrete culvert through the railroad bed.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed a letter received from Attorney Shirley Chase, Chase Law PLLC.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize Fox Lawson to complete evaluations of all staff job descriptions and salary ranges. Motion carried with Manager Mandt opposed.

The Board discussed the process of holding a hearing for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60FF. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to hold the hearing for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60FF on March 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office. Motion carried.

Managers Ose and Mandt discussed the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Conference they attended in Winnipeg, where the District was recognized for their efforts on the Grand Marais Creek Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F.

Manager Tiedemann stated that the Board of Water & Soil Resources created a check list for RIM sign up.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



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Orville Knott, Secretary