

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 28, 2013

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to dispense reading of the February 14, 2013, Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated February 13, 2013. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated February 13, 2013. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board to renew the Certificate of Deposit that will mature on March 3, 2013 with Citizens State Bank and the Certificate of Deposit that matures on March 4, 2013 with American State Bank.

Pennington SWCD submitted a request for a financial donation for the Area I Envirothon. The Area I Envirothon will be held on April 24, 2013, at Lake Bronson State Park. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to donate \$300 to Area I Envirothon. Motion carried.

Discussion was held in regard to the filing of the Notice of Deferred Water Management District Charges for property within the Water Management District (WMD), Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A. Administrator Jesme reviewed a resolution that the Rice Creek Watershed District used for charge implementation within their WMD. The Rice Creek Watershed District deferred the charges until the expansion of future developments, which at that time they renew the charges and determine if they are commercial or residential. Jesme also explained that setting an interest rate for deferred fees is necessary for those property owners who chose to pay the fee over an extended period of time after the property is developed. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended completing a similar resolution, recording it, and tracking it against all applicable parcels within the WMD. It was the consensus of the Board for staff to have a discussion with the Pennington County Auditor and the City of Thief River Falls in regard to monitoring change of land ownership and/or land use and report back to the Board.

The Overall Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 21, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Discussion was held on Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., presentation of the 20% Flood Retention in the Red River Valley to the Overall Advisory Board.

The Board reviewed the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance Policy from the Great American Insurance Group. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to approve the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance in the amount of \$3,558, plus a \$150 Broker Fee, from the Great American Insurance Group. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed District requested a joint meeting with the RLWD Board on April 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Warren. Items for discussion are the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, Governor Dayton's Sales Tax Base Broadening, 20% Flood Retention within the Red River Valley, DNR Permitting, and the hiring of a Public Outreach employee to handle public relations. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss this at the March 28, 2013 Board meeting.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to table Permit No. 13003, Bryan Boll, Gentilly Township, Polk County to allow District staff to review the permit request during the 2013 spring runoff. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permit with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13006, Rovella Weiland/GMG Farms, Belguim Township, Polk County. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on February 26, 2013. Included in the packet are the approved RRWMB meeting minutes from December 18, 2012.
- The District received the MnDNR-Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for signature. A fully executed grant will be forthcoming.
- A Grand Marias Outlet Restoration Project 60F Team meeting and Joint Powers Board meeting were held on February 21, 2013.
- On February 22, 2013 a meeting was held from with representatives from MnDNR, RRWMB Technical Advisory, three Watershed Administrators and various staff members from the MnDNR. The intent of the meeting was to gather/share information on permitting which will assist the DNR and Watershed Districts to assure permitting for projects would be submitted and reviewed in a consistent manner.
- Included in the packet was the first snow survey for 2013 dated February 23, 2013. The District has an average of 2.6 inches of moisture.
- Staff member Corey Hanson and others attended a Thief River Falls WRAP, Project No. 157B stakeholders meeting.
- Included in the packet was a January 2013 Water Quality Report.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated he received a letter from Attorney Mark Grainger, Neil Law Firm, P.C., representing Darral Alterpeter. Mr. Grainger requested Sparby to attend a meeting with the Polk County Commissioners. Sparby indicated that he felt there was no reason for the District to be present as the questions at hand concern a Polk County road and drainage area of a legal system under the authority of Polk County.

Manager Knott discussed a proposal presented to the RRWMB for funding assistance to create a video for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. Knott also mentioned the hiring of an Outreach Position at the Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed District.

Manager Nelson discussed several items in the RRWMB meeting minutes.

Manager Coe questioned whether the District should take a position on the Governors Sales Tax Base Broadening proposal at the MAWD Legislative Reception and Day at the Capitol.

Discussion was held on the recent Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board and the offer given to landowner, Miles Gulbranson. Further discussion was held on the cost of private crossings and the possibility of seeking additional funding.

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

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LeRoy Ose, Secretary