

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

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

Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the March 11, 2013 Board meeting minutes and the March 23, 2013, Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 27, 2013. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated March 27, 2013. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that letters were sent out to landowners in the benefitted area of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Project No. 175, inviting them to participate in a meeting with the Viewers to discuss drainage patterns on individual landowner's property. The Viewers will be presenting the Viewers Report to the Board at the April 11, 2013 Board meeting.

The District received the executed Grant Agreement from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Burnham Creek Fish Habitat Project, RLWD Project No. 43D. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of having to complete a cultural study if a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Grant is received.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Beltrami County in regard to Remonumentation of Section Corners in Benville Township.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District received an invitation to participate in a Community Expo to be held at the Ralph Engelstad Arena sponsored by the City of Thief River Falls on Thursday, April 25, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be a good time to display RLWD Ditch 14/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project No. 171/171A. Motion by Ose, seconded by Mandt, to participate in the Community Expo on April 25, 2013 at the Ralph Engelstad Arena. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt to approve the following permit with conditions stated: No. 13009, Jesse Maruska, Island Lake Township, Mahnommen County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting and River Watch Forum in Crookston on March 20th. Included in the packet was a March Activity Report from Ron Harnack.

- Jesme and Managers Tiedemann, Ose and Coe attended the MAWD Legislative Briefing/Breakfast, March 12-13th at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul. Meetings were held with Representatives Dan Fabian and Deb Kiel, as well as Senator LeRoy Stumpf.
- Jesme and Managers Knott and Ose attended the 15th Annual Red River Flood Damage Reduction Work Group/RRWMB Conference on March 26-27th in Moorhead. Knott also attended the monthly RRFDRWG meeting.
- Jesme and Engineer Jeff Langan met with landowners Steve Abbey and Gorman Johnson regarding the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration. These meetings were intended to give us a chance to explain to the landowner what the construction plans were on their land and to discuss easements. The District has been informed that there have been no significant findings in Phase I of the Cultural Resources Survey.
- Jesme will participate in a telephone conversation after today's meeting with Ron Harnack, Nate Dalager, Jerry Bents, Dan Money and Nick Drees to discuss permitting general cleanouts on or within protected waters/waters of the state. This conference is being held to gather information for the upcoming meeting to be held on April 12th at the District office.
- Included in the packet was the February Water Quality Report. Civic Engagement meetings will be held April 9th and 10th for the Red Lake River.

Administrator Jesme further discussed meetings held with landowners to discuss temporary right of way limits along the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he has drafted the Deferred Watershed Management Resolution for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 171A, and will meet with Administrator Jesme to review the document.

Discussion was held in regard to the Overall Advisory Committee meeting held on March 21, 2013.

Manager Knott discussed attending the Township Association meetings to discuss the 20% Flood Retention. It was the consensus of the Board to have discussion with the County Commissioners on the 20% Flood Retention when the Board and Administrator Jesme present the 2012 Annual Report to each county.

Manager Knott discussed the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting he attended in Moorhead.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to adjourn the meeting to attend the Joint Meeting with the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to be held on April 1, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in Warren. Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary