

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 14, 2013

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

Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the October 24, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated November 13, 2013 that included payments to the Pennington SWCD for the Halvorson Streambank Stabilization Project, Red Lake SWCD for the Huot Grade Stabilization Project and the RRWMB for Cost Share of the USGS Stream Gages. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 13, 2013 to include payments to the Pennington SWCD, Red Lake SWCD and RRWMB. Motion carried.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc. discussed recent construction activities on the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Nordby stated that Davidson Construction, Inc. plan to have the majority of the work completed by mid to late December, with final touch up work next spring. Staff from Houston Engineering, Inc. is working with the MnDNR to devise a plan to remove the plug out of the Grand Marais Creek, to allow sediment that will be deposited into the new channel from Red River backwater, to flush out sediment during the spring flood event. Rock riprap was completed at the outlet of the system along with additional rock to stabilize the channel bottom. Administrator Jesme recommended extending the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant with the MnDNR that is set to expire December 31, 2013. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize Administrator Jesme to sign Amendment No. 1 to extend the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant with the MnDNR until September 30, 2014. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a bill from R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$23,876.25 for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, Project No. 60FF. Tony Nordby discussed sloughing that occurred last year on the south bank and the method that was used to stabilize the bank. Nordby indicated that the same method was used to stabilize the north bank and felt very confident that the results will be very favorable on the north bank of the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the payment in the amount of \$23,876.25 to R.J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a quote for the purchase of a 2100 Portable Turbidimeter in the amount of \$1,075.35. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the purchase of a 2100 Portable Turbidimeter in the amount of \$1,075.35. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed a partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Wetland Enhancement on the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge. Jesme stated that the Rydell NWR is applying for a \$225,000 federal grant and needs a local cost share match. The local portion of costs for the construction of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project can be considered as a cost share match. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to approve the cost share match with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Wetland Enhancement on the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2013 Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Proposed Resolutions recommendations.

The Board reviewed the Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of Oklee and City of St. Hilaire.

The Board reviewed a letter of request from Boyd Oppegaard to withdraw Permit No. 13139, King Township, Polk County. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the withdrawal of Permit No. 13139, Boyd Oppegaard. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13140, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township; No. 13141, James Rondorf, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 13142, Marie (Roger) Hagen, Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 13143, Mike Seeger, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 13144, Minnesota Department of Transportation, North Township, Pennington County; No. 13146, Dale Kolseth, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 13147, Bob Proulx, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 13148, Lloyd E Wagner & Sons, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 13149, Horst Lesser, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; No. 13150 Jeff Benson, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 13151, Excel Township, Marshall County; and No. 13152, Donovan Dyrdal, Norden Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting held at the District office October 15, 2013.
- Included in the packet were minutes from the last three Red River Retention Authority Board meetings along with their agenda for the November 12, 2013 meeting.
- Wetland banking credits in the amount of .186 acres for the Fosston Trail Project has been officially accepted and withdrawn from our bank. All payments and fees were paid by the City of Fosston.
- Manager Torgerson and Jesme attended the BWSR Academy in Brainerd October 28-30th.
- Jesme will participate in a telephone conversation on November 18, to receive an update from Wenck Engineering and MnDNR on the Polk County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps Project.
- Manager Torgerson notified that office that he will be on vacation and will miss the next three Board meetings.

Manager Mandt asked about the status of the flooding concerns on Maple Lake.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Ose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the text.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary