

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 26, 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 Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to dispense reading of the November 14, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated November 25, 2013. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 25, 2013. Motion carried. Administrator Jesme stated that staff requested quotes from local banking institutions for the investment of two Certificate of Deposits each in the amount of \$200,000. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the purchase of Certificate of Deposit from First National Bank-Bemidji and Ultima Bank-Fosston. 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. have installed three single flat car crossings and have begun laying one of the double flat car crossings. Temporary seed and mulch was put in place to help control erosion, which will be reseeded into RIM next spring.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 3 to Davidson Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,443,546.06 for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 in the amount of \$1,443,546.06 for Davidson Construction, Inc. for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Recommended Guidelines for Tile Drainage that was approved by the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) at their November 19, 2013 meeting. Administrator Jesme stated that the RRWMB recommended that Watershed Districts review the guidelines and take them into consideration when creating their own policy.

Staff member Corey Hanson showed three videos that explain water quality as part of the Civic Engagement/Public Education for Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP).

The Board reviewed right of way violations adjacent to legal drainage systems under the jurisdiction of the District. In 2007, letters were sent to landowners explaining a statutorily mandated permanent grass strip requirement. If violations are not in compliance, the District will take measures to re-establish the grass buffer strip and the landowner will be charged. Discussion was held on the possibility of using steel posts versus the fiberglass posts currently used.

The Board reviewed a letter of complaint from Winsor Township regarding a landowner ditching along a township road right of way without prior approval or proper permits. Administrator Jesme stated that this is the second violation for this landowner. It was the consensus of the Board, that a letter should be sent to the violator in accordance to the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board on April 8, 2010.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Polk County Sheriff's Office in regard to a Polk All Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting to be held on December 10, 2013.

The Board reviewed the Zurn Agricultural Wetland Bank Plan located in Badger Township, Polk County.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Mandt, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13145, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Terrebonne and Poplar River Townships, Red Lake County; No. 13153, Darrold Rodahl, Excel Township, Marshall County; and No. 13154, Randy Myhre, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting held in West Fargo at the Red River Retention Authority office on November 19, 2013. The September 17, 2013 RRWMB minutes were included in the packet.
- Jesme participated in a FEMA DFIRM Grant telephone conference on November 18 with staff from Wenck Engineering and the MnDNR. It appears the process with FEMA is slightly slower than anticipated.
- District staff participated in a webinar with Houston Engineering on November 20, to introduce a version of the permit database upgrade that was previously approved by the Board.
- Jesme attended a meeting held by the MPCA to update project partners on new legislation that was recently passed which will require additional accountability and standards for future Clean Water Funding. MPCA also distributed an Executive Summary for Minnesota Nutrient Reduction Strategy which is presently in the comment stages. Once this plan is approved, it will serve as a guideline for the reduction of nutrients in water throughout the State.

It was the consensus of the Board to have a Tile Drainage Committee meeting on December 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Managers Knott, Tiedemann and Coe are on the committee with Manager Torgerson as an alternate.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary