

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
October 10, 2013

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

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to dispense reading of the September 26, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 9, 2013. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approves the Financial Report dated October 9, 2013. Motion carried.

Matt Fischer, BWSR Board Conservationist, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Fischer replaced Brian Dwight who took a different position with BWSR.

Engineer Jeff Langan and Sam Umlauf, Houston Engineering, Inc., discussed recent construction activities on the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Umlauf stated that the subcontractor has poured all the railroad flat car abutments with all riprap in-place. Temporary seeding is complete on some of the slopes along CSAH #64 project area and approximately 7,000 feet of excavation is complete. Umlauf also stated that another crew from Davidson Construction, Inc. is working at the outlet and due to low water levels at the Red River construction is progressing well.

The Board reviewed some recommended changes from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts regarding the need to review and amend Minnesota State Statutes Chapter 103D.

Administrator Jesme discussed some photos taken by a local landowner of littering near the Parnell Impoundment. Jesme stated that the individuals are not trespassing on private lands, but are leaving a huge mess. Discussion was held on installing access gates to minimize access to that area. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to proceed with installing access gates and to have discussion with the township prior to installation. Motion carried.

Staff member Gary Lane discussed the installation of side water inlet culverts along State Ditch 83, RLWD Project No. 14. Lane stated that a landowner wishes to have several culverts lowered. Lane stated that the culverts are designed with NRCS Specifications to prevent head cutting and recommended installing the culverts at a .05 grade. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to install the side water inlet culverts at the present elevation or a .05 grade. Motion carried.

Staff member Loren Sanderson introduced landowner, Connie Hannesson, who has some flooding concerns on Maple Lake. Also in attendance to discuss the flooding issues were, Polk County Commissioner Craig Bunes; Polk County Planning and Zoning Josh Holte; and MnDNR Staff Stephanie Klamm. Ms. Hannesson stated that they observed flooding from the

back of their lot down to the lake in April and June of 2013. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated that the area is on the north side of Maple Lake. It is not a large drainage area, but has 10 feet of fall in less than ¼ mile. Ms. Hannesson's lot is in a lower area than the two adjoining home owners, therefore water flows thru her lot. After discussion by the Board, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize staff member Loren Sanderson to contact the East Polk SWCD office to work on a potential partnership for a flood basin with the potential of acquiring a Clean Water Fund Grant through BWSR.

Administrator Jesme reviewed the tile drainage information he had collected from various watershed districts. Jesme stated that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) had requested a meeting with local watershed districts to discuss tile outlets installed along state highway road right-of-ways. It was the consensus of the Board to further address this issue at the October 24, 2013 Board meeting.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Enbridge Pipeline regarding the Sandpiper Pipeline Project.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to grant a 1-year permit extension to Emardville Township for Permit No. 11161, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13117, David Faldet, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 13126, Pennington County Highway Department, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 13127, Mark Lindholm, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 13128, Mark Lindholm, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 13129, Wallace Hoselton, Wylie Township, Red Lake County; No. 13131, Dennis O. Brinkman, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 13132, Mike Tiedemann, Belguim Township, Polk County; No. 13133, Grandstay Motel, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; and No. 13134, Jonathan Paul Iverson, Sanders Township, Pennington County. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining. President Nelson did not vote on the permits and did not participate in any discussion regarding the Grandstay Motel permit.

The Board reviewed the MAWD 2013 Annual Meeting and Trade Show to be held in Alexandria on December 5-7, 2013. Managers Tiedemann, Ose, Mandt and Coe will attend along with Administrator Jesme.

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference will be held January 14-16, 2014 in Fargo.

Administrator update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting on October 15, 2013 to be held in the District office. The September 17, 2013 RRWMB meeting minutes were included in the packet.

- Signed CRP rental agreements were received from Paul Hoff on the Louisville Parnell Project and Roger Hagen on the Brandt Channel Restoration Project. As requested by Hagen, a check in the amount of \$2,759.94 was received for the full 10 years of rent for 12.6 acres of CPR at a rate of \$22.19 per acre.
- Staff will attend the Polk County All Hazard Mitigation Planning meeting on October 14, 2013.
- MnDOT has requested a meeting with all watersheds districts in NW Minnesota to discuss tiling and permit requirements installed within MnDOT road right of way. The meeting will be held on October 15, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the District office.

Manager Torgerson discussed a letter he received from the Property Owners of Pine Lake in regard to the potential retention capability of the Pine Lake Dam.

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

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LeRoy Ose, Secretary