

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 10, 2014

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, Albert Mandt, Orville Knott and Les Torgerson. Staff Present: Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson requested to add the 2015 Budget and Salary Committee recommendations to the agenda. A motion was made Ose, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the 2015 Budget and Salary Committee recommendations. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the June 26, 2014 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated July 9, 2014. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to approve the Financial Report dated July 9, 2014. Motion carried. Manager Coe stated that a Certificate of Deposit will expire July 22, 2014 with Citizens State Bank-Roseau. Staff member Arlene Novak contacted Citizens State Bank regarding reinvesting the Certificate of Deposit at the present rate. Motion by Coe, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the reinvestment for the Certificate of Deposit with Citizens State Bank-Roseau. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. displayed photos of construction on RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175. Dalager stated that outflow from the Brandt Impoundment will be shut down on Saturday, July 12 to allow for construction to start on Monday, July 14th. Due to recent rains and the release of water from the impoundment, construction on the ditch has been delayed. Dalager estimated that the Contractor has had about 10 good working days and would like to get a contract extension on their time. Dalager felt that the Contractor would need four weeks of good weather to complete the job. It was the consensus of the Board, that there are sufficient working days available for the Contractor to complete the job within the time period allowed and that a contract extension would not be granted.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc. stated that Davidson Construction, Inc. plans to begin work in late August-early September on the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project No. 60F. Norby stated that due to the recent rains the Red River of the North has backed up into the channel up to County Road 64, therefore the Contractor is unable to resume construction. Norby also stated that construction on the diversion structure will be delayed until construction is complete on the channel. A meeting with the Contractor with the apparent low bid for construction of the diversion structure will be held on July 16, 2014 at the District office.

The Board reviewed a letter from Onstad Township, Polk County, regarding their concerns of township road conditions during construction of the Burnham Creek Project No. 43B, C and D.

Staff member Loren Sanderson who is also an Onstad Township Supervisor stated that the specifications, do not have a clause regarding maintaining the haul roads. Onstad Township is concerned with the amount of rock and gravel that will be hauled as damage could occur to the township roads. Discussion was held in regard to completing a Change Order or have the contractor submit an hourly rate sheet. Sanderson stated that MnDOT Specifications is very detailed about maintaining haul roads. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended having the Contractor submit an hourly quote form and bring it back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Red River Valley Avian Conservation Final Report for the Prairie Pothole Joint Venture from the Minnesota Audubon. The report included their findings for spring migrant and summer breeding birds for the Euclid East and Parnell Impoundments and also the Goose Lake Swamp.

The Board reviewed the Board of Water and Soil Resources Grants Quarterly newsletter and the RRRWMB newsletter.

The Minnesota Viewers Association meeting will be held July 10, 2014 in Morton, MN. District Viewers have received notice of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the April 2014 Water Quality Report.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 14064, Josh Goodyke, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 14077, Russell Emerson, Eden Township, Polk County; No. 14078, Arden Lundeen, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 14079, Wallace Reiersen, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 14081, Bruce Newhouse, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 14082, Winsor Township, Clearwater County; and No. 14083, Don Lunke, East Valley Township, Marshall County. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will be working with Administrator Jesme on a waiver or release form with the landowners that have the flat rail crossings on the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration. Sparby will attend the meeting at the District office on July 16, 2014 with the Contractor for the diversion structure on the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project No. 60F.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that the landowner within the City of Gonvick contacted District staff concerning the letter he received regarding plugging a natural drainage ditch. Manager Torgerson discussed the history of the property in question and what options would be available to him. Staff Member Gary Lane stated that he spoke with the landowner and agreed to survey the area next week.

Manager Ose stated that a concerned landowner in the Moose River Impoundment area contacted him regarding closing of the gates after they area received 3.5" of rain on Saturday night. The landowner stated that the gate tender was away for the weekend and he wasn't aware of the gates being closed. Staff member Gary Lane stated that the Gate Tender had notified the

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District that he would be gone and that Loren Sanderson had the gates closed by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

Manager Torgerson discussed the Pine Lake Informational meeting scheduled for July 24, 2014.

Manager Knott discussed the Area 1 meeting he attended and funding that is designated for flood control in the Red River Valley.

Manager Knott discussed a resolution submitted by Ottertail County for an increase in Manager's fees.

The Budget and Salary Committee discussed their recommendations to the Board for the 2015 and General Fund Budget and Salaries.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to adjourn the meeting to the July 24, 2014 Board meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Sportsman's Lodge (Pine Lake), 47574 Sportsman Drive, Gonvick, MN, to allow the Board to attend the Pine Lake Informational Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Gonvick Community Center, 170 Main Street, Gonvick, MN. Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary