

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 27, 2014

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

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the March 13, 2014 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated March 26, 2014. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated March 26, 2014. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Advisory Committee reviewed the draft Subsurface Drainage Application at their meeting held on March 17, 2014. Jesme discussed recommendations by the Advisory Committee and reviewed a Subsurface Drainage Application that was drafted by Advisory Committee member Trent Stanley. Manager Nelson discussed the Tile Drainage and Rules & Regulations Update that he attended on March 25, 2014 along with Jesme, Legal Counsel Sparby and Managers Ose and Coe that was sponsored by the Red River Watershed Management Board. Sparby discussed Tile Drainage information that was prepared by Gary Sands, University of Minnesota-Extension. It was the consensus of the Board to discuss the Subsurface Drainage Application at the April 10, 2014 meeting.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. was present to discuss the 20% Flood Reduction policy goal of the RRWMB/Red River Retention Authority and the possibility of projects on Pine Lake and Four Legged Lake. Dalager stated that as the concept evolved, the 20% Flood Reduction committee met and toured the two sites. Four Legged Lake has a historical series of lakes around Leonard, MN. The lakes are fairly shallow, with very little development around them. The goal would be to modify the outlet and to manage the lake levels for flood damage reduction. Four Legged Lake outlets into Ruffy Brook and has an 8.9 sq.mi. drainage area. The lake is currently 494 acres with an elevation of 1427.1.

Pine Lake has a drainage area of 45 sq.mi., which causes rapid increases in lake elevation, with a weir for an outlet. Summer elevation is 1283.5, with approximately one foot of bounce on the lake. Dalager stated that they could possibly design the outlet to better maintain the lake or an elevation of 1283.5. Dalager discussed three potential sites for upstream retention. All sites are low lying areas where drainage comes together with a potential of storing up to 11,470 acre feet of total system gated storage. Modification of the outlet is not a Flood Damage Reduction project in itself but with the incorporation of upstream storage the District could see considerable FDR benefits along with giving landowners on the lake additional water to maintain lake levels.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to proceed with the investigation of Four Legged Lake and Pine Lake, and authorize staff to proceed with setting up landowner informational meetings, with organization of project team meetings pending. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2015 Valuation Notices for land that the District owns in Polk. Property values increased 63%.

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton reappointed Manager Gene Tiedemann to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board with his term expiring January 1, 2018. Dayton also appointed Neil Peterson from St. Hilaire to replace Quentin Fairbanks. Peterson's term will expire February 5, 2015.

Administrator Jesme stated that there were 16 members of the Advisory Committee at the meeting held on March 17, 2014. Jesme stated that Greg Dyrdal expressed interested on being on the Advisory Board. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to add Greg Dyrdal to represent the Black River area subwatershed on the Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Government Workshop training event that will be held on April 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marshall County Courthouse. Managers Coe, Ose and Tiedemann plan to attend.

The MAWD Summer Tour will be held June 18-20, 2014 in Stillwater, MN. Managers Coe, Ose, Tiedemann and Mandt plan to attend along with Administrator Jesme.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 14005, Steven Harder, Silverton Township, Pennington County and No. 14006, Garden Valley Telephone Company. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose attended the RRRWMB meeting in Crookston on January 18th. The meeting was held in conjunction with the River Watch Forum. Included in the packet was meeting minutes from February 18, 2014.
- Jesme and Managers Coe and Ose attended the MAWD Legislative Breakfast March 19th and 20th. Jesme also attended the Association of District Administrators meeting.
- Jesme, Legal Counsel Sparby and Managers Nelson, Ose and Coe attended all or parts of the RRWMB and Red River Basin FDR Work Group Conference held in Detroit Lakes March 25-26th. The conference included a Tile Drainage and Rules & Regulations Update and also a review of rules by Louis Smith, Smith Partners PLLP.
- A Grand Marais Project team meeting is scheduled for April 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. The meeting is intended to update the Joint Board as well as the Project Team on construction details as well as development/design of the bypass/diversion structure that will be bid next month. An update on Water Quality projects in the subwatershed will be presented.

- Included in the packet was a Snow Survey map dated March 22, 2014.
- Jesme attended a One Watershed One Plan meeting on March 20th in St. Paul. The meeting was held to update the committee on various items and develop some Operating Procedures for those applying to participate in the 1W1P pilot projects that will be awarded April 21st.
- Jesme, staff member Arlene Novak, and Engineer Jeff Langan will participate in a telephone audit with staff from the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on April 2, 2014. The audit will cover funding as well as quantifying deliverables mentioned in the work plan presented in the applications.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that it appeared that the bid documents from Davidson Construction, Inc. were acceptable for construction of Ditch 15, RLWD Project No. 15.

Manager Ose discussed the Subsurface Drainage Conference he attended and the importance of educating landowners. Ose stated that the District should consider encouraging members from the Advisory Committee to attend various educational meetings with the District helping to cover expenses.

Manager Tiedemann discussed MN Board of Water and Soil Resources and his reappointment to the Board.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to adjourn the meeting to April 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Meeting Room No. 1, Marshall County Courthouse, Warren, MN to allow for the Managers to attend the Government Workshop training event. Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary