

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
Clearbrook Community Center  
May 8, 2014

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, 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 Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Tammy Audette read the April 24, 2014 Board meeting minutes. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 7, 2014. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 7, 2014. Motion carried. Staff will secure quotes for the Certificate of Deposit maturing on June 2, 2014.

The Board reviewed a letter from Rinke Noonan in regard to submitting comments to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on their jointly released proposed rules to define the scope of streams and wetlands the two agencies claim jurisdiction over for protection under the Clean Water Act. Rinke Noonan is suggesting, to have the largest group possible represented, that each county and watershed district that received the same letter contribute up to \$500 toward a joint submission of comments. If enough counties and watershed districts join in submitting joint comments, the total cost of preparing and submitting the comments will be divided equally among all clients and any funds not used will be returned equally to each client. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to contribute \$500 towards the drafting of comments to be submitted to the EPA and the Corps. Motion carried.

Staff member Jim Blix discussed problems he has been encountering with the Arc-View/Geographic Information System currently installed on his computer. Blix stated that the District purchased the current version in 2009, but did not purchase maintenance which entitles you to upgrades and technical support. The minimum cost of new software license is \$3,488.40, for an additional \$800 an extra concurrent user could be installed on a different computer. After the first year, the annual maintenance fee is \$1,000 and an additional \$200 for the concurrent license. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the purchases of the new software license and concurrent license, to include the annual maintenance fee. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated the Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc., contacted him in regard to Change Order No. 2 for the Grand Marais Creek Chanel Restoration Project No. 60F in the amount of \$39,005.75. Jesme stated that the change order is for treated lumber to be added to three rail road flat car bridges due to load transfer concerns. Motion by Knott,

seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$39,005.75 for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project No. 60F. Motion carried.

A pre-construction conference for the rain garden at the Ralph Engelstad Arena is scheduled for May 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dakota Room of Ralph Engelstad Arena.

The Board reviewed the City of Oklee Wellhead Protection Planning process.

The Board reviewed a letter from Enbridge Energy Company, Inc. regarding the Line 3 Replacement Project along an existing pipeline from Joliette, North Dakota to Clearbrook, Minnesota.

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. 14011, Robert Finstand, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 14018, City of Thief River Falls, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 14019, 14020, and 14021, Todd Stanley, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 14022 and 14023, Todd Stanley, Espelie Township, Marshall County; No. 14025, Jerima Glanzer, Smiley Township, Pennington County; 14026, Tri River Museum, Emarville Township, Red Lake County; No. 14027, Harold Arneson, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 14028, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 14029, Pennington County, Smiley Township; No. 14030, Ernest Kolling, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 14031, Steven Muzzy, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 14032, Todd Wieland, Polk Centre, Pennington County; and, No. 14034 and 14035, Minnesota Department of Transportation, North Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting in Ada on May 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.
- Euclid East, Brandt and Parnell Impoundments are all drawn down. The Moose River Impoundment has a long way to go to be drawn down. Pine Lake inflows have subsided and stop-logs are at summer level.
- Permits for the Burnham Creek Project required under WCA have been applied for and are presently waiting for review from TEP.
- Jesme and Manager Tiedemann attended a Model Watershed District Rules and Guidance meeting on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with various representatives of the Red River Basin Watershed Districts to review permit rules drafted by Louis Smith on behalf of the RRWMB. Jesme recommends the Tile Drainage Committee to meet and review the entire document prior to distribution to the Board as a whole.
- Construction on RLWD Ditch 15 has been delayed by a week due to weather conditions and permitting. It is the intent of the contractor to possibly complete the pot holing for the PKM buried cable on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Administrator Jesme stated that the LCCMR Grant which includes the cattail management project presented by Dan Svedarsky has made it through the conference committee and is waiting for signature.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District received the settlement portion on State Ditch #83 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for 2012 and 2013 in the amount of \$32,000.

Administrator Jesme further discussed construction of RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175. Jesme stated that Craig Jarnot, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is going to propose that the District mitigate the 3.5 acres of wetlands at a 1:1 ratio since the wetlands in question do not fall under the State WCA rules.

Staff member Loren Sanderson will be meeting with Heidi Hughes to review sites for potential kiosks at District Impoundments for bird watching.

Engineer Nate Dalager discussed the Pine Lake and Judicial Ditch 5 (Four Legged Lake) Informational meetings to be held later this evening.

Manager Torgerson stated that he regretted that he would not be able to attend the informational meetings this evening, but asked that we relay to the audience why he is not attending.

President Nelson stated that the Budget and Salary Committee is recommending a \$1.00/hour raise for staff member Nick Olson on his one year employment anniversary date. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to approve the \$1.00/hour raise for Nick Olson starting with May 19<sup>th</sup> pay period. Motion carried.

President Nelson stated that the Board will recess until 6:30 p.m. to allow the Board to attend the Pine Lake Informational meeting, with the Judicial Ditch 5 (Four Legged Lake) informational meeting starting at 8:00 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., President Nelson reconvened the Board meeting to allow the Board to participate in the informational meetings for the Pine Lake and Judicial Ditch 5 (Four Legged Lake) Projects. Engineer Nate Dalager, Houston Engineering, Inc. presented information to the public on potential projects for Pine Lake and Judicial Ditch 5 (Four Legged Lake). Dalager answered questions from the Board and landowners in attendance.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary