

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 9, 2014

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

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made Ose, seconded by Torgerson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the September 25, 2014 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated October 8, 2014. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated October 8, 2014. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed recent construction activities on RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175. Administrator Jesme stated that they asked Davidson Construction, Inc. to hold off on lowering the culverts through township road at Station 501+36 until the local landowners harvested the beets. Jesme stated that in his opinion, this would not delay the contractor's completion date as they still had 2.5 miles of channel to excavate. Manager Tiedemann stated that all beets in that area have been harvested. A meeting with the Contractor will be held on October 14, 2014.

Administrator Jesme discussed construction activities on the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No.'s 43B, C and D, Phases 1-4. The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2 for construction of the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No.'s 43B, C and D, Phases 1-4 in the amount of \$83,541.50. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$83,541.50 to Wright Construction, Inc., for construction of the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No.'s 43B, C and D, Phases 1-4. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on public hunting on District property. Manager Tiedemann stated the Euclid East Impoundment has a portable tree stand located in the middle of the impoundment. The District owns 160 acres within the Euclid East Impoundment, but there is adjacent property that is not owned by the District. Motion by Ose, seconded by Mandt, to allow public access on District property, with no permanent stands or motorized vehicles allowed and that staff should post property accordingly to assure no trespassing on adjacent private lands and that signs include entry is at their own risk. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that efforts have been made to remedy the Gonvick drainage dispute. Staff member Gary Lane spoke with the adjacent landowner, who stated that he would be willing to wait until the spring of 2015 to see if the installation of tile is acceptable. Administrator

Jesme will submit a letter to the landowner stating that District staff will monitor the work completed through the spring to see if the area drains properly.

Administrator Jesme stated that District needs to appoint a Policy Committee Representative and Advisory Committee Representatives for the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to appoint Manager Tiedemann to the Policy Committee and Managers Nelson and Knott to the Advisory Committee for the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan. Motion carried.

The Board discussed statutory requirements that allow for electronic attendance for Board members that would be absent from a District Board meeting. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that there are laws in place where the absent Board member would have to be seen by the public and would also have to be able to see the screen during any presentations. Discussion was held on the use of Ipads. Manager Torgerson asked that the Board consider the use of electronic attendance to be put in place and for the Board to give it some consideration. It was the consensus of the Board to bring back more information and discuss at a future Board meeting.

The MAWD Annual meeting will be held at the Arrowwood Conference Center December 4-6, 2014.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 14172, Jeffrey Genereux, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 14173, Cole Nymann, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 14174, Douglas Peterson, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No. 14175, Brian Lundeen, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 14177, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 14178, Pennington County Highway Department, Silverton Township, Pennington County; No. 14180, Brian Espeseth, Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 14181, Ben Bagaason, Roosevelt Township, Beltrami County; No. 14182, Anderson-Tronning Farms, Inc., Roome Township, Polk County; No. 14183, Roger Olson, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 14184, Pennington County Highway Department, Silverton Township, Pennington County; No. 14185, Pennington County Highway Department, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 14186, TRF Radio, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 14187, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 14188, Pennington County Highway Department, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 14189, Debra Dietz, North Township, Pennington County; No. 14191, Sorvig Family, LLP, Polk Centre Township, Pennington County; No. 14192 and 14193, Dale Kolseth, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 14197, Agder Township, Marshall County; No. 14198, Eugene Wiskow, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; No. 14199, Mike Tiedemann, Euclid Township, Polk County; and No. 14200, Mike Tiedemann, Belguim Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting in Karlstad on October 21, 2014.

- The Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting will be held at the District office on November 22, 2014.
- Jesme will be participating in a panel for the One Watershed One Plan at the BWSR Academy held October 28-30th.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he felt that Board made a good decision to appoint two Board Members to the Advisory Board for the One Watershed One Plan to help guide the process.

Manager Knott distributed Briefing Paper #3 from the Red River of the North Basin regarding surface drainage. Knott stated he would like the Board members to review the document for discussion at the October 23, 2014 Board meeting.

The Board discussed permitting for tile drainage. Manager Nelson suggested that the District incorporate into the permitting rules and regulations to recognize downstream maintenance when issuing tile drainage permits.

Manager Coe stated that MAWD will begin working on a salary survey throughout Watershed District's in Minnesota.

Manager Torgerson discussed the status of appointing landowners for the Four Legged Lake and Pine Lake Area Project Work Teams. Torgerson spoke with landowner Juan (Tucker) Johnson, who would be willing to participate and also Steve Thompson. Thompson is interested but was concerned if it would be conflict of interest due to the fact that he owns several gravel pits in the area. Torgerson has been in contact with Sportsman Clubs in the area and is waiting for a response from them.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to appoint Patricia Olson and Karen Gebhardt, to represent local landowners on the Four Legged Lake Project Work Team. Motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board, to appoint the Pine Lake Area Project Work team members at the October 23, 2014 Board meeting.

Discussion was held on the placement of access gates at the Parnell Impoundment, Project No. 81. It was the consensus of the Board for Manager Tiedemann and staff member Loren Sanderson review the area and report back to the Board with their recommendations.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary