

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 22, 2015

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, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, and Gene Tiedemann. Absent: Les Torgerson. Staff Present: Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson requested the addition of Permit No. 15124, Pederson Brothers, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lake County. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of Permit No. 15124. Motion carried.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to dispense reading of the October 8, 2015 Board meeting minutes and approve as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 21, 2015. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the Financial Report dated October 21, 2015. Motion carried.

President Nelson stated District Staff were made aware that the current staff dental insurance is a very old dental insurance plan. A new dental plan was reviewed that offers twice the benefit amount, however, the employee's annual deductible would increase from \$25 to \$50. This new plan would offer an increase of coverage and cost the District \$2.25 a month less than the current plan. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the new District Staff dental plan effective December 1, 2015. Motion carried.

President Nelsons stated that the District was contacted by the Polk County Government Center in regard to the possible acquisition of 10 acres of tax forfeited property located in Section 7, Belgium Township, Polk County. It was also shared that the asking price from the County was in the amount of \$100.00. It was also mentioned that under State law, tax forfeit land can be first sold to local units of government and if this does not occur, the property must then be offered to the State of Minnesota for a determination if there is public value for the State. Since the property is located within the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D and the District currently holds a flowage easement on this property, discussion was had that a fee title purchase would be at the best interest of the District to assure no future issues would arise in operation and maintenance of the Brandt Impoundment. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to submit a letter to the Polk County Board indicating the District's desire to purchase the 10 acres of tax forfeited property located within the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D in the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an agreement between the District and the Red Lake County Central Independent School District for the River Watch Program. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to authorize President Nelson to sign the River Watch Agreement with the Red Lake County Central Independent School District. Motion carried

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve a one year permit extension for Permit No. 14211 and 14212, Joe Stroot, Belgium Township, Polk County. Motion carried. The expiration date will be October 28, 2016.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 15144 and No. 15145, Harlow G. Johnson, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 15146, Dave Sjulestad, Clover Leaf Township, Pennington County; No. 15147, Trent Stanley, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; No. 15148, Pennington County Highway Department, Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 15149, Dennis Salentiny, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 15150, John Garry, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 15151, Joseph Stroot, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 15152, Richard and Tawny Hegland, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 15153, Curtis W. Tieman, Kratka Township, Pennington County; No. 15154, Jon Meyer, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 15155, Daniel Caillier, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 15156, Kelly Dahlen, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 15157, David Dahlen, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 15158, Robair, LLC and Seashores, LLC, Kratka Township, Pennington County; No. 15159, David Shand, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; and No. 15160, Troy Pribyl, Emardville Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request to table Permit No. 15124, Pederson Brothers, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lake County, in order to allow for further review. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to table Permit No. 15124, Pederson Brothers, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Staff member Nick Olson discussed three sites on the dredged portion of the Clearwater River under the jurisdiction of the District that are in need of having tree and snag removal. Olson stated that Triple D Construction has a backhoe with a thumb that would be able to remove trees and snags from the river. He also noted that clearing of the right of way would also be required to access the site. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize District Staff to hire Triple D Construction at an hourly rate for removal of trees and snags from the dredged portion of the Clearwater River, RLWD Project No. 3. Motion carried. District staff will monitor the working hours.

Staff member Nick Olson stated that four side water inlet culverts were installed on State Ditch 83, RLWD Project No. 14. Lunke Construction is currently working on removing trees from the right of way and sediment from the ditch in Section 32, East Valley Township, Marshall County.

Nathan Nordlund, Clearwater SWCD, presented a funding request for installation of bio-engineering with core logs for the Aakre Pine Lake Shoreline Protection Project, located in Section 27, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County. Nordby stated that the total project cost is \$7,450.00, with 75% of the cost-share secured through a Clean Water Fund grant and the remaining balance paid by the landowner and a request for funding in the amount of \$933.00 through the District's Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to approve cost share in the amount of \$933.00 for the installation of bio-engineering with core logs for the Aakre Pine Lake Shoreline Protection Project from the 2015 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD 164. Motion carried.

President Nelson inquired of Nathan Nordby, Clearwater SWCD, of any possible sites for Flood Damage Reduction Projects. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. stated that until the NRCS paperwork is completed for funding for the Pine Lake Area, RLWD Project No. 26 and the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A, progress on either project will be held up.

Manager Coe discussed a Local Governmental Round Table meeting he attended in St. Paul. Coe stated that the MnDNR Public Waters Maps will not be available until July 2016. Counties and Watersheds throughout the State will need to provide information to the MnDNR to be able to complete the mapping. Discussion was held on the potential of the State requiring enforcement of buffers on all wetlands.

The Board reviewed the August 2015 Water Quality Report.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to adjourn them meeting. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Ose". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary