

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 8, 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, Les Torgerson, LeRoy Ose, and Gene Tiedemann. Absent: Lee Coe. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 7, 2015. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Ose, to approve the Financial Report dated October 7, 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Torgerson, to dispense reading of the September 24, 2015 Board meeting minutes and approve as printed. Motion carried.

Brian Malone, Pennington SWCD presented information on the repair along two erosion sites within the banks of the Thief River referred to as: Thief River Cut-Off Project and Thief River Golf Club Green #5. Malone stated the Thief River Cut-Off Project site was identified as a potential project by Dave Friedl, MnDNR, and District staff member Corey Hanson to avoid cutting of the riverbank and creation of an oxbow. Malone stated that the site is currently blocked with debris; installation of a dike will prevent the cutting of the riverbank. Malone stated that a contractor has been secured for a total construction cost of \$11,345, which is the funding amount requested from the District. Malone stated that the Pennington SWCD applied for a Clean Water Fund Grant for repair of the river bank near the golf course and has referred to that project as Thief River Golf Club Green #5 site. Approximately 150 feet of streambank needs to be stabilized at this location with possible retaining wall or reslope of the channel. Cost of the project is \$30,000, with a request from the District of \$12,500 and the remaining balance to be paid for by Pennington SWCD and Thief River Golf Club. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Knott, to approve funding of the Thief River Cut-Off Project in the amount of \$11,345 and the Thief River Golf Club Green #5 site in the amount of \$12,500, from the District's Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

President Nelson questioned Brian Malone about the procedure for getting cost share for the installation of side water inlet culverts on various ditch systems within Pennington County. Malone indicated that he was contacted by Pennington County as Ditch Authority about these issues but was too late to include for this year's grant application through the Clean Water Fund process.

Administrator Jesme stated that the RRWMB requested and was awarded \$400,000 from the State of Minnesota for the construction of ring dikes. Jesme stated that the prior funding breakdown for ring dike construction was: State of Minnesota, 50%; RRWMB, 25%; RLWD, 12.5%; Landowner, 12.5%. The District has four landowners that are interested and qualify for

installation of a ring dike. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to participate in the construction of Ring Dike funding using the funding breakdown of 12.5% cost share from both the District and landowner, RLWD Project No. 129. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District was recently informed that the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians own real property within the Four Legged Lake FDR project area, RLWD Project No. 102A. Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., participated in a meeting along with staff from the Red Lake DNR and Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians' Tribal Council. Jesme stated that the meeting went well, and it appears the two parties have common goals which include not losing any more land to water and to keep water levels near or slightly lower than we have seen in the past few years. Manager Torgerson inquired as to the status of the project. Jesme indicated that the project is on hold until the District receives NRCS funding approval for engineering. Jesme and Dalager are working on submitting the funding application to the NRCS.

Administrator Jesme stated that there are several areas being developed within the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction-Water Management District, RLWD Project No. 171A. Due to the re-zoning of these areas, GIS mapping needs to be changed on several parcels. Jesme indicated that he had contacted former staff member, Jim Blix, as to his availability to assist staff member, Ashley Hitt, in developing the GIS files. Blix's consulting fee would be \$70.00 per hour. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the hiring of Jim Blix to assist in development of the GIS files for the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction-Water Management District, RLWD Project No. 171A at a consulting rate of \$70.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that on October 2, 2015, one of four hard drives crashed in the District's server. No data was lost, but the server warranty has expired. Jesme stated that the cost of the drive is approximately \$300, but the District will see additional expense for installation and set-up.

Staff member Loren Sanderson discussed Permit No. 15069, Joel Ross, Crookston Township, Polk County. Sanderson stated that the applicant completed additional work beyond the scope of the original permit. Sanderson worked with the applicant, adjoining landowners and the township to come to an agreeable consensus, therefore adding additional conditions to the original application. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve amending Permit No. 15069, Joel Ross, Crookston Township, Polk County, to include the additional conditions. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 15127, Brian Stanley, Benville Township, Beltrami County; No. 15130 and 15131, Todd Stanley, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 15132, Lee Thoreson, Roome Township, Polk County; No. 15133, Dean Hanson, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 15134, Mike Tiedemann, Brandt Township, Polk County; No. 15135, Herb Torstveit, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 15136, Dale Kolseth, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 15137, Donovan Majeres, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 15138, Travis Shimpa, Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 15139, Darrel Nelson, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 15140, Pauline Ann Gustafson, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 15141, Rick Cole,

Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 15142, Jim Normandin, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; and No. 15143, Greg Hallstrom, Black River Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme indicated that the November 26, 2015, Board meeting date falls on Thanksgiving Day. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to change the November 26, 2015 Board meeting to November 24, 2015. Motion carried.

The MAWD 2015 Annual Meeting and Trade Show will be held December 3-5, 2015, at the Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will not be present at the October 22, 2015 Board meeting, as he will be attending a conference.

Manager Torgerson stated that he will be gone from the area until December 22, 2015.

Manager Tiedemann stated that he has a copy of the Pheasants Summit action plan if other's wish to review it.

Administrators Report:

- The October 20, 2015 RRWMB Board meeting will be held in the District office.
- Jesme and Engineer Dalager met with Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indian's Tribal Council member Al Pemberton, and Red Lake MnDNR staff member, Shane Bowe, in regard to the proposed Four Legged Lake FDR Project on September 28th.
- Jesme attended a 1W1P Planning Meeting on September 29th in Red Lake Falls. The meeting was intended to assure all programs and goals that are being used by Counties, SWCD's and Watershed Districts are listed in the draft plan. Jesme also participated in a telephone conference on October 5th to get an overview of what will be covered during the TAC webinar to be held on October 21st. Included in the packet was a memo dated September 15th from BWSR on other 1W1P Pilot Projects.
- Staff member Corey Hanson attended a Thief River Watershed Restoration and Protection (WRAP) Technical Advisory Committee meeting on September 30th at the District office. Hanson gave an overview of data that was completed this fall and compared previous data, which will assist in writing of the TMDL for this watershed. Time was also spent on reviewing the restoration and protection strategy which will result in finalizing the WRAP report.
- Staff member Loren Sanderson is celebrating his birthday today.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary