

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 28, 2016

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, Gene Tiedemann, LeRoy Ose, Allan Page, Terry Sorenson, Lee Coe and Les Torgerson Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Administrator Jesme requested the addition of the Miller Dam Repair Quotes to the agenda. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Miller Dam Repair Quotes. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the April 14, 2016 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated April 27, 2016. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the Financial Report dated April 27, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter of request from the Gully Area Sportsmen's Club for funding assistance to replace a Dissolved Oxygen meter for testing oxygen levels on Pine Lake. Replacement parts are not available for the current meter. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Coe, to approve the funding assistance with the Gully Area Sportsmen's Club for the purchase of a new Dissolved Oxygen meter in the amount of \$840.00 for testing of oxygen levels in an effort to support water quality on Pine Lake, with the monies coming from the District's Water Quality funds, RLWD Project No. 46. Motion carried.

Jon Clemetson and Travis Nelson appeared before the Board to discuss the City of Erskine Memorial Park which is adjacent to Cameron Lake. In 1977, the City of Erskine installed a dike to create a swimming area for the community. An earthen dike was constructed with the addition of fabric, gravel and boulders to help prevent erosion. Mr. Clemetson stated that the American Legion has since planted trees, installed benches, picnic shelters and a brick walking path with memorial bricks around the perimeter of the swimming area. Due to wind and wave action and ice movement from Cameron Lake, along with the damage caused by muskrats, erosion has appeared on the outer edge of the swimming pool/embankment area. Clemetson and Nelson requested the assistance of the District to help determine the appropriate repairs and funding assistance if available. Clemetson has contacted the East Polk SWCD to inquire about funding assistance. Currently the SWCD has no funding available, but the deadline to request funding through the Clean Water Funds is June 10, 2016. It was the consensus of the Board, to authorize the District staff to survey the embankment to determine the needed repairs and estimated costs, and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the Clearwater County Amended Comprehensive Water Plan. A complete copy of the plan is available upon request.

The Board reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement between the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). Administrator Jesme stated that due to a shortage of staff within the Corps, the Corps is requesting funding assistance from the RRWMB to hire additional staff that would work strictly on permit applications within the RRWMB area. Manager Ose stated that there are currently 14 Corps permit applications within the RRWMB just for the RCPP agreements with the NRCS. Ose further stated that a specific Corps staff member would be earmarked for each permit application as the permitting process moves forward. Motion by Ose, seconded by Torgerson, to request the RRWMB to pursue the Memorandum of Agreement with the Corps to hire additional staff to work directly with projects within the RRWMB, and that the RRWMB agree to cover the funds requested. Motion carried.

Nathan Nordlund and Nick Phillips, Clearwater SWCD, presented two livestock exclusion projects; one along the Clearwater River and the other along the Lost River. Nordlund stated that landowner Steven Wraa, located in Section 4, Sinclair Township, has completed logging on his property to increase his cattle production. The project would include 1¼ miles of fencing to exclude the cattle from entering the Clearwater River. The total project cost is \$11,698, with a request of \$3,000 from the District's 2016 Erosion Control Funds. The Tom Anderson project, located in Section 25, Pine Lake Township, would exclude cattle along the Lost River, with the installation of fencing and a watering system for an alternative water source. The total project cost is \$9,885.75, with a request of \$3,000 from the District's 2016 Erosion Control Funds. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the request of the Clearwater SWCD for funding assistance in the amount of \$3,000 for each of the Steven Wraa Project and the Tom Anderson Project, from the 2016 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. updated the Board on the Pine Lake Area Project, RLWD Project No. 26. Dalager stated that the Project Team is focusing on Sites C1, D, E and F. Site F is located within Little Pine Lake and is part of a WMA with the structure operated by the MnDNR. Site F would not require changes to the structure, but would involve a change in the Operating Plan. Manager Torgerson questioned if Dalager had looked at any sites further upstream of the current sites. Dalager commented that he determined there were no additional sites upstream with adequate drainage area that would be required.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. updated the Board on the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A. The Project Work Team did have a request from the Clearwater County Engineer to lower the outlet pipe to reduce the pressure off of the county road. Dalager reiterated that both the Pine Lake Area Project and the Four Legged Lake Project will be working through the NRCS development, and will continue with the RCPP funding process.

At 10:00 a.m., President Nelson stated that the bid opening for the repairs to the Latendresse Dam, RLWD Project No. 50B would be conducted. Legal Counsel Sparby noted the time and that all bid proposals had been accepted by the 10:00 a.m. bid closing. Bids were opened and bid amounts were publicly announced and are on file at the office District office. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe and passed by unanimous vote to accept the apparent low bid from Brummund Excavating in the amount of \$80,717.70 for repairs to the Latendresse Dam, RLWD Project No. 50B, contingent upon the audit and review of the bids and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby, District staff, and Project Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc.

The Board reviewed quotes received for repairs to the Miller Dam, RLWD Project No. 50C. Motion by Coe, seconded Page, to accept the low quote from Paul Zavoral, Inc. dba Higher Ground, in the amount of 55,026.08 for repairs to the Miller Dam, RLWD Project No. 50C. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme requested the addition of landowners Dave Dalager and Jim Sparby to the District's Advisory Committee. Dalager would represent the Pine Lake area, with Sparby representing the Thief River area. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the appointment of Dave Dalager and Jim Sparby to the RLWD Advisory Committee. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the MN Department of Commerce regarding the notice of availability of scoping DAW and draft scope for the Sandpiper Pipeline and Line 3 Replacement Projects and schedule for EIS Scoping meetings.

The MAWD Summer Tour will be held June 22-24, 2016 in Winona, MN.

The Board reviewed the permit for approval. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: 16010, Darwin Boutain, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 16016, Ben Myers, North Township, Pennington County; No. 16017, Polk County Highway Department, Knute Township; No. 16018, Gervais Township, Red Lake County; No. 16019, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 16021, Ray Kuznia, Norden Township, Pennington County/ Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme reviewed a letter he received from the Pennington County Highway Department regarding a tile system that was installed in Section 14, Mayfield Township, with no adequate outlet for the water, therefore allowing standing water along a Pennington County road. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize District staff to investigate the area and report back to the Board.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose attended the RRWMB meeting held March 15, 2016 at the Sandhill River Watershed District. Included in the packet was the March 15, 2016, RRWMB meeting minutes.

- Jesme and Staff member Corey Hanson will take part in a telephone conference concerning the draft 1W1P review. There appears to be a lot of questions and changes recommended to the draft plan.
- Jesme and Staff member Tammy Audette will participate in a telephone conference with BWSR staff to discuss the BWSR Summer Tour which will be held in the Red River Valley. The tour will feature the Grand Marais Cut Channel as well as the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project among other projects funded by BWSR.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the BWSR Summer Tour that will be held August 24-25, 2016.

Manager Torgerson discussed efforts to preserve a historical bridge located in Clearwater County. Torgerson questioned whether the District would have any interest in assisting the county. It was noted that the District would not see any opposition to preserving the bridge, with no adverse effects, but would not be able to help fund it.

Manager Page commented about the proposed installation of wind turbines for renewable energy located southwest of the City of Red Lake Falls.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary