

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 27, 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 Allan Page, Terry Sorenson, Lee Coe, Les Torgerson, Dale M. Nelson and LeRoy Ose. Absent: Gene Tiedemann. Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to dispense reading of the October 13, 2016 Board meeting minutes and approve them as corrected. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 26, 2016. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Page, to approve the Financial Report dated October 26, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) response of submittal for the draft Red Lake River 1W1P for the 60 day review period. BWSR highly recommends adding the creation of Water Management Districts for the entire planning area into the report in the event a Water Management District is required within the Red Lake River subwatershed.

Administrator Jesme stated that he attended a NRCS RCPP meeting on October 25, 2016, to discuss funding procedures as well as attend a learning session presented by NRCS staff on how to proceed through the RCPP process. This learning session is for the Pine Lake Area Project, RLWD Project No. 26 and the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., is participating in Jesme's position today as the meeting was a day two event.

The Board reviewed correspondence from landowner Carol Thompson in regard to the establishment and maintenance of Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM), as part of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Administrator Jesme stated that landowners who participated in RIM sign-up, had the option to maintain the RIM acreage themselves and retain the RIM establishment payment, or turn over the establishment payment to the District, and the District would be responsible for maintaining the RIM acreage. Landowner Carol Thompson elected to turn the RIM establishment payment over to the District for future RIM acre maintenance. As the payments come in and for future tracking, District staff will develop a map showing what lands and landowners elected to have the District maintain their RIM acres.

The Board reviewed the October 20, 2016 meeting summary for the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Project, RLWD Project No. 159.

The Board reviewed the Notice of Decision to Revise and Update the Beltrami County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Page, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 16136, David Hoppe, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 16138, David Faldet, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 16140, Matt Stenberg, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 16143, Brent Strand, Lambert, Lessor and Badger Townships, Red Lake and Polk County's; No. 16144, Alice Bluemke, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 16145, 16148 and 16149, Jeremiah Johnson, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 16146 and 16147, Jeremiah Johnson, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 16151, Cole Goodwin, Tabor Township, Polk County; No. 16152, David Norberg, Equality Township, Red Lake County; and No. 16157, Brady Lee, Badger Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that he participated in a Kick-Off meeting on October 19, 2016 for the Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). Representatives from Marshall, Beltrami and Pennington County attended, along with BWSR staff, to begin the process of a Memorandum of Agreement for the Thief River 1W1P.

President Nelson and Administrator Jesme indicated that meetings had been held with three landowners in the Black River subwatershed area to discuss Expanded Distributed Detention Strategy for a possible retention site that would contribute towards the 20% Flood Reduction on the Red River. Discussion was held on entering into agreements with the landowners for an option to purchase said land or an option to enter into an easement agreement. Administrator Jesme stated that if the District and landowners reach an agreement, the District would then form a Project Work Team to move forward with a potential flood damage reduction project.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to authorize President Nelson, the authority to negotiate land acquisition or flowage easements with three landowners located in the Black River subwatershed which could then be used for a potential flood damage reduction site as shown in the Expanded Distributed Detention Strategy for 20% Flood Damage Reduction strategy on the Red River. If an Option to Purchase property is agreed to, the sale price would be determined using a rate of 20% above the taxable market value as shown on Pennington County tax statement. If a landowner chooses to enter into Flowage Easement Option, the price would be 80% of the 20% above the taxable market value. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the option to offer earnest money, to the landowners, upon signing the Agreement for Option to Purchase and/or Option for Flowage Easement. Legal Counsel Sparby indicated that the earnest money the landowners would receive upon signing of the agreements, should be subtracted from the final purchase price if the project proceeds. It was discussed that if the District does not proceed with the project or exercise the Option to Purchase said property by June 30, 2017, the District would forego the earnest money paid to the landowners as compensation for tying up their property during the option period. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to authorize President Nelson, the authority to offer up to \$15,000 earnest money, per

landowner, to have the exclusive right and option to purchase and/or easement option for said property. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the work completed on the District's parking lot. Managers Nelson and Sorenson will make calls to the Contractor in regard to repairs to the low areas in the asphalt.

Manager Torgerson discussed the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A. Administrator Jesme stated that staff with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been receiving calls from landowners in the area in regard to lake levels.

A meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. today with staff from Davidson Construction, Inc., City of Erskine and HDR Engineering, Inc. to discuss construction on the City of Erskine Memorial Park, RLWD Project No. 164.

Manager Page conveyed his appreciation for the presentation that staff member, Loren Sanderson, gave at the Red Lake County Township Annual Meeting.

Repairs to the rock chute at the outlet of Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 10 should be completed by Davidson Construction, Inc. by October 28, 2016. Funding for the repairs will be allocated from the District's Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to adjourn the 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