

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 11, 2017

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

President Nelson welcomed Brian Dwight to the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers. Manager Dwight replaced Lee Coe who did not seek re-appointment to the Board representing Beltrami County.

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

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to dispense reading of the April 27, 2017 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated May 10, 2017. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the Financial Report dated May 10, 2017. Motion carried.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., stated that the surveying is complete on the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 176, with staff currently working on the design of inlet ditches and modeling. Nordby stated that due to the drop in elevations, they have included several rock drop structures into the design of the project. Once all the information is completed, a Project Work Team meeting will be scheduled. Nordby stated that several landowners had inquired about adding additional drainage area near County Road 12 into the project. After further investigation, it was determined that with additional ditching, approximately 2.4 sq.mi. could be added to the project area. Discussion was held on the potential of wetland banking credits, flowage easements and the purchase of land where the dike will be placed. The Board discussed the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline date with the landowners within the impoundment area. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby will research notice provisions relating to the exercise of the option with the landowners and report back to the Board. The Board viewed the drone fly over that was submitted to the RRWMB for Step 1 funding consideration.

The Board reviewed information from BWSR on the Model Watershed District Buffer Rule Implementation and Guidance documents. Further discussion was held on cost share assistance for the installation of buffer strips.

Administrator Jesme discussed the MAWD Strategic Planning update and the hiring of an Executive Director and Lobbyist due to the retirement of Ray and Peg Bohn. The MAWD Bylaws have been revised, with the recommended changes to be presented to the MAWD voting members at the MAWD meeting on June 21, 2017.

Administrator Jesme reviewed two quotes received for the purchase of a new server for the District office, Minkota Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$18,499.50, and Marco in the amount of \$16,631.15. Jesme noted that the staff did not recommend the purchase of a rack cabinet from Marco. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the purchase of a Cisco Server, APC Smart-UPS, and Meraki Access Point from Marco, at a cost of \$16,631.15. Motion carried. Jesme indicated that the cost includes an estimated cost for Professional Services, with the actual labor to be billed on a time and materials basis.

The Board reviewed the City of McIntosh Wellhead Protection Plan, Part 1.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 17032, Mark Vettleson, Lambert Township, Red Lake County; No. 17038, Pennington County Highway Department, Bray Township, Pennington County; No. 17033, 17034, 17035, and 17036, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 17039, Pennington County Highway Department, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 17040, Pennington County Highway Department, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 17041, Justin Ross Vandestreek, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 17042, Dayne Efta, Excel Township, Marshall County; No. 17043, Butch Berberich, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; 17045, Joey Vettleson, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 17046 and 17047, Keith Swenson, Lambert Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

#### Administrators Update:

- Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB meeting in Fertile on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Jesme will not be attending as interviews will be held at the District office for the Thief River 1W1P consultant firms.
- Three firms submitted Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Thief River 1W1P. The Planning Group reviewed the proposals and determined two firms would move onto the interview stage of the process. The Planning Group and Chairman of the Policy Committee will interview the two firms on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and present their recommendations to the Policy Committee on May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Jesme, Managers Sorenson and Torgerson, and Engineer Nate Dalager met with a select group of landowners on Site E of Pine Lake along with landowners along the southwest basin of the Four Legged Lake Project on April 28<sup>th</sup>. These meetings were held in preparation for the upcoming Project Work Team meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>, with Pine Lake held at 9:30 a.m. and the Four Legged Lake at 11:00 a.m. at the District office.
- Jesme will attend a FEMA Flood Risk Review meeting on May 18 at the MnDNR office in TRF. The meeting is a direct result of the FEMA D/FIRM Grant, Project No. 172 that the District applied for to better map the floodplain along the Red Lake River from East Grand Forks to TRF.
- Jesme, staff member Olson and Legal Counsel Sparby will attend the MN Public Drainage Manual conference on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Moorhead.
- Summer employee Marissa Newton will begin work on May 15<sup>th</sup> to assist in the Water Quality Department. Logan Engelstad was hired to assist in the various surveying activities this summer. Logan will begin work on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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- Included in the packet was the March 2017 Water Quality Report. Administrator Jesme discussed Staff member Corey Hanson's March 2017 Water Quality Report, pointing out the comments from the MPCA regarding the Tiered Aquatic Life Uses (TALU).

Manager Tiedemann stated that a beaver dam was removed from the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, 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.

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LeRoy Ose, Secretary