

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 12, 2018

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

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

The Board reviewed the June 28, 2018 minutes. Motion by Page, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the June 28, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated July 11, 2018. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to approve the Financial Report dated July 11, 2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the Investment Summary dated July 11, 2018. Discussion was held on the investment of funds into a Certificate of Deposit. Novak discussed various interest rates with local banking institutions. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Torgerson, to purchase two Certificate of Deposits, each for \$200,000, from Unity Bank CDARS program from funds in the Northern State Bank checking account. Motion carried.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the General Fund Budget as of June 30, 2018.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed the Capital Projects Budget. Discussion was held on funding for the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, and the Thief River Falls West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 178. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the RRWMB Technical Advisory Committee's (TAC) review of both projects and the possible use of the Black River Impoundment Project as mitigation for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project funding.

Chester Powell and Jamin Carlson, Clearwater SWCD, appeared before the Board to request funding from the District's Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164 for the installation of four side water inlet culverts/grade stabilizations along the Lost River on Branch 2 of Judicial Ditch 72, located in Section 20, Winsor Township. Powell requested a 25% cost share of the estimated cost of \$28,811. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Dwight, to approve the cost share request of the Clearwater SWCD for 25% of the estimated \$28,811 from the District's 2018 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried. Administrator Jesme stated that if the redetermination of benefits of J.D. 72, RLWD Project No. 41, is not completed by November 1st, the Joint Ditch Authority will ask for an extension through BWSR for installation of buffer strips.

Administrator Myron Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., discussed the Red River Retention Authority meeting they attended to discuss the NRCS RCPP funding process. Dalager stated that a letter will be drafted to the NRCS, requesting additional funding to complete the NRCS RCPP process for the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 26.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., stated that the Four-Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102 has out-lived the NRCS RCPP process. Dalager stated that the Board previously authorized Dalager to complete a Preliminary Engineer's Report. It was the consensus of the Board, to have Dalager present the Four-Legged Lake, RLWD Project No. 102A Preliminary Engineer's Report at the July 26, 2018 Board meeting.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. stated that prior to scheduling a hearing for the Thief River Falls West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Project No. 178, the District needs to define the assessment process with Attorney John Kolb, Rinke-Noonan. Administrator Jesme stated that the District is waiting on a funding commitment from the RRWMB. Dalager has been coordinating construction with MnDOT and will begin working on right-of-way requirements. Administrator Jesme stated that we are waiting for the execution of the Flood Mitigation Grant from the State of Minnesota, prior to moving forward. Discussion was held on the outlet of County Ditch 1 that crosses Highway 32 and enters the Red Lake River. Jesme stated that the District can apply for a Clean Water Fund grant for repairs to the outlet, which potentially could be constructed in 2019 and allow for the outlet to heal and stabilize prior to the completion of the Thief River Falls West Side Flood Damage Reduction Project. If the project is not awarded a Clean Water Fund grant, potential funds could be used through the Red Lake River 1W1P.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., stated that a Corp's 404 Permit application was submitted the end of June, for the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176. There is potential for a General Permit as much of the area is upland farmland. Nordby and Administrator Myron Jesme participated in a conference call with staff from DNR-Dam Safety, with discussion on breach analysis and design. Nordby indicated that due to the Black River being a Public Water, the DNR may request that the outlet enter the floodplain, prior to out letting into the Black River. Discussion was held on the August 9, 2018, hearing date, and the potential of needing to change the hearing date due to having to meet the advertising requirements for Pennington County. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to authorize staff to make the necessary adjustment to the hearing date for the proposed Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, if necessary. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Viewer's for the establishment of Ditch 16, RLWD Project No. 177 have begun working on the viewing process.

Administrator Jesme stated that Daniel and Joyce Wallace have requested the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to have their CRP contracts, for land within the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D, revised by removing Daniel Wallace's name from the contract. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the revision to the CRP contracts with the Farm

Service Agency, for the removal of Daniel Wallace's name for the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that District staff noted that ½ mile downstream of the Krostue Petition, RLWD Project No. 53, the channel is choked with cattails. Jesme asked for authorization to complete an aerial spray on the downstream channel at the same time we spray the rest of the public drainage system. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to authorize the aerial spraying of cattails ½ mile downstream of the Krostue Petition, RLWD Project no. 53. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Good Lake Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 67, Special Land Permit, with the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, which allows the District to operate the impoundment. Administrator Jesme stated that the Special Land Permit expires on July 12, 2018. The Board reviewed a letter sent to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians on February 8, 2018. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated that the Good Lake Impoundment water elevation is lower than what the summer elevation should be. It was the consensus of the Board, for Administrator Jesme submit a letter to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians that no further maintenance of the Good Lake Impoundment will take place without a Special Land Permit in place. Manager Torgerson asked about the Ki-Wo-Say. Sanderson stated that the Ki-Wo-Say is located on the Red Lake Indian Reservation side of the river, which has a fixed elevation.

Administrator Jesme stated that staff will be requesting quotes for aerial cattail spraying at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge as part of the Wetland Habitat Quality and Management Enhance Grant, RLWD Project No. 180A, that the District received.

The Board reviewed correspondence for the City of Plumer Wellhead Protection Plan.

Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Dwight, to table Permit No. 18046, Moylan Township, Marshall County, to allow for further review. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 18042 and 18043, Aaron Miller, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 18051, Wavell Sorenson, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; and No. 18054, Jim Ferden, Lessor Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB in Wheaton, MN, on July 12, 2018.
- Staff member Corey Hanson will attend the Maple Lake Improvement District Annual Meeting on July 14, 2018 at the Mentor Community Center. Maple Lake recently has had some water quality issues concerning excess algae blooms in Maple Bay and possibly other locations. Hanson has completed some water quality samples in those areas. Included in the packet was the invitation to attend the meeting.

- A Thief River 1W1P Advisory and Policy Committee meeting was held on July 11th at the District office. The meeting focused on Section 4, as well as the final approval of the Policy Committee for approval of Section 3.
- Included in the packet was information on a Red Lake Falls Small Cities Grant.
- Jesme and Manager Torgerson presented the 2017 Annual Report to the Clearwater County Board on July 10th. Presentation to the Marshall County Commissioners was canceled due to a conflict, with a new meeting date to be determined. The Beltrami County Commissioners meeting will be held on August 21st.
- The Board reviewed correspondence from BWSR, indicating where each of the BWSR Board members are seated.

Administrator Jesme stated that Staff member Ashley Hitt was been working on a grant with ESRI to receive a reduced rate for the GIS ESRI programming. The District was awarded the grant, which reduced the fee from \$3800 to \$700.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will complete the Repair Order to be submitted to Dudley Township regarding the lowering of the outlet culvert on Judicial Ditch 5, RLWD Project No. 102.

Manager Torgerson discussed the Clearwater County Commissioners meeting, and presentation of the 2017 Annual Report. Torgerson noted that the Annual Report presented a positive image of what the District does. Discussion was held on what means should be taken in keeping the Four-Legged Lake, RLWD Project No. 102A Project Work Team updated on the status of the project.

Manager Dwight discussed the Thief River 1W1P meeting, with focus on reviewing the goals that have been set.

Manager Dwight stated that it was determined that Bartlett Lake does not have a water quality issue, rather there are just too many good weeds. Discussion was held on weed harvesting and chemical products to create travel lanes to the lake. Staff member Corey Hanson and Denise Oakes with the MPCA will investigate the options.

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dwight, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary