

Red Lake County
Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2023

23-08-01 David Miller, Chairman, **called the meeting to order on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 8:00 A.M.**, at the MN Wheat Growers Building in Red Lake Falls.

23-08-02 Red Lake County SWCD Board Members and Staff Present:

David Miller, Chairman	Tanya Waldo, District Manager
Mark LaCrosse, Vice-Chairman	Peter Curran, Resource & Outreach Technician
Nathan Whalen, Secretary	
Kevin Reich, Treasurer	
Jim Hagge, Reporter	

Also, Present:

Tony Gerardy, Red Lake County Commissioner

23-08-03 Jim Hagge **motioned to approve the August agenda with the following additions: WCA Notice of Decisions – 3 Applications, MCIT Dividend Notice, and Cover Crop Cost-Share Program Contracts.** Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-04 Nathan Whalen **motioned to approve the July 10th board meeting minutes.** Jim Hagge seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-05 In July, there were \$317,210.01 total payments and \$406,945.91 total deposits, leaving a cash checking balance of \$1,062,876.02. Kevin Reich **motioned to approve the July Treasurer's Report.** Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-06 **Board Member Reports:**

David Miller provided the board with an update from the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area meeting. The North POD is operating very effectively.

23-08-07 **County Update:**

Tony Gerardy informed the board that Erik Mickelson won the election and is the new county commissioner.

Tony Gerardy informed the board that Red Lake County hired a new Red Lake County Highway Engineer. The new engineer plans to start in mid-August and will work with Mike from Pennington County until the end of August.

23-08-08 **SWCD Staff Reports:**

SWCD staff reports have been filed within the 2023 SWCD Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes Binder.

23-08-09 **NRCS Report**

There was no report.

23-08-10 **Old Business:**

Discussed was held on the Red Lake River 1W1P. Currently the Planning Work Group is waiting for the 2024 RLR Watershed Implementation Funding grant agreement; so, the projects on the waiting list can be funded. There is a Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting scheduled for September 6th.

Discussed was held on the Clearwater River 1W1P. There are three structural practices under the Clearwater River 1W1P Watershed Based Implementation Funding in Red Lake County. Those projects are Mark Vettleson's – Streambank & Shoreline Protection, Perry Duden's Grade Stabilization Project, and CD57 Side Water Inlet Structure installation project.

23-08-11 Discussion was held on the two proposals received for the Mike Baker Streambank and Shoreland Protection project. The board reviewed both proposals. Kevin Reich **motioned to accept the Bid Proposal from Moore Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$19,000.00 for the Technical & Engineering Services for the Mike Baker Streambank & Shoreland Protection Project. Funding for this project will come from Clearwater River 1W1P Technical & Engineering funds.** Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

Discussion was held on two proposals received for the CD28 Ditch Outlet Project and a Grade Stabilization Structure for Mike Knott. These two proposals were tabled until the 2024 Red Lake River 1W1P Grant Agreement is executed.

23-08-12 Discussion was held on David Brule's State Cost-Share Assistance Contract. Kevin Reich **motioned to approve David Brule's Cost-Share Assistance Contract (2021 BWSR CWF – 2023-#2) in the amount of \$3,000.00. Cost-Share Assistance will not exceed 75% (\$2,250.00) from state sources or when combined with state and non-state sources will not**

exceed 100%. Jim Hagge seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-13 Discussion was held on Construction Bid(s).

Kevin Reich **motioned to accept the construction bid from Nathan Knott, 2022 Red Lake River WBIF, in the amount of \$75,820.00 for the Gary Purath Grade Stabilization project located in Lake Pleasant Township Section 15.** Nathan Whalen seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-14 Discussion was held on 2023 Cost-Share Voucher(s).

Tanya informed the board that a final payment was issued to Red Lake County Treasurer for the final construction worked completed by Gladen Construction on CSAH 19 Project. The cost-share payment was in the amount of \$183,600, provided by 2022 Red Lake River WBIF (See invoice breakdown in financials). There was an additional \$46,625.00 provided to Red Lake County for the CSAH19 project from Enbridge to assist with the local match requirement. The total check to Red Lake County Treasurer was in the amount of \$232,925.00.

Discussion was held on the Red Lake County Ditch 62 Project. Tanya informed the board that a final payment will be issued to Red Lake County Treasurer within the next month for the construction of Red Lake County Ditch 62 Project. Kevin Reich **motioned to give authority to the District Manager to make payment to Red Lake County Treasurer for the County Ditch 62 project once the final invoices have been received. The payment amount will be equal to or less than the Red Lake County Ditch 62 Cost-Share Assistance Contract amount.** Nathan Whalen seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-15 **New Business:**

Discussion was held on the 2024 Proposed SWCD Budget. Nathan Whalen **motioned to approve the 2024 Proposed SWCD Budget, which requests a \$5,000.00 increase (\$63,000.00 to \$68,000.00) from Red Lake County.** Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion **passed.** Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-16 Discussion was held on the bid received from Lyle Wilkens for repairs to the David Brule Grade Stabilization project located in Terrebonne Section 3. Kevin Reich **motioned to accept the bid from Lyle Wilken's in the amount of \$3,385.00 for the repairs to David Brule's Grade Stabilization Structure in**

Terrebonne Section 3. Jim Hagge seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-17 Discussion was held on the Red Lake County SWCD Personnel Policy Rules and Regulations Handbook updates. Kevin Reich **motioned to approve the Vacation Leave updates to the Red Lake County SWCD Rules and Regulations Handbook**. Nathan Whalen seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-18 Discussion was held on the three WCA – Notice of Decision Applications.

Mark LaCrosse **motioned to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision (Amendment for Enbridge, Inc. Solar Project)**. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

Mark LaCrosse **motioned to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision for Enbridge Inc.'s, new property (East Parcels)**. Kevin Reich seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

Mark LaCrosse **motioned to approve the Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision for the City of Red Lake Falls – Wetland Boundary Type (Property located South of Eagle Square)**. Nathan Whalen seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

23-08-19 Tanya informed the board about the MCIT Workers' Compensation Dividend in the amount of \$268.00.

23-08-20 Nathan Whalen **motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 am**. Mark LaCrosse seconded the motion and the motion **passed**. Affirmative votes: David Miller, Mark LaCrosse, Nathan Whalen, Kevin Reich, and Jim Hagge.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Whalen, Secretary
Red Lake County SWCD

Date approved.