

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
December 12, 2002

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office at 102 North Main Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Dale M. Nelson; Vernon Johnson; LeRoy Ose; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; Roger Love; Orville Knott; Harry Farris, Administrator; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 26, 2002. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated December 11, 2002.

Bethany Bolles, Analysis Manager for the Energy & Environmental Research Center, was present to explain the WAFFLE Project in the Red River Basin. She stated the purpose of the model was to determine the technical feasibility of storing water temporarily in the spring to mitigate flooding events.

Permits

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 02153 from John Weiland, Belgium Township, Polk County.

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board amend permit No. 02145 from Vance Schipper et al to install a 30" culvert, rather than a 24" culvert as previously stated on the permit.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02159 from Keith Driscoll, Huntsville Township, Polk County; No. 02161* from Dan Driscoll, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 02162* from Vance Schipper, Parnell Township, Polk County; and No. 02165* from Gregory S. Schrek, Belgium Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, and Brian Fisher, Houston Engineering, presented a review of the RLWD Web site. Brian noted that the development of this site had been funded by a Challenge Grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

The December 19 meeting of the Project 60 Work Team was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to cancel this meeting and schedule a meeting for January 2003. Nate Dalager will coordinate this meeting with RLWD staff.

Compensation for the Ten Year Comprehensive Study Citizen Advisory Committee was discussed. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that Citizen Advisory Committee members be paid \$50.00 per meeting and the RLWD will inform the Board of Water and Soil Resources that this is being done.

On November 26, 2002, Administrator Harry Farris presented a letter of resignation to the Board of Managers. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept his resignation, effective Friday, December 13, 2002.

Administrator Farris presented his update to the board.

Polk County Commissioner Eugene Mattson stated their county received three applicants for the West Polk RLWD Board Manager representative, but were unable to get a majority vote for any one candidate. They are now in the process of re-advertising and will appoint a manager at their second meeting in January 2003.

The board discussed the fact that Manager Johnson was removed from the Flood Damage Reduction Work Team, even though he plans to remain on the RLWD Board for one more term. It was the consensus of the board that a letter be sent to the FDR Work Group stating Manager Johnson's wishes to remain on this committee.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board.

The managers who attended the MN Association of Watershed Districts' annual meeting reported on the sessions they attended.

The board met in executive session to discuss several options for the interim period until an administrator is hired. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that Manager Nelson act as interim administrator and advertise for this position, with a closing date of January 27, 2003. Ads will be placed in the Fargo Forum, Grand Forks Herald, Crookston Times, Thief River Falls Times, and with Jobs and Training in Thief River Falls.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the meeting adjourn.

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary