

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
August 24, 2000

President Vernon Johnson 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: Vernon Johnson, Dale M. Nelson; Leonard Moe; Roger Love; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; George Dailey; Brent Johnson, Interim Administrator; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; and Delray Sparby, Legal Counsel.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of August 10, 2000. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated August 9, 2000.

The board reviewed a pay estimate for the Grygla Flood Control Project. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, that the RLWD approve the pay estimate to Red Lake Builders for the Grygla Flood Control Project, in the amount of \$100,059.05, contingent upon obtaining the contractor's signature regarding their compliance with labor standards. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Langan, WSN, presented the Plans and Specifications for the Greenwood 27 Bank Stabilization Project. He stated the project would entail stabilizing the bank and bottom of the river, and reduce the likelihood of a channel change. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the Plans and Specifications for the Greenwood 27 Bank Stabilization Project and advertise to open bids on September 28, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, explained the easements on the Greenwood 27 Project. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote to approve a five-year easements program for this project.

At 10:00 a.m., President Johnson turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Delray Sparby, who stated the hearing for the 2001 Administrative Budget had been scheduled for this time. He stated the hearing had been properly advertised and asked for questions from the public. Hearing no questions, the hearing adjourned at 10:06 a.m. and is on videotape and available for viewing at the RLWD office. The meeting was turned over to President Johnson. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the budget presented for 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Odenbach reviewed a resolution for a grant on the Greenwood 27 Project. It was the consensus of the board to table this item until the September 14, 2000 meeting.

Ryan Odenbach discussed the possibility of using some lands owned by the RLWD for wetland banking. He explained this would involve filling out an application in order to find out if there would be any acres that would qualify. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that Ryan Odenbach should proceed with the application.

A motion was made by Dailey, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a real need to acquire wetland banking acres, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD owns land that may qualify as wetland banking acres;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD assign this project number 147 and name it "Wetland Banking".

Keith Mykleseth and Pat Kelly, representing the City of Crookston, were present to request a letter of support from the RLWD for a bank stabilization project in the City of Crookston. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nikolayson, that the RLWD provide a letter of support for the bank stabilization for the City of Crookston. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed an evaluation of the Moose River Impoundment structure, which was inspected by Jeff Langan of WSN. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD staff should contact a local contractor to make the necessary repairs to the structure.

Brent Johnson reviewed a letter from John V. Botsford regarding a flooding problem in Section 34, Belgium Township, Polk County. He informed the board that he had responded to Mr. Botsford's concerns in the form of a letter.

Brent Johnson updated the board on an approximate cost to date for the diversion and storage components of the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction project.

Brent Johnson asked the board for approval to schedule a Flood Damage Reduction project work team meeting. Moe made a motion to check into land use, such as tree planting, and report back at the September 14, 2000 meeting. Smeby seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, to go forward with the flood damage reduction project meeting and authorize Brent Johnson and Charlie Anderson to make a decision on the project work team meeting as they see fit. Motion failed with Managers Moe, Smeby, Dailey, and Love opposed.

Motion was made by Moe to table the issue of a project work group meeting until after the September 14 meeting. Manager Smeby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Nelson reported that David Lanning would be available to meet with the board on September 9, 2000.

Permit No. 00054 from the Clearwater County Highway Department was discussed, with Loren Sanderson and Brent Johnson giving a brief history of the area affected. Dan Sauve, Clearwater County Engineer, was also present. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended having a hearing on the permit. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD schedule a hearing for permit No. 00054 from the Clearwater County Highway Department for September 14, 2000, at 10:00 a.m.

Brian Dwight, Board of Water and Soil Resources, was present to discuss funding of projects with the board. He stated there would be a technical group and a citizen's advisory committee formed.

This process is very in-depth and he estimates it will be a two to three year process. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD was not ready to commit to this process at this time.

Brent Johnson reported that he had talked to Charlie Anderson regarding the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan and that Charlie has not had a chance to complete this project.

The Northwest Service Cooperative has scheduled a seminar in Thief River Falls. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that two RLWD staff may attend this seminar.

Manager Johnson reported on the RRWMB meeting. He informed the board the president and secretary had signed a resolution to levy an ad valorem tax of .0004836 times the market value on all taxable property.

The board reviewed permits. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 00058* from Eugene Hanson, Russia Township, Polk County; No. 00061 from the Polk County Highway Department; No. 00062 from the Marshall County Highway Department; No. 00063 from the Great Lakes Gas Transmission Company, Polk County; 00064* from Dave Radi, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 00065 from Erwin Vanek, Nesbit Township, Polk County; a one year extension on No. 99015 from Ron Goodyke, Polk County; and a two month extension on No. 00057 from the MN Department of Transportation. *With conditions stated on permit.

Loren Sanderson reviewed a permit that was on the Sand Hill River WD and RLWD boundary and presented an agreement for the signature of the two districts for the issuance of permit of this nature. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 00066* from Doug Chandler and Jan Rude, Vineland Township, Polk County, and authorize the board president to sign this agreement. *With conditions stated on permit.

Legal Counsel Sparby reviewed the letter from Brian Rokke and stated he would be putting together an agreement regarding easements and land use issues. He also stated that he would be notifying Sue Rasmussen that the easements regarding Section 34, Belgium Township, Polk County, are in place.

The upcoming RRWMB tour was discussed. Manager's Love and Dailey will be going on this tour.

The board discussed the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. It was the consensus of the board that Interim Administrator Brent Johnson should request JOR Engineering to provide the Board with a schedule of when the amended Engineer's Report will be filed, and ask that it be filed as soon as possible.

The meeting convened to September 9, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

On September 9, 2000, at 9:00 a.m., Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant and Vice-President Dale M. Nelson were present for the meeting. Being no quorum, the meeting adjourned.

Signed _____
George Dailey, Secretary