

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 23, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, 102 North Main Avenue, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present: Vernon Johnson, Dale M. Nelson, Leonard Moe,
Roger Love, Dennis Nikolayson, Lowell Smeby, and
George Dailey
Others present: Chuck Fritz, Administrator
Delray Sparby, Legal Counsel
Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of February 10, 2000. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the minutes of February 10, 2000, be approved as changed.

The Financial Report was reviewed. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated February 22, 2000.

Administrator Fritz reported on his meetings with Pennington, Polk, Marshall, and Red Lake counties regarding the Administrative levy. Manager's Nikolayson and Love reported on their perception of the Polk County meeting. Administrator Fritz informed the board that there is a Joint County meeting on February 25 at the Pennington County Courthouse. The administrative levy will be discussed.

The meeting of February 16 with J.F. Brennan; Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering ; and Chuck Fritz was discussed. J.F. Brennan is willing to do a change order to modify the cleaning areas. The City of Thief River Falls will be consulted regarding this change order.

Administrator Fritz distributed a ballot for voting on a position on the East Polk Farm Service Agency Board. The concensus of the Board was to allow Dennis Nikolayson to vote on the ballot.

Roy Lunde, Brady Martz & Associates, presented the 1999 Annual Audit Report. Motion by Moe, seconded by Nelson, to accept the 1999 Audit Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Fritz informed the board that Abundant Life Church had made an offer of \$2,000 for the assessment on the Challenger Ditch. After a discussion with the board a motion was made by Love, seconded by Nelson that Administrator Fritz contact Abundant Life Church with an offer to split the total amount of assessment of \$7,144.01 with the RLWD and report back to the board on March 9, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator; Maggie Leach, Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District; and Al Gustafson, Natural Resource Conservation Service was present to discuss four different options for the buffer strip program. Motion by Nikolayson, seconded by Dailey to review the different options and table it until the March 9, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

A petition was submitted by the State Ditch 83 petitioners and a petition submitted by some landowners on State Ditch 83 in support of the concept paper.

Manager Moe discussed wood piling on right of way of land between two ditches. He stated that the wood would be removed in about six weeks.

Manager Moe discussed the meeting with Marshall County regarding the administrative levy and a public hearing on the spot cleaning of State Ditch 83.

Loren Sanderson discussed the Parnell Impoundment land survey. It was a concensus of the board to have Loren get quotes from land surveyors to do a legal survey to locate property corners and to discuss this after the Parnell Operating Plan hearing has been held.

A letter from Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, was discussed. Administrator Fritz mentioned that Charlie will be presenting the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan to the Project 60 Mediation team on March 2, 2000.

Loren discussed the Curtis Hoppe letter. Loren and Manager Love discussed the meeting they had with landowners at the site in Russia Township. After the meeting with the landowners it appeared that they were willing to work together to solve the drainage problem.

Manager Johnson discussed the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) meeting. He also stated that the RRWMB would be holding a special meeting here at our office on March 6, 2000 to discuss prioritizing projects.

Delray Larson, Marshall County Commissioner, requested he sign a document relating to the State Ditch 83 Concept Paper and that it will be attached to all copies distributed from this date on.

Upcoming meetings were reviewed.

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

Signed _____
George Dailey, Secretary

