

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
July 13, 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; Chuck Fritz, 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 Moe, that the board approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 22, 2000. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon request to add items to the agenda, a motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board add the following items to the agenda: 1) Al Page and 2) Seeger Dam maintenance.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated July 12, 2000.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote to transfer from Administrative Construction the following amounts to the projects listed: No. 46Z, Hydrogen Sulfide Testing - \$123.96; No. 63, Thief River Reservoir - \$9,593.53; No. 129B, Ring Dike Program - \$1,688.90; and No. 142, Gully/Schafer Project - \$6,000.00.

Administrator Fritz reviewed the letter from Wilder, Inc. regarding the berm that was to be removed within five days. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD proceed with the conditions stated in the registered letter previously sent to the landowner/renter.

The itemized billings from JOR Engineering were reviewed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should pay JOR Engineering and request that all further billings be itemized.

The board reviewed a letter from Dwaine Fagerlund, P.A., regarding Parnell Impoundment. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby recommended that Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, submit an amended Engineer's Report and the RLWD should have another hearing to inform the public. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, that Charlie Anderson submit an amended Engineer's Report, with the numbers agreed upon at the meeting held at Mike Gaspers. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from the Marshall County Commissioners regarding their views on State Ditch 83.

Dr. Leon Osborne, Meridian Environmental Services, presented a review of technology available for broadcasting weather patterns.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, gave an update on the Greenwood 27 Project. He stated that Doug Thompson, Clearwater SWCD, had received some cost share funding to assist in this project.

Ryan Odenbach also reviewed the Clearwater Nonpoint Study Project and stated he needed a resolution signed for the continuation of the project. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board authorize the president to sign the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) believes the water quality of the Clearwater River needs improvement, as shown by the Phase I Clearwater River Study, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD intends to demonstrate feasible methods of making improvements in the Clearwater River Watershed and throughout the RLWD, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the RLWD will continue to implement Phase II of the Clearwater River Study as a Clean Water Partnership Project using the State Revolving Fund Loan Program over the next three years.

Al Page reported on his trip to Ham Lake to inspect the dredge that was offered the RLWD. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, that the RLWD decline the offer for the dredge. Motion carried unanimously.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, informed the board that he, Gary Lane, and Al Page had inspected an area that had already been dredged and found areas that did not meet the specifications stated in the engineer's report. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD should accept the dredging from cross sections 55 to 58 with a deduction of \$15,000, and approve pay estimate #5 to J.F. Brennan, in the amount of \$52,472.72.

Loren Sanderson gave the project report update.

The annual audit of the RLWD was discussed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD should seek quotes for an annual audit.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permit: Nos. 00039\*

and 00040\* from John Weiland, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 00041 from Oren Syrtveit, North Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 00042\* from Bernice Valley, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; 00043\* from Danny and Victoria Machousky, Bygland Township, Polk County; No.s 00044\* and 00046 from Red Lake County Highway Department; No. 00047 from Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 00048 from Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; and No. 00050\* from Del Determan, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Fritz reported on a slumping problem at Seeger Dam. He stated that Red Lake County SWCD has submitted a \$1700.00 billing for maintenance. A motion was made by Nelson to pay the maintenance billing. Motion died, due to lack of a second. Upon further review of the original maintenance agreement, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the RLWD pay \$1,000 for maintenance of Seeger Dam and enclose a copy of the original agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

President Johnson reported on the results of the Administrator's evaluation, stating a motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, that the board offer Administrator Fritz an annual increase of \$2,250.00. Motion carried with Manager Smeby opposed and Manager Dailey absent.

Motion by Moe, second by Nelson, that the RLWD schedule the following final payment hearings: RLWD Project No. 134, Polk County Ditch 63, for 10:00 a.m. on July 27, 2000; and RLWD Project No. 135, Polk County Ditch 33, at 10:10 a.m. on July 27, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, second by Moe, that the RLWD schedule their 2000 Administrative Budget hearing for August 24, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The board met in executive session.

President Johnson adjourned the meeting to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, 2000.

At 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 20, 2000, President Johnson convened the meeting and requested Administrator Fritz read the rules regarding the open meeting law.

Kurt Deter, Rinke-Noonan, was present to answer questions of the board regarding State Ditch 83. He gave a brief history of the ditch system and answered several questions of the board.

Brent Johnson and Rick St. Germaine, Houston Engineering, presented a proposal to the board for Brent's services as interim administrator. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD hire the services of

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Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, as interim administrator for 16 to 20 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$81.00 per hour.

Motion by Nelson, second by Love, that the RLWD accept the resignation of Charles Fritz as administrator of the RLWD. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:00 p.m., the board met with David Lanning, who was an applicant for the engineering position.

A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, that the meeting adjourn.

Signed  
George Dailey, Secretary