

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 22, 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; Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant; 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 agenda be approved with the following additions: Ring dike money allocated by RRWMB – Johnson; discuss new project number for "Land Use Practices"; and pending lawsuit - Moe. Motion carried unanimously.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of June 8, 2000. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Dailey, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated June 21, 2000.

Administrator Fritz reported on the Fluvial Geomorphology workshop and reviewed a letter from the Polk County Commissioners regarding their understanding of the decisions made by the RLWD board. He also informed the board that the RRWMB allocated the ring dike monies, which will allow the RLWD eight ring dikes.

Administrator Fritz informed the board that Don Ogaard would like to discuss the RRWMB's governing documents with the RLWD board. It was the consensus of the board that Don Ogaard should be invited to the July 13, 2000 meeting.

Administrator Fritz informed the board that the dredge in Ham Lake was still available. Manager Moe made a motion to decline the offer for the dredge. Motion died due to lack of a second. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Fritz should obtain more detailed photographs to help in the decision of whether or not to accept the dredge at no cost to the RLWD.

Administrator Fritz reported on the funds available for Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) projects. Administrator Fritz stated that Brent Johnson (Houston Engineering) and Charlie Anderson (JOR) will develop a timeline to be presented to the board for their review.

The board discussed the tree and debris problem along the Red Lake River, which was recently brought to the attention of Administrator Fritz. RLWD staff will determine what needs to be done and report to the board.

The board discussed how requested time slots on the agenda should be handled. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Moe, that there should be a maximum of three, five-minute, information items, which can be added to the agenda by the administrator. Requests will be addressed on a first-come, first-serve basis and should not be used to supplement public input, which is to be provided at a hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Don Doda was present to inform the board of flooding on his land, located on County Ditch 60 adjacent to Lat. 2 weir of the Parnell Impoundment. Manager Moe made a motion that the RLWD staff should remove two stop logs, as long as downstream conditions allow it. Manager Dailey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Legal Counsel Sparby requested the RLWD staff review the Engineer's Report and the original Plans and Specifications to determine exactly what should be done in this situation.

The board discussed the purchase of new boardroom chairs. It was the consensus of the board to table this item.

Manager Love expressed concern that landowners in Huntsville Township were pumping their water over a township road. It was the consensus of the board that this was a private landowner/township issue.

Wayne Weber, Red Lake County SWCD, was present to inform the board that the Schafer Project was complete and requested the cost share, which had been promised by the RLWD. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should pay the \$6,000 cost-share for the Schafer Project in Red Lake County.

Loren Sanderson gave a project report update.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, reported on an accounting error the RLWD staff found in the funds available for the Thief River Reservoir dredging project. He also explained the change order that was approved by the board at their June 8, 2000 meeting.

It was the consensus of the board to table the scheduling of final payment hearings for RLWD Projects 134 and 135. The hearings will be scheduled following receipt of a letter of completion from HDR Engineering.

The letter from Curtis Hoppe was reviewed by the board. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Fritz should write a letter to the landowner and renter requesting the removal of the berm as was previously agreed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Love, that the registered letter should state the berm is to be removed within five days of receipt of the letter or further action will be taken by the RLWD. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Johnson discussed the possible levy increase by the RRWMB. This will be voted on at the July meeting of the RRWMB.

Informational quotes were opened for the access road on the Thief River. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nelson, that the RLWD decline the quotes. Motion carried.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD pay Bruce Halbert \$400 for removal of the woodpile on his property, outside of the easement area.

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 permits: No. 00036* from Larry Tack, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 00037* from Robert Cournia, Fairfax Township, Polk County; and No. 00038 from Garden Valley Telephone Company, Shevlin Township, Clearwater County. *With conditions stated on permit.

The board discussed the beaver problems on Moose River Impoundment. Manager Smeby presented letters from two townships regarding beaver problems. Following discussion, a motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, that the RLWD allocate \$2,500 for beaver control on the Moose River Impoundment area, to be charged to Moose River maintenance, after funds have been expended by the Joint Powers Board. Motion carried.

Arnold Stanley, Grygla, was present to inquire as to how his tax dollar is being used by the RLWD.

Manager Moe requested a special meeting be held with Legal Counsel Sparby and Kurt Deter to discuss drainage law, as it relates to State Ditch 83. Administrator Fritz will schedule this meeting.

Manager Smeby requested that the RLWD should pursue land use projects, as well as impoundments and diversion ditches. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for land use practices for flood control, and

WHEREAS, the Thief River Project Work Team identified "land use" in their "Concept Paper";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD assign this project No. 147 and name it "Land Use Practices".

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President Johnson closed the meeting for the purpose of performing Administrator Fritz's evaluation.

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

Signed
George Dailey, Secretary