

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 22, 2000

President Vernon Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 22, 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; David C. Lanning, Administrator/Engineer; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/Receptionist;

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, that the board approve the agenda with the following additions: Chuck Fritz, Red River Basin Board; permit #00112 and #00117; and Manager Moe requested executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 9, 2000. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

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 November 21, 2000.

Administrator Lanning explained the budget comparison handout.

Chuck Fritz, Red River Basin Board (RRBB) was present to explain the purpose of the RRBB, stating they are there to work in conjunction with watershed districts. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that Administrator Lanning should seek support of the RRBB for the Thief River Project being mediated at the present time. Motion carried with Managers Smeby and Moe opposed.

Administrator Lanning reported on the Step I submittal for the Thief River Diversion and Storage that was presented to the RRWMB at their meeting on November 21. He also stated the engineers were working to complete Step II for presentation on December 19.

Administrator Lanning reviewed a letter from Floan and Sanders regarding a flooding problem in Fisher. He will report back to the board with further information regarding this problem at a future board meeting.

Mike Gasper and his attorney, Dan Rust, were present to discuss Mr. Gasper's option to purchase with the RLWD concerning property on the Parnell Impoundment Project. It was the consensus of the board that no action occurs until after a hearing on the engineer's report.

The Ten Year Overall Plan update was discussed. Administrator Lanning felt the RLWD should postpone their request for funding from BWSR to have time to determine what needs to be addressed. He also discussed wetland banking for the Winsor/Hangaard Project. Administrator Lanning will contact Brent Johnson and come back with his recommendations on wetland banking.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby informed the board that the scheduling conference for State Ditch 83 will be held on December 21, 2000.

Manager Nikolayson provided a copy of a letter from BWSR regarding an appointment of a representative to the RLWD Board of Managers from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians. Legal Counsel Sparby stated he would contact the Attorney General's office regarding the prior request for an Attorney General's Opinion and hoped to have a response for a meeting in the near future.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 00115* from the Mentor Convenience Store, Polk County; No. 00116* from John Weiland, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 00118* from Mike Krejci, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 00119*, 00120*, and 00121* from Tom and George McDonald, Nesbit Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Johnson stated that the RRWMB would like to know the number of ring dikes constructed by the RLWD this year.

Loren Sanderson mentioned the RLWD was storing a 32' x 60" inch culvert at the Polk County Highway Department. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD declare this surplus property and advertise this item for sale.

Manager Love discussed a request from Doug Peterson for cleaning a ditch. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD should obtain information from MnDOT regarding this cleaning request.

The board met in executive session.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed
George Dailey, Secretary