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; 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: Douglas Peterson permits; Manager Moe regarding RRWMB agenda; and Moose River Impoundment. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 26, 2000. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, that the board approve the minutes as changed. Motion carried unanimously.


Administrator Lanning reported on the county meetings he recently attended, stating he had met with Polk, Marshall, and Beltrami Counties. He also updated the board on the Badger Creek/Poplar River Project. He hoped this project could take off in the spring of 2001.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the Flood Damage Reduction projects. Manager Moe asked what the procedure would be for people in his area to be on the agenda for the RRWMB meeting. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby felt the RRWMB should be contacted directly to be on their agenda.

Manager Smeby was wondering whether or not the RLWD had any maintenance funds for the Moose River dike that could be used for boat landings, etc.

Legal Counsel Sparby reported that he received notice of the State Ditch 83 scheduling conference, which will be held on December 21. Manager Moe made a motion that Legal Counsel Sparby should proceed with this scheduling and, if need be, consult Kurt Deter from Rinke-Noonan. Manager Smeby seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated he had been contacted by Manager Love, who wondered if a field tiling project required a RLWD permit. Legal Counsel responded with a letter stating the rules of a permit.

Arlene Novak explained that, for accounting purposes, new project numbers should be assigned to the Star Township Project and the Ten-Year Overall Plan. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Pennington County Highway Department requested technical assistance in solving a flooding problem in Star and Highlanding Townships, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers of the RLWD approved this assistance, with the dollar amount not to exceed $4,000;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD assign this number 90A and name it “Star and Highlanding Township Survey Assistance”;

And

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources requests an update of the Overall Plan every ten years, and

WHEREAS, this will require RLWD staff involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD assign this project number 149 and name it “Ten Year Overall Plan”.

Brian Dwight, BWSR, discussed the updating of the TenYear Overall Plan. He stated a Technical Advisory Committee and a Citizen’s Advisory Committee will be appointed to assist the planning work team. He explained a flow chart and timeline for this project.

Ron Shelito, Brainerd BWSR office, was present to assist Brian Dwight with discussion on a pilot project sponsored by BWSR for an assessment tool to help organizations do a self-assessment to find opportunities for improvement. They were offering the RLWD the opportunity to take advantage of this as a pilot project. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD take part in this pilot project offered by BWSR to do an organizational self-assessment.

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. 00087* from Dale Pulkrabek, Angus Twp.; No. 00092* from Ordean Thompson, Grand Forks Twp., Polk County; No. 00096* from Embridge Pipeline (ND), Huntsville Twp., Polk County; No. 00101* from Douglas Peterson, Sullivan Twp. Polk County; No. 00102* and 00103* from Gary Salentiny, Belgium Twp., Polk County; No. 00104* from Thomas Oscarson, Gervais Twp., Red Lake County; No. 00105* from David Wallenberg, Cloverleaf Twp., Pennington County; No. 00106 from Marshall County Highway Department; No. 00107 from Vince Zak, Tabor Twp., Polk County; No. 00108 from Polk County Highway Department; No. 00109 from MnDOT, Pennington County; No. 0010* from Dan Driscoll, Sullivan Twp., Polk County; No. 00111 from Onstad Twp., Polk County; No. 00113* from Russell Wilson, Woodside Twp., Polk County; and No. 00114* from Marlin Iverson, Woodside Twp., Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Love brought up several permits from Douglas Peterson, stating they should all be reviewed at once rather than one at a time and that Earl Hill, MnDOT, should be included in this meeting. He also brought up permit #00087 from Dale Pulkrabek in Angus Township regarding additional work performed by Jay Johnston. Work consisted of excavation and a dike adjacent to a township road. The dike appears to be higher than the road and needs to be lowered. Administrator Lanning will correspond with the Johnstons to obtain the necessary permits to lower the dike.

Loren Sanderson gave a project report update.
The MAWD annual meeting and Drainage Law seminar were discussed. Managers Nelson, Dailey, and Love will be attending the Drainage Law seminar along with Loren Sanderson and Gary Lane. Managers Love, Dailey, Nikolayson, Johnson and Administrator Lanning will be attending the MAWD annual meeting.

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

    Signed
    George Dailey, Secretary