

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
October 12, 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; Dave Lanning, Administrator/Engineer; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; and Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/Receptionist.

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 September 27, 2000. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Love, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated October 11, 2000.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director of the RRWMB, and Don Buckout, representing the Flood Damage Reduction work group, were present to update the board on how the mediation process is working and to answer any questions they might have. They emphasized that each watershed district should have one project work team, with sub committees to report back to the large group. Manager Johnson stated he felt our watershed should have more than one project because of the size of the district. Don Buckout stated that the FDR group will be meeting January 10, 2001, to determine which projects will qualify for funding. He stated that in order for the Thief River Diversion and Storage (for instance) to be funded on a 75/25 cost share, it would have to be previously approved by the FDR group.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, was present to update the board on the mediation meeting held regarding the State Ditch 83 Diversion and Storage options. He stated that in order to get through the Step Submittals before the deadline date of December 19, 2000, a Step I submittal would have to go to the RRWMB on October 17, 2000. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, that Brent Johnson and Charlie Anderson should prepare the Step I submittal, to include all three reports on the upper and lower diversion and storage, as one project. Managers Nelson, Nikolayson, and Love voted aye, with Managers Moe, Smeby, and Dailey voting nay. President Johnson broke the tie voting in favor of presenting the Step I submittal. Motion carried.

Al Page, representing J.F. Brennan & Co., was present to discuss the reservoir dredging project. He stated the company would prefer doing the work agreed to in their contract and then move to another project, rather than to continue with more dredging, which

would involve a change order to the project. It was the consensus of the board that J.F. Brennan had fulfilled their part of the contract and should be allowed to move on to another project. Al estimated they would complete their work in TRF by October 20.

The board reviewed a pay estimate for the TRF Reservoir Dredging Project. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve pay estimate number 8 to J.F. Brennan & Co., in the amount of \$92,414.10, for the TRF Reservoir Dredging Project No. 63.

Arlene Novak explained that, for insurance purposes, the board had to make a motion to ratify the employment of David C. Lanning. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, that the board confirm the employment of David C. Lanning as Administrator/Engineer for the RLWD, with starting date of employment being September 18, 2000, at an annual salary of \$50,000 (payable biweekly) with four weeks vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, explained a change order for the Grygla Levee Project. He noted that this project would now be complete and had come in over \$70,000 under budget. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote, that the board approve the change order for the Grygla Levee Project.

Administrator Lanning explained that he and Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, were working on two separate 319 grant applications for separate projects and needed approval for the president to sign the resolutions that would be attached to the grant application. The following action was taken:

Motion by Love, second by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the president's signature on a resolution for a 319 grant application, in the amount of \$750,000, for RLWD Project No. 148, Red Lake River Erosion and Otter Tail Dam Modification; and

Motion by Moe, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the president's signature on a resolution for a 319 grant application for the Red Lake River Water Quality Consortium Project, in the amount of \$1,365,000.

The MN Association of Watershed Districts' (MAWD) annual meeting is scheduled for November 30 and December 1-2, 2000. A voting proxy is needed in the event that the voting delegates and/or alternates are unable to attend. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD designate Dale M. Nelson as their voting proxy for the 2000 MAWD annual meeting.

Administrator Lanning presented, for board review, a 'draft' job description for the Administrator/Engineer position.

The board reviewed a proposal for engineering services from WSN Engineering for the Greenwood 27 Project. Following discussion, a motion was made by Moe, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD accept the proposal from WSN Engineering for the engineering service on the Greenwood 27 Project.

Administrator Lanning informed the board that he met with Bob Beduhn, HDR Engineering, and Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, regarding the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. It was the consensus of the board that the firms work together to come up with an acceptable Operating Plan.

Administrator Lanning reported on the Thief River mediation work group meeting that was held at the RLWD office on October 5, 2000. Manager Moe stated he felt Charlie Anderson should have a "definite" plan for the diversion part of the package.

Administrator Lanning informed the board that he met with Delton Schultz, Pennington County Engineer, regarding permit No. 00080. He requested approval from the board for the RLWD staff to assist in surveying and make recommendations for flooding problems in Star and Highlanding Townships. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD approve assistance, in surveying for Star and Highlanding Townships, Pennington County, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

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. 00084\* from Donald Andringa, Hammond Township, Polk County; No. 00088\* from Garden Valley Telephone Company, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 00089\* from Robert Zwerin, Equality Township, Red Lake County; and No. 00090\* from Marlin Iverson, Godfrey Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

The board briefly discussed permit No. 00087 from Dale Pulkrabek. It was the consensus of the board to table this permit until October 26, 2000.

Loren Sanderson gave a project report update.

Since the second board meeting in November would fall on Thanksgiving Day, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the second meeting in November should be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2000.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed  
George Dailey, Secretary