

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
September 28, 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, P.E., Administrator/Engineer; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Tammy Audette Secretary/Accounting Assistant; Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant; and Delray Sparby, Legal Counsel.

The board reviewed the agenda. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote to approve agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of September 14, 2000. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, that the board approve the minutes with minor corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated September 27, 2000.

The scheduling of the Final Payment Hearing for the Grygla Levee Project was discussed. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Moe to schedule the Final Payment Hearing for Red Lake Builders on the Grygla Levee Project for 10:00 a.m., October 26, 2000, contingent upon receiving a Contractors Order of Substantial Completion from Houston Engineering.

Loren Sanderson presented information on the Clearwater River inspection, which had been completed. Recommendation of the Board was to seek funding from the State of Minnesota for cleaning and snagging on the Clearwater River. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, to pursue bidding the 12 river mile stretch, Mile 45 to Mile 32, for cleaning and snagging. Motion carried unanimously.

On September 15, 2000, Pennington County Commissioner Don Jensen; Manager Dale Nelson; and RLWD staff, Loren Sanderson and Gary Lane, completed an inspection of the Red Lake River by boat. Discussion was held on clearing and snagging and the funding of the project. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote to suspend the special levy pending more funding information on the downstream dredging and bring the estimated cost back to the October 12, 2000 Board meeting.

Dan Narlock, representing several landowners, was present before the Board to discuss impoundments. He requested a letter of support from the Board to participate in the EWP program for impoundments within the Red Lake Watershed District.

At 10:00 a.m., bids were opened for RLWD Project No. 82G, Streambank and Grade Stabilization Project on the Clearwater River. The following bids were received:

Dyrdahl Construction, Inc. Bagley, MN	\$135,555.00
Plummer Excavating Plummer, MN	\$178,634.00
Wright Construction, Inc. Thief River Falls, MN	\$118,498.50
Davidson Construction, Inc. Newfolden, MN	\$170,935.00
Gladen Construction, Inc. Laporte, MN	\$143,935.00
The Spruce Valley Corp. Middle River, MN	\$151,614.00

Motion by Moe, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the apparent low bid from Wright Construction contingent upon review and written approval from the engineer and legal counsel.

Keith Mykleseth, City of Crookston was present to discuss with the board the Red Lake River Erosion and Otter Tail Dam Modification Project(s). Keith explained the three phases of the project; Phase 1-Repair the Red Lake River bank erosion; Phase 2-modifications to the Otter Tail Dam; and Phase 3-scenic and recreational restoration. The City of Crookston is requesting that the RLWD be the lead agency for engineering, administration, and construction and to provide \$30,000 of in-kind services for Phase I, and to help the city seek additional funding sources. The Board directed Delray Sparby and Dave Lanning to draft a Joint Powers Agreement between the RLWD and the City of Crookston for Board approval. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nikolayson and passed by unanimous vote to be the lead agency for the Red Lake River Erosion and Otter Tail Dam Modification Project(s) for the engineering, administration, and construction of the project and to assist the City of Crookston in seeking additional funding sources contingent upon the approval of the Joint Powers Agreement and to apply for a 319 Grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for erosion repair, modifications to the Otter Tail Dam and scenic and recreational restoration on the Red Lake River in Crookston, and

WHEREAS, the City of Crookston is requesting the RLWD be the lead agency for engineering, administration, and construction, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD will assist in seeking additional funding sources contingent upon the approval of the Joint Powers Agreement, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD assign this project number 148 and name it "Red Lake River Erosion and Otter Tail Dam Modification Project(s)".

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote to provide \$30,000 for cash or in-kind services for phase one of the Red Lake River Erosion and Otter Tail Dam Modification Project(s).

Dave updated the board the Thief River Reservoir Dredging Project. Dave stated that he had met with the City of Thief River Falls and they verbally agreed to spend up to \$300,000 plus \$14,000 in-kind services. The City of TRF will also seek additional funds to complete other areas of dredging if time is available.

The Moose River Project was discussed. Dave explained to the board the repairs needed to the north structure of the project. Movement of the sidewalls have shifted approximately 5-6 inches. Dave suggested digging out both sides of the outlet and place pea gravel and insulation. Manager Nelson suggested contacting Paul Telander, Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, regarding providing in-kind services with a backhoe. Dave has spoken with Charlie Anderson and Widseth Smith and Nolting regarding ways to protect the structure from frost heaving. Loren stated they could direct water from the south pool to help insulate the pool. The Board instructed Dave to meet with Charlie Anderson and Widseth Smith and Nolting to address these issues.

Dave requested that a committee be formed to address his job description.

A discussion was held on Engineers Professional Liability Insurance. Dave stated that his insurance is for structural work. After discussion with the Board and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby, it was suggested that Dave and Arlene check into various insurance companies and report back to the board.

Dave informed the board that Ryan Odenbach has been work with Molly MacGregor with the MN Pollution Control Agency for a 319 Grant for water quality. Dave stated that we could apply for a \$250,000 matching grant to gather historic data and to go through the watershed to determine where we are now collecting data, put up staff gages,

create discharge curves or automatic samplers. Ryan currently has 50 – 60 sites prioritized. The EPA wants discharge curves or automatic samplers at each site. The deadline for a 319 Grant is October 16th. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize the staff to apply for a \$250,000 matching 319 Grant for water quality with the MN Pollution Control Agency.

Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, presented information to the Board regarding the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project. Charlie discussed with the Board the angle ditch diversion, the lower diversion for County 20 downstream and also the upstream diversion ditch. Discussion was held regarding installing permanent structures on the diversion ditch for flood control and natural resource benefits. Considerable discussion was held regarding implementing the mediation team to discuss options and the time frame of funding sources.

Charlie explained to the Board four changes he had made in the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan since the hearing was held. Changes in the proposed operating plan include a gate closing criteria to alleviate flooding in Esther Township.

A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Moe, to have Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering and HDR Engineering, Inc. to work together to develop a final operating plan. Motion passed with Love opposed.

Rick St.Germain, Houston Engineering, Inc. presented several maps showing a proposed impoundment site for the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project. Rick also handed out guidelines for Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Projects.

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Nelson to proceed with the next step for the permitting process with various agencies and to prepare a preliminary engineer's report. Motion carried with Moe and Smeby opposed.

Loren informed the Board that the grass on Polk County Ditch Improvement Project #119 needed mowing in Hammond Township, Sections 7 and 8. The Board authorized Loren to secure a landowner to do the mowing in the ditch right of way.

Loren informed the Board that John Jeffrey proposed to build a concrete floodwall instead of an earthen embankment. Correspondence has been received from the Department of Natural Resources stating their concurrence with the concrete floodwall. It was the consensus of the board to approve his request.

President Vernon Johnson turned the meeting over to the Vice President Dale M. Nelson.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Dailey, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 00081 from the City of East Grand Forks, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No.

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00083* from Sugro, Inc., Lowell Township, Polk County; No. 00085* from Garden Valley Telephone Company, Crookston Township, Polk County; No. 00086 Agder Township, Marshall County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Permit No. 00082 from Red Lake County Highway Department was discussed by the Board. A motion was made Dailey, seconded by Johnson and passed by unanimous vote to deny permit No. 00082 from Red Lake County Highway Department.

Permit No. 00069 was discussed by the Board. Leonard Moe questioned why we are involved with permits regarding ditch plugs for CRP land. Dave will contact the FSA office to discuss CRP procedures.

Resolutions for the 2000 MAWD annual meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Dailey and passed by unanimous vote to adopt resolutions for the following items to be presented at the 2000 MAWD annual meeting:

The RLWD submit a resolution requesting manager's salaries be raised to \$75.00 per day.

The Board submit a resolution for state funding for streambank erosion, in the amount of \$2,000,000.

The Board submit a resolution for annual funding of \$1,000,000 for stream maintenance.

Support biennium funding in the amount \$250,000 for the Beaver Damage Control Program for the State of Minnesota.

A motion was made by Dailey, seconded by Smeby and passed by unanimous vote to adopt a resolution for the 2000 MAWD annual meeting requesting that Ray Bohn, MAWD seek federal funding for projects.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby to have a mediation meeting for the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction team on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., and Managers Nelson, Smeby and Moe represent the RLWD Board of Managers. Motion carried with Moe opposed.

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

Signed _____
George Dailey, Secretary