

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
August 23, 2001

President Dale M. Nelson 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: Dale M. Nelson; Leonard Moe; Roger Love; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; Orville Knott, Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Vernon Johnson was absent.

Dan Bratvold, Polk County, requested to appear before the board.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda, with the addition of Dan Bratvold .

Arlene Novak read the minutes of August 9, 2001. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a pay estimate to Wright Construction for RLWD Project No. 82G, Greenwood 27 in Clearwater County. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve this pay estimate, in the amount of \$18,496.98.

Dale Nelson presented the Financial Report. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated August 22, 2001.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, presented a resolution to the board for approval. He explained that the project would be for developing a water quality report with data from 1984 to the present. This project would also include a web site where areas of the watershed will be listed with the water quality for that specific area. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District has maintained long-term surface water quality data collection since 1984, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that the data should be used to determine the current status, long-term trends or ranges and the identification of impaired reaches, and in order to make these determinations, statistical analysis should be performed and a standard water quality report should be developed, and

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WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that, in order for other organizations collecting natural resource data to coordinate their collection, analysis and reporting of information, a set of standard operating procedures should be followed and a central database should be established, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that the general public should have access to the information collected and reports generated through a Red Lake Watershed District website.

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT The Red Lake Watershed District will conduct the Red River Watershed Assessment Protocol project, in order to provide statistical analysis of long-term water quality data collection, a water quality report and format, a set of standard operating procedures for the collection of data, a central GIS database and a RLWD website. In order to accomplish this the Red Lake Watershed District enters into an agreement with the Board of Water and Soil Resources utilizing a Challenge Grant under the Local Water Resources Protection and Management Program. The Red Lake Watershed District will create a new project and will match the grant funds with \$50,000.00.

Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a great need for better understanding of water quality data, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD is applying for a matching BWSR grant of \$50,000 through the Local Water Resources Protection and Management Program, and

WHEREAS, for accounting purposes, the costs incurred by the RLWD need to be itemized as a separate project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD should assign this project number 46P and name it Red River Watershed Management Assessment Protocol (RRWAP) Project.

Dan Bratvold, Polk County, appeared before the board to express concern about the spillway between the east and west pool of the Parnell Impoundment, as did Dennis Goodyke and Jerry Michalson. Loren Sanderson explained the drainage between the two pools. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD should excavate and replace with rock, and possibly do some mowing and spraying, at the crest between the pools. The three individuals also asked how it would be possible to get the Parnell Operating Plan on the table again.

The culvert on Polk County Road 17, near the south inlet/outlet of the Parnell Impoundment was discussed. Loren Sanderson explained he is working with the county on this matter to resolve elevation differences.

Dale Nelson informed the board that he had sent a letter to Dan Trontvet regarding the offer from the RLWD of \$2,000 to cover expenses on the spreading of the sediment on his land from the dredging of the Thief River Reservoir. Mr. Nelson stated that he had also called Mr. Trontvet and informed him that he should get in contact with either the RLWD or Legal Counsel Delray Sparby as to whether or not he will agree to the terms of the letter. Following discussion, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, that the RLWD should withdraw their offer of \$2,000. Motion carried with Moe opposed.

Dale Nelson informed the board that Brian Dwight and Ron Shelito from the Board of Water and Soil Resources had presented the results of the self-assessment that was done by the RLWD as a pilot project. They would like to present it to the board and requested a date be set for this meeting. It was the consensus of the board to schedule this for September 21, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

Dale Nelson reviewed some upcoming meetings of the RLWD. He stated the August mediation was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts of several people, but that a meeting will be held on September 26, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. at the RLWD office. He stated there is also a meeting scheduled for September 4, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the RLWD office for the lower diversion phase of the proposed Thief River FDR Project.

The board discussed the hydrological study report that will be completed by Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering. It was the consensus of the board that this report should be available for their information at the September 13, 2001 meeting, with the contents to be forwarded on to Pennington County for their use.

The MN Association of Drainage Inspectors will hold their fall meeting and tour on September 17, 2001, with a tour of many sites within the RLWD. The following will be attending: Gary Lane, Dale Nelson, Leonard Moe, Roger Love, and Orville Knott.

The board discussed several ideas for new resolutions to be presented at the MAWD annual meeting. The topics for the resolutions that will be further discussed at the September 13, 2001 meeting are as follows: 1) Reinstate HACA funds; 2) the minimum amount for soliciting bids should be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000; 3) deletion of Subdivision 9,, Section 84a.55 of the MN State Statutes; 4) managers pay increased to \$75.00 per day; and 5) watershed districts should be exempt from having to replace wetlands when building an impoundment for public good.

The board discussed correspondence from Brent Johnson regarding the culvert sizing policy used by the RLWD. It was the consensus of the board that RLWD staff and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby should discuss this further with Brent Johnson and bring it back to the board.

Permit No. 01081 from Robert Love, Nesbit Township, Polk County, was discussed by the board. Motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board deny this permit and request a new permit be submitted.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 01090* from Randy Enright, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 01091 from the Clearwater County Highway Department; No.s 01092, 01093 and 01094 from the Polk County Highway Department; No. 01095 from the Marshall County Highway Department; and No. 01096* from Lakehead Pipeline, *With conditions stated on permit.

Loren Sanderson stated he met with FEMA and the RLWD may receive approximately \$2,400 for debris removal and replacement of the plexiglass stem on Schirrick Dam.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented his update to the board.

Manager Smeby stated he had not heard from the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD regarding a meeting with RLWD staff for possible cost sharing on the erosion repair on the Moose River outlet.

Motion was made by Moe, seconded by Knott, that the meeting adjourn to September 4, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

On September 4, 2001, at 7:04 p.m., President Dale Nelson re-opened the meeting at the RLWD office. Present were Managers Nelson, Johnson, Knott, Moe, Love, and Nikolayson, along with Gary Lane and Tammy Audette from the RLWD staff. Manager Smeby was not present.

Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, presented information regarding the lower diversion phase of the Thief River Storage and Diversion FDR Project. Several landowners were present to ask questions and discuss the project. This discussion is on videotape and available for viewing at the RLWD office.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary