

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
August 9, 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; Vernon Johnson; 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.

Paul Driscoll and Polk County Commissioner Eugene Mattson requested to appear before the board.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of July 26, 2001. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated August 8, 2001.

The board reviewed the Budget and Salary Committee recommendations from their July 24, 2001 meeting. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the recommendations presented by the Budget and Salary Committee.

The Administrative budget for 2002 was discussed by the board. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD schedule the Administrative budget hearing for September 13, 2001, at 10:00 a.m.

President Nelson explained that Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, was unable to be present for this meeting, but had requested board action on the following:

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed unanimously, that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that the water quality of Clearwater Lake needs to be maintained and improved, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that, along with study of the water quality, Clearwater Lake should have a management plan to guide improvements for water quality, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District intends to assist the Clearwater Lake Area Association in developing a management plan for Clearwater Lake, which will include recommendations developed from the water quality model developed by the Red Lake Watershed District and other organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT The Red Lake Watershed District will assist the Clearwater Lake Area Association in developing a lake management plan as outlined in the Sustainable Lakes Planning Workbook. 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. Where the Red Lake Watershed District will act as the fiscal agent and project manager and will match grant funds with an in-kind contribution worth \$13,500.00.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Moe, and passed unanimously that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that the water quality of Clearwater Lake needs to be maintained and improved, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District believes that a study of the water quality and implementation of recommendations from this study are the best methods for maintenance and improvement of Clearwater Lake, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District intends to collect data and develop a water quality model of Clearwater Lake and provide recommendations for maintenance and improvement of Clearwater Lake, and

WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this project the Red Lake Watershed District and the Red River Watershed Management Board enter into agreement with Beltrami County and Clearwater County (hereafter referred to as cooperating parties), to provide resources and technical expertise, and

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District has a Board approved and locally adopted water plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT The Red Lake Watershed District, the Red River Watershed Management Board and cooperating parties will conduct a study of Clearwater Lake to develop a water quality model and provide recommendations for maintenance and improvement of Clearwater Lake water quality. In order to accomplish this the Red Lake Watershed District and the Red River Watershed Management Board enter 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, along with the Red River Watershed Management Board, will match the grant funds with \$25,000.00.

Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed unanimously that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) received a 319 Challenge Grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD believes a lake management plan is needed for Clearwater Lake, and

WHEREAS, time spent by watershed staff should be billed to a specific project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD shall assign this project No. 46JJ and name it "Clearwater Lake Management Plan".

The MAWD resolution process for the 2001 annual meeting was discussed. The board is to review this information and bring back their ideas for new resolutions at the August 23, 2001 meeting.

President Nelson read a letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the beaver dams on Badger Creek/Poplar River. The letter granted the RLWD permission to remove these beaver dams.

The culvert sizing policy of the RLWD was discussed by the board. Loren Sanderson handed out copies of the policy drafted by Charlie Anderson several years ago and 1994 correspondence from Brent Johnson. It was the consensus of the board that Loren Sanderson and Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, should review the culvert sizing policy to insure that it is acceptable, based upon generally accepted engineering practices, and present it at the August 23, 2001 board meeting.

The board reviewed permit No. 01081 from Robert Love, Nesbit Township, Polk County. Following discussion, a motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote to table permit No. 01081 from Robert Love until the August 23, 2001 meeting.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 01087* from Joseph Adamski, Norden Township, Pennington County; No. 01088* from Donald Schmidt, Valley Township, Marshall County; and No. 01089 from Andover Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Paul Driscoll, Polk County, was present to inform the board of the need and urgency of the improvements needed on Polk County Ditches 37, 38, 39, and 40. The board recommended a petition for improvement be filed with the RLWD, in order to initiate this improvement.

Polk County Commissioner Jeep Mattson was present to express concerns that the Grand Marais outlet was not adequate for the proposed ditch improvement of systems 37, 38, 39, and 40.

A letter from Marshall/Beltrami SWCD regarding a Water Plan update meeting was reviewed. Manager Smeby and Ryan Odenbach, RLWD Water Quality Coordinator, will attend this meeting on August 14, 2001.

The board discussed the concerns of Dan Trontvet on the Thief River Reservoir Dredging Project. It was the consensus of the board that President Nelson should contact Mr. Trontvet to see if he agrees with the terms of the letter the RLWD sent him.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby informed the board that he had received a Notice of Appeal of the petition for Alternative Writ and requested the meeting be closed.

Motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the meeting be closed.

The board discussed the Notice of Appeal.

Motion was made by Love, seconded by Smeby, and passed unanimously, that the meeting be re-opened.

The meeting was re-opened to the public.

Manager Moe reported on a meeting he attended in Middle River regarding anthrax in cattle.

Manager Love brought up the rainfall difficulties of the past few days. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the Parnell Impoundment and possibly diverting water Lateral 2 north to Polk County Road 17. It was the consensus of the board that Manager Love, Loren Sanderson, Polk County Engineer Roger Diesen, and the Polk County commissioners to look into the matter further.

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

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary