

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
December 13, 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.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda with the following additions: Marshall County appointment, mediation letters, and the hiring of an administrator.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 19, 2001. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Arnold Stanley, Dave Rodahl, and Stacey Martin individually addressed the board regarding several aspects of the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, explained the pay estimate for the Greenwood 27 Project to Wright Construction. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approves the pay estimate to Wright Construction, in the amount of \$34,129.89.

Arlene Novak informed the board that the RLWD needed to designate a depository. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the RLWD needs to designate the Citizen's State Bank of Roseau, MN as a depository;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD designates the Citizen's State Bank of Roseau an official depository of the RLWD.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated December 12, 2001.

A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should dispose of the following items: HP Paint Jet Printer; Epson FX 1050 printer; HP Pen Plotter 7475A; and an Audiovox PRT 920 G11 telephone; and advertise for sale the surplus property, which is listed as a Chevy Tahoe and board room table.

The board discussed the need for a facilitator for the Project Work Team on the Thief River Storage and Diversion Project. Following discussion, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Moe, that the RLWD should not hire a facilitator for the Thief River Storage and Diversion Project. Managers Smeby, Moe, and Love voted aye, with Managers Johnson, Knott, and Nikolayson voting naye. Motion failed with President Nelson voting naye to break the tie.

Manager Moe expressed concern regarding the Marshall County appointment to the Board of Managers for the RLWD.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 01149 from Douglas M. Planter, Polk County; No. 01150\* from Robert Proulx, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 01151\* from Pennington County Highway Department, Goodridge and Reiner Townships; and No. No. 01154\* from RJ Zavoral & Sons, Grand Forks Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Loren Sanderson explained a permit from the City of Goodridge, Pennington County. Following discussion, a motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 01155\* from the City of Goodridge, Pennington County, effective December 26, 2001, contingent upon no objections by those affected.

Manager Knott brought up a concern regarding culvert placement on County Road 49 on the Red Lake and Polk County line. RLWD staff is to check into this matter and report back to the board.

John Hodgson, North Central MN Joint Powers Board, was present to discuss the engineering for the City of Bagley Runoff Reduction Project. Following several questions from the board, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the hiring of the NW MN Joint Powers Board to complete the engineering required for this project.

The board reviewed information regarding the mediation process for the Grand Marais area (Project 60). It was the consensus of the board that this information should be mailed to everyone on the original list for their response. The board will decide on the delegates and alternates at a future board meeting. Manager Moe requested it be recorded that the signing of the Statement of Commitment should apply to everyone.

Wetland banking on the Louisville Parnell Project was discussed. This will be further discussed at the December 27, 2001 meeting.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented his update to the board.

The Greenwood 27 Project was discussed. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should pursue the purchase of wetland acres at the rate of \$3,500 per acre.

Advertising to hire an administrator for the RLWD was discussed. It was the consensus of the board to draft a job description for the administrator and review it at the December 27, 2001 meeting.

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Smeby, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

This meeting was videotaped.

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary