

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 22, 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; Ron Weiss; David C. Lanning, Administrator/Engineer; 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 Nikolayson, that the board approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Following the review of the agenda, Arnold Stanley requested time on the agenda. He was granted a five-minute time slot to be heard later in the meeting.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of February 8, 2001. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report, investment summary, and fund balances. A motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated February 21, 2001.

The board briefly discussed the Thief River Storage and Diversion FDR Project. Gary Lane, Technician II, presented information on what CRP requirements would entail, stating it would most likely be handled on a federal level.

Arnold Stanley gave his viewpoints on past projects of the RLWD and also stated his opinion regarding the Thief River Diversion and Storage Project.

Administrator Lanning informed the board that the Clearwater River clearing and snagging was near completion and that the crews will be moved to other sites. He also stated that the clearing and snagging has begun on the Red Lake River.

Administrator Lanning stated he met with the board work group last week to review the self-assessment process. He stated the letters have been mailed out and when the responses are received, Cliff Tweedale will summarize these reviews and meet with the board.

Administrator Lanning reported on the meeting he and several board members attended with Representative Skoe, a staff person from Senator Moe's office, and a representative from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians regarding the Band having someone on the Board of Managers for the RLWD. He handed out minutes from this meeting that were provided by Senator Moe's office.

Manager Love asked Administrator Lanning to clarify why Charlie Anderson has not presented his Engineer's Report regarding the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. Administrator Lanning explained that both he and Charlie Anderson were too involved with the Thief River Project to be able to present the Operating Plan.. Engineering Assistant Loren Sanderson presented a timeline of the action taken by the RLWD Board of Managers regarding the Operating Plan. It was the consensus of the board that the Engineer's Report should be filed within two weeks and they should be able to schedule a public meeting at the March 8, 2001 meeting.

Manager Nelson asked the board what their wishes were regarding the state audit being requested by several county commissioners. It was the consensus of the board that Manager Nelson should meet with those commissioners and state auditor Colleen Hoffman and report back to the board at a later meeting.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby updated the board on Tom Anderson's written questions regarding the Winsor/Hangaard Project. He also updated the board on State Ditch 83.

Manager Nelson asked Legal Counsel Sparby if the quote maximum had been raised to \$50,000. Legal Counsel Sparby stated it was raised for some government agencies, but the \$25,000 limit still applies to watershed districts.

Manager Moe was interested in knowing when the general maintenance would begin on State Ditch 83. Administrator Lanning stated that it would be done as soon as the water was moving. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Loren Sanderson should report to the board at the March 8, 2001 meeting to point out areas that should be done.

A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, and passed unanimously, that the meeting adjourn to March 1, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., at the RLWD meeting room.

Signed
Ron Weiss, Secretary