

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 8, 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; Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/Receptionist; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, that the board approve the agenda with the one change, to move the Challenge Grant item ahead to be reported on by Administrator Lanning. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Ron Weiss read the minutes of January 25, 2001. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Moe, that the board approve the minutes as read. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Weiss, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated February 7, 2001.

Administrator Lanning reported on the following: he will be meeting with HDR and Jor Engineering firms next week regarding the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan; he will be working on the Ten Year Overall Plan update, but had asked BWSR to delay for one year until he is familiar with what needs to be done; and he would like a small work group consisting of board managers who would meet in the off week – this group will consist of Managers Nelson, Moe, and Weiss.

Administrator Lanning requested that the board consider having a charge put on permits that the RLWD handles. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that this should be looked into further before any Rules and Regulations are changed.

Administrator Lanning reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between the Pennington County Soil and Water Conservation District and the RLWD. Following his review, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board authorize the president to sign the Agreement with Pennington County SWCD for the Total Suspended Sediment Study.

Administrator Lanning stated that he met with Senator Roger Moe and Representative Rod Skoe at the capitol last week regarding Senate File 178 and the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians having a representative on the RLWD Board of Managers. He also reported that he felt a follow-up meeting should be scheduled. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Administrator Lanning and one board manager go to St. Paul to meet with Senator Moe and Representative Skoe.

Administrator Lanning stated he met with Manager Nikolayson, DNR, and local landowners regarding the Badger Creek/Poplar River. He reported they determined there would be no permits required to do clearing and snagging or to remove beaver dams north of the Wetland Management Area. He also stated that the project team will reconvene to examine the concerns of the area.

The board discussed the state audit item that was brought up at a meeting with several county commissioners. It was the consensus of the board that State Auditor Colleen Hoffman be invited to a board meeting to explain the state audit process and that a meeting might also be held with Manager Nelson, Commissioners Delray Larson, Don Jensen, and Edward Larson, Administrator Lanning, and Colleen Hoffman to take action on this issue.

Manager Love asked what was happening on the Douglas Peterson project. Administrator Lanning stated the RLWD staff is working on it.

Administrator Lanning stated the RLWD is applying for the following Challenge Grants: Red River Water Assessment Protocol; Clearwater Lake Management Plan; and Clearwater Lake Water Quality Model. The board asked Ryan Odenbach if there were any funds left in the Clearwater Nonpoint Study MPCA loan. He stated that the money left was earmarked for several projects. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Weiss, that the RLWD apply for the above mentioned Challenge Grants.

At 10:00 a.m., quotes were opened for clearing and snagging on the Red Lake River. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the low quote from Jeff Olson at \$25.00/hr. per man, with a minimum of two people, for clearing and snagging on the Red Lake River.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, reviewed the Cross Lake/Turtle Lake Water Quality Study and the Beaver Pond Study on Badger Creek done on the Moose River Impoundment and Clearwater River. The board managers asked several questions about the project.

At 11:00 a.m., the following from Middle River/Snake River Watershed District joined the RLWD Board to discuss projects of their area: Engineer/Administrator Ron Adrian, and board members Ron Osowski and Jim Johnson.

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

Signed
Ron Weiss, Secretary

