

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
November 19, 2001

Vice President Vernon Johnson 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: 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. Dale M. Nelson was absent.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 25, 2001. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Smeby, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated November 16, 2001.

The board reviewed a request from the MN Green Thumb Program for a monetary contribution. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve a contribution of \$450.00 to the MN Green Thumb Program.

Don Barron was present to discuss Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and presented articles and information on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal. It was the consensus of the board that Ryan Odenbach should draft a letter from the RLWD Board of Managers to area legislators, as well as EPA and MPCA officials.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, was present to update the board on wetland banking acres. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Moe, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD staff should determine if there are enough banked acres in the Louisville/Parnell Project to replace the acres on Winsor/Hangaard. Manager Smeby made a motion, with a second by Knott, to table the wetland banking issue on the Winsor/Hangaard Project until information previously acted on is obtained. Motion carried. Arlene Novak will also review the wetland banking on Winsor/Hangaard and report on it at the December 13, 2001 meeting.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, gave his update to the board.

Gary Lane, Technician II, reviewed a letter the RLWD received from John Williams, MnDNR, regarding the installation of culverts along Ditch 200 in Marshall County. It was the consensus of the board that Gary Lane should review the original plans and specifications for this ditch and report back to the board.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby gave his update to the board.

The board reviewed permit No. 01133 from Roger Hagen, Grand Forks Township, Polk County. Following discussion, a motion was made by Love, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board deny this permit.

Dale M. Nelson entered the meeting. He stated he was contacted about a possible ditch cleaning in Star Township, Pennington County. Legal Counsel Sparby stated that as long as this is a roadside ditch and will not be drained into another ditch system, this type of cleaning did not require a RLWD permit.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No.s 01138\* and 01145\* from Roger Harmoning, Gervais Township, Red Lake County; No. 01142\* from Fred Barrell & Sons, Huntsville Township, Polk County; No. 01143 from Godfrey Township, Polk County; No. 01144\* from Robert Useldinger, Jr., Huntsville Township, Polk County; No. 01146\* from Kevin Anderson, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 01147 from MnDOT, Polk County; and No. 01148\* from Alvin Myers, Lessor Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Smeby requested that the Moose River Impoundment water levels be lowered again. Loren Sanderson will contact the agencies involved to schedule a meeting to discuss this change in the operation of Moose River Impoundment.

Manager Love made a request for RLWD staff to clean up the rock on the access road on Parnell Impoundment. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should hire someone local to remove the rock from the access road on Parnell Impoundment.

Manager Nelson informed the board that Nate Dalager had put together a package in order for the RLWD to solicit quotes for the City of Bagley Urban Reduction Runoff Project. It was the consensus of the board that this package should first be offered to the Joint Powers Board for completion. If the Joint Powers Board does not wish to take on this project, it should then be presented to consulting firms for their quotes.

Manager Nelson informed the board that, upon reviewing the contract with Mike Gasper regarding the sale of property on Parnell Impoundment, the contract states Mr. Gasper would have first chance to purchase the property should the RLWD decide to sell. This contract will terminate in April, 2002.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary