

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 11, 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 Moe and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda with the following requests to appear: Arnold Stanley, Dave Rodahl, Darrold Rodahl.

The minutes of September 27, 2001 were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated October 10, 2001.

Rod Voss, Glacial Ridge/Nature Conservancy, was present to explain the objectives of a project they would like to initiate in conjunction with the USGS and the RLWD. He also requested that the RLWD be the sponsoring agency for the project. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD serve as sponsor for this project and that the board approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, that it hereby designates Dale M. Nelson, President, as the Project Representative for the Long Term Water Quality Study of the Glacial Ridge Surface and Ground Water Systems proposed Clean Water Partnership/319 Resource Investigation Grant.

The Project Representative shall have the authority to represent the Red Lake Watershed District in all matters that do not specifically require action by the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, that the Project Representative designated above is hereby authorized to submit to the MPCA a Clean Water Partnership/319 Resource Investigation Grant Application for the Long Term Water Quality Study of the Glacial Ridge Surface and Ground Water Systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, the total project cost of the Long Term Water Quality Study of the Glacial Ridge Surface and Ground Water Systems Project is expected to be \$1,050,000. The Red Lake Watershed District would be responsible for the total project costs with the assistance from any contributing sponsors as detailed in the application, only to the extent of any grant monies received.

A Grant, if awarded, could provide up to fifty percent (50%) of the total project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers, that submittal of an application does not obligate the Red Lake Watershed District to accept a Grant if so offered.

It was the consensus of the board that the administrator of the RLWD will be the contact person and be given the authority to sign the agreement for this 319 grant application.

Doug Thompson, Clearwater County SWCD, was present to talk about the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Bagley has expressed a great need to improve their wastewater treatment facility, and

WHEREAS, Clearwater County SWCD has requested the expertise of the Red Lake Watershed District for engineering, project coordination, and possible funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District assign this project number 151 and name it "Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project".

Doug Thompson, Clearwater SWCD, also explained a buffer strip project that was in the making to be implemented along Silver Creek in Clearwater County. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD approve spending \$30,000 of the funds designated for the Clearwater Nonpoint Study, to be matched by 319 grant monies.

The Thief River Storage and Diversion Project Team responses was discussed by the board. By direction at the September 27, 2001 meeting, a letter was mailed to the entire project team along with a Statement of Commitment to be signed by each team member. According to the guidelines adopted by the board at the 9/27/01 meeting, each team member was to sign this commitment or be replaced as a team member. Lengthy discussion took place, with the board hearing comments from Arnold Stanley, Dave Rodahl, Darrold Rodahl, and Cheryl Sistad/Orvis Byklum representing the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD. As a result of discussion, Manager Smeby made a motion to proceed with the mediation process, but not by the guidelines that had been adopted at the 9/27/01 meeting. Manager Love seconded the motion. Upon calling for a vote, Managers Smeby, Love, and Moe voted aye, with Managers Knott, Nikolayson, and Johnson voting nay. Motion fails with President Nelson voting nay to break the tie.

Following further discussion regarding the letter that had been sent with the Statement of Commitment was discussed. It was the general consensus that this letter should be re-written by Managers Knott, Nelson, Johnson, and Nikolayson and mailed out again to the Project Work Team, with copies to the entire RLWD board.

Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, was present to discuss the location of the structure for the lower diversion phase of the Thief River Storage and Diversion Project.

Loren Sanderson, at the previous meeting, was instructed to obtain quotes for the possible tiling of Parnell Impoundment. Upon reviewing this information, it was the consensus of the board that President Nelson should contact Nate Dalager to further pursue his recommendation at the 9/27/01 meeting to install a culvert with flap gate at a much lesser cost. President Nelson was to find out if the permitting issues would be in place for this installation and he should report back at a future meeting with a firm cost for this recommendation.

A request from Pennington County to extend the dike on Good Lake Impoundment north to the Pennington County line was discussed by the board. President Nelson is to check into this further to see what the project would involve and report back to the board at a future meeting.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Moe, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 01117* from Clayton Engelstad, Godfrey Township, Polk County; Nos. 01118* and 01119* from Richard Luckow, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 01120* from Gene Tiedeman, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 01121* from Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 01122 from MnDOT, Polk County; No. 01123 from MnDOT, Pennington County; No. 01124 from Polk County Highway Department; No. 01125* from Roger Love, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 01126* from Michael Klawitter, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 01127* from Larry Hanson, Poplar Township, Red Lake County; No. 01128* from Clifton Gustafson, Clearwater County; No. 01129* from Daniel Haack, Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 01130* from Darin Carlstrom, Badger Township, Polk County; and No. 01131* from Marlin Iverson, Godfrey Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

The board reviewed a request for an extension on permit No. 00066 from MnDOT, Polk County. A motion was made by Moe, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve this extension.

Manager Moe requested the RLWD staff look into what the impact would be on the area of Ditch 200 if several culverts were installed in that area.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented his update to the board.

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

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary