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; LeRoy Ose; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; Roger Love; Orville Knott; Harry Farris, Administrator; 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 Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of July 25, 2002. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of July 31, 2002 were read. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the minutes of July 31, 2002.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated August 7, 2002.

Administrator Farris explained that a resolution was needed in order to implement a Ten-Year Overall Plan. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District is required by Minnesota Statute Chapter 103D to update their Comprehensive Plan every ten years, and

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District’s Comprehensive Plan is due for updating, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources will provide assistance to the Red Lake Watershed District in preliminary preparation of the Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers approves and authorizes the Administrator to work with all agencies and firms concerned to establish a new Ten Year Comprehensive Plan for the District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project be named “Ten Year Overall Plan” and assign it project number 149.

Motion carried, with Manager Smeby opposed.
Administrator Farris explained to the board a possible option to be considered in the operation of Parnell Impoundment. He stated that land presently owned by the RLWD, known as North Parnell, could possibly be used as an impoundment by putting a spillway at 939.0 feet. It was the consensus of the board to have Nate Dalager and Charlie Anderson look into this possibility and report back to the board in the near future with a cost estimate.

Administrator Farris explained that a motion was needed for the administration of the Beaver Damage Control Program. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD will continue to pay ten percent of the problem beaver removal costs and carry out the administrative duties for the program.

Two ring dike requests were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following ring dike requests: Myron Scheflo, Red Lake County; and Jason Wardner, Fisher, MN, with the conditions required by the RLWD.

Administrator Farris reported on the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. It was the consensus of the board that the engineer for the project, John Hodgson, should update the board at the August 22, 2002 meeting.

The board reviewed a ring dike applicant list and an evaluation form. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD adopt this criteria sheet and evaluation form as a guideline for prioritizing ring dikes.

**PERMITS**

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board table permit No. 02066 from Ron Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County.

A motion was made by Love, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 02058 from George Hanson, Fairfax Township, Polk County and No. 02069 from GMG Farms, Fanny Township, Polk County.

Upon recommendation by Loren Sanderson, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board deny permit No. 02065 from Ronald Moritz, Black River Township, Pennington County.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02032* from Steve Goodwin, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 02071* from Elliott Solheim, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 02074* from Rick Olson and Lowell Smeby, Benville Township, Beltrami County; No. 02077* from Wilder, Inc., Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 02078 from Greenwood Township, Clearwater County; No. 02080 from MnDOT, Pennington County; No. 02081* from Dale Loeslie, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 02082* from Dave Radi, Fanny Township, Polk County; No. 02083 from Veldt
Township, Marshall County; and No. 02084 from Polk County Highway Department.
*With conditions stated on permit.

A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the meeting adjourn.

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary