

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 11, 2002

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: Vernon Johnson; Roger Love; Lowell Smeby; Orville Knott; Dale M. Nelson; LeRoy Ose; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Dennis Nikolayson was absent.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of December 31, 2001. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, Manager Smeby requested that all board meetings be videotaped. It was the consensus of the board that this should be done.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated January 10, 2002.

Arlene Novak reviewed the investment summary. She also stated that a motion was needed to designate these facilities as depositories of the RLWD. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board designate the following as depositories for the RLWD for 2002: Edward D. Jones, TRF; Northern State Bank, TRF; First National Bank, TRF; Red Lake County State Bank, Red Lake Falls; Northwest Community Bank, Plummer; American State Bank, Erskine; American State Bank, Grygla; and Citizen's State Bank, Roseau.

Arnold Stanley appeared before the board. He asked the board to consider publishing the board minutes in a newspaper that would be available to the general public.

President Nelson turned the meeting over to Vice President Vernon Johnson, who stated nominations were open for president. Dale M. Nelson and Dennis Nikolayson were nominated. Upon calling for nominations three times, and with no further nominations, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, that nominations cease. By a vote of 5 to 1, Dale M. Nelson was elected president of the RLWD for 2002. Motion carried. The meeting was turned over to President Nelson.

Nominations were open for vice president. Vernon Johnson was nominated. Upon calling for nominations three times and hearing no further nominations, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Vernon Johnson as vice president of the RLWD for 2002. Motion carried without dissent.

Nominations were open for secretary. Dennis Nikolayson was nominated. Upon calling for nominations three times, a motion was made by Smeby, with a second by Love, that a unanimous ballot be cast for Dennis Nikolayson as secretary of the RLWD for 2002. Motion carried without dissent.

Nominations were open for treasurer. Lowell Smeby was nominated. Upon calling for nominations three times, and hearing no further nominations, Manager Johnson made a motion that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Lowell Smeby as treasurer of the RLWD for 2002. Manager Knott seconded the motion. Motion carried without dissent.

The board reviewed the ditch committees. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed unanimously, that the Joint Ditch 72 committee remain the same.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed unanimously that Orville Knott be placed on the Joint Ditch 2 committee.

The Area Advisory Committees were reviewed by the board. Manager Smeby noted that Harold Schulz had passed away, leaving only two on the Moose River Area committee. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, that the area advisory committees remain the same for the year 2002, with Manager Smeby to seek a new appointment for the Moose River Area. Motion carried unanimously.

The Overall Advisory Committee was reviewed. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote, that the Overall Advisory Committee remain the same for 2002.

The meeting schedule for 2002 was reviewed. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board meetings be held the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Nominations were open for voting delegates to MAWD. Dennis Nikolayson was nominated. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose that Dennis Nikolayson serve as voting delegate to MAWD for 2002. Motion carried without dissent.

Nominations were open for alternates to MAWD. Roger Love and LeRoy Ose were nominated. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that Roger Love and LeRoy Ose respectively serve as first and second voting alternate to MAWD for the year 2002. Motion carried with Manager Love opposed.

Arlene Novak reviewed a letter from the MN Historical Society stating final report was acceptable and the grant funding would be forthcoming. The letter indicated that completing 100 percent of the tuckpointing on the building was a favorable decision by the board.

Arlene also stated that she was informed by the State of MN that approximately \$40,000 remaining after the completion of the Grygla Levee Project will be transferred to the RLWD's ring dike program. Loren Sanderson informed the board that some of the ring dike applicants

for a farmstead ring dike may be protected by the East Grand Forks Army Corps of Engineers' project.

At 10:00 a.m., an informational hearing was called to order on permit No. 01155 from the City of Goodridge. Loren Sanderson gave a timeline of events regarding this permit. Several area landowners expressed their concerns regarding the permit. Being no further comments, the informational hearing adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

The board discussed permit No. 01155. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board table permit No. 01155 from the City of Goodridge until other options are considered; that being a culvert installed in Jim Dahlen's in-road crossing.

Arvid Broden, Polk County, appeared before the board regarding the possibility of the RLWD obtaining acreage from him for wetland banking. Bill Best, Board of Water and Soil Resources, discussed the parcel of land but stated a study of the soils and topography would have to be done in order to come up with a rough estimate on cost per acre. He stated that if a perpetual easement was obtained, Mr. Broden would remain the owner of the land and the RLWD would be the applicant for wetland banking acres. President Nelson stated the RLWD would do some investigating to become more comfortable with the situation.

Manager Smeby opened a quote received for the sale of the Tahoe. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the offer of \$7,500.00 from Nick Nelson for the sale of the Tahoe.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, updated the board on the three erosion control sites, which were funded by 319 grants in the year 2000. Ryan requested that the Equality 31 portion of the projects be discontinued and the funds transferred to another project. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD discontinue Project 82H (Equality 31) and transfer the funds, for additional work, to Project 82G (Greenwood 27) in Clearwater County.

Ryan also requested additional engineering be done on the Greenwood 27 Project. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve contacting Widseth, Smith, & Nolting to do further engineering on the Greenwood 27 Project.

Ryan demonstrated the web site for the RLWD that he and Zeb have put together, along with Brian Fischer, Houston Engineering. He scanned the information already on-line, and added that it will take a couple months to get the water quality on-line.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, and Loren Sanderson explained the BWSR Pilot Project. Loren explained how this project got started and how it has evolved into basically two separate sites. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson to move forward with the BWSR grant application and authorize President Nelson to sign

any documentation pertaining to this grant. Manager Love seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon further discussing the BWSR Pilot Project, it was the consensus of the board that two separate projects should be created. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for storage to reduce flooding on Polk County Ditch 126, and

WHEREAS, funding is available through a grant from the Board of Water and Soil Resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers assign this project number 133C and name it "BWSR Flood Storage Easement Pilot Project".

and

Motion by Love, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for storage adjacent to the Parnell Impoundment, in Sections 3 and 4 of Parnell Township, Polk County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers assign this project number 154 and name it "North Parnell Storage Site".

The board directed Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, to prepare a preliminary Engineer's Report, based upon the scope and cost presented at the meeting.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby gave his update to the board. He stated that he had received a call from Dan Rust, attorney for Mike Gasper, stating that Mr. Gasper would like to purchase hunting rights on Louisville/Parnell Impoundment. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD will be utilizing this land for the previously mentioned impoundment project.

Legal Counsel Sparby explained the letter he had written to the Board of Managers regarding the requests to appear at board meetings. He stated that this was just a recommendation on his part, the letter was not directed at any one individual, and it is intended for projects that are in progress. He stated it was up to the board as to how they wished to handle this item.

The status of the Poplar River Diversion was discussed. Loren Sanderson will check into what funding sources are available.

The publishing of approved minutes in a newspaper was discussed. It was the consensus of the board that a newspaper must be designated and President Nelson will obtain quotes as to what this would cost and report back at the January 24, 2002 meeting.

The board discussed the RLWD's representation on the Technical Advisory Committee for the RRWMB. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Brent Johnson will no longer be serving as the Red Lake Watershed District's representative to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Red River Watershed Management Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District request the appointment of Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, as their representative on the Technical Advisory Committee for the Red River Watershed Management Board.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary