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 Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of July 11 and July 23, 2002. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated July 24, 2002.

Chad Ricord, President of the Minakwa Golf Club, presented a breakdown of estimated cost for removal of sediment at the golf course. The City of Crookston had previously approached the RLWD regarding financial assistance in this project. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is a need for removal of sediment at the Minakwa Golf Course in the City of Crookston, and

WHEREAS, the City of Crookston has requested financial assistance from the Red Lake Watershed District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers approves payment of 50 percent of the approximate cost of $29,724.00, or a maximum cost share of $15,000;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this project be named “City of Crookston/Minakwa Golf Course Sediment Removal” and assign it project number 156.

Administrator Farris presented his report to the board.

Discussion was held regarding the Seeger Dam repair that is needed because of the recent heavy rainfall. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board declare this an emergency repair and authorized Administrator Farris to carry out this repair.
Brian Dwight, Board of Water and Soil Resources, was present to review the procedure involved in completing a Comprehensive Study for the RLWD. Following several questions from the board, a motion was made by Nikolaysen, seconded by Johnson, to have Brian Dwight and Administrator Farris move forward on the implementation of a Comprehensive Study of the RLWD. Managers Nikolaysen, Johnson, and Ose voted aye, with Managers Love, Smeby, and Knott voting naye. Motion carried with President Nelson voting aye to break the tie.

A ring dike request from Ken Cwikla was reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve this ring dike request, in accordance with the stipulations set by the RLWD. Upon further discussion, it was the consensus of the board that a criteria sheet be developed by the staff to determine the ring dike priority listing. This sheet will be provided at the August 8, 2002 meeting.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board table permit No. 02066* from Ron Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County, and No. 02069* from GMG Farms, Fanny Township, Polk County.

A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02061 from Adger Township, Marshall County; No. 02072* from Robert Cournia, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 02063 from Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 02064* from Mark and Michelle Naplin, Polk Centre Township, Pennington County; No. 02067* from Gelloyd Bjerke, Greenwood Township, Clearwater County; and No.s 02068* from GMG Farms, Keystone Township and No. 02070* from GMG Farms, Belgium Township, both in Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

The board discussed the timeline for advertising the Administrative Budget hearing. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Administrative Budget hearing be scheduled for August 22, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the RLWD office.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting to July 31, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., at the Northland Inn, Crookston, MN.

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary