

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 13, 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: 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. Arnold Stanley, Greg Zak, and Dennis Goodyke requested to appear before the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda, with the addition of these three individuals.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of May 23, 2002. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Love, 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 June 12, 2002.

Arnold Stanley appeared before the board with a copy of the Grygla Eagle newspaper showing County Road 54 being flooded after the recent rainfall.

Greg Zak spoke in favor of the Parnell Impoundment Project and stressed the importance of putting an Operating Plan into practice.

Administrator Farris reported on a meeting that he and Manager Nikolayson attended in regard to the Glacial Ridge permitting. He presented a map of the sites and requested board approval for permitting. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the permitting for the additional ten sites on the Glacial Ridge Project.

Administrator Farris informed the board that two RLWD staff had submitted letters of resignation and requested board approval. The following motions were made:

Motion by Smeby, second by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the resignation of Zeb Lamp, Natural Resource Technician, effective June 7, 2002; and

Motion by Knott, second by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the resignation of Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, effective June 21, 2002.

Northern State Bank requested a motion from the board for the authorization of signatures on checks and documents. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the signatures of the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, administrator, and accounting technician for the signature cards required by Northern State Bank.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, was present to update the board on the BWSR Flood Control Easement Pilot Project. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the Gene Tiedemann site, with Legal Counsel Delray Sparby stating the only option upholding this Option to Purchase an Easement was that Mr. Tiedemann would like the RLWD to plant any cover crop loss due to flooding. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD will not replace any cover crop loss on the Gene Tiedemann property.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding the BWSR Pilot Project and the Parnell Impoundment. Dennis Goodyke, as well as several other landowners, expressed the need for an Operating Plan for Parnell Impoundment. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, to have Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, and Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, present their combined Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan, for board information, at the June 27, 2002 meeting. Motion carried. Administrator Farris will contact the engineers regarding this item.

At 11:00 a.m., Don Ogaard, Executive Director of the RRWMB, and Dick Nelson, Financial Coordinator, were present to discuss the role of the RRWMB. Mr. Ogaard reviewed the 2001 Annual Report and noted how things have changed in the 30 years he has been with the RRWMB. Mr. Nelson discussed funding issues and explained the legislative process.

Permits 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 permits: No. 02046* from Curtis Amundson, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 02047* from Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 02048* from River Falls Township, Pennington; and No. 02049 from Ronald Moritz, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County.

*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Farris presented several items to the board. He stated that Steve Thompson would be willing to sell five acres of land on the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project at a price of \$1,000 per acre plus probate costs. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept these terms.

Administrator Farris requested authorization from the board to hire the replacements for Zeb Lamp and Ryan Odenbach. It was the consensus of the board that Managers Smeby and Nelson will serve on the committee to assist with the filling of these positions.

Administrator Farris requested authorization from the board for two grant extensions and for authority to sign the extensions. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board authorize Administrator Farris to apply for and sign the following grant extensions: a six month extension on the \$10,000 grant for the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan; and a one year extension on the \$82,000 grant for the Thief River Reservoir.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, informed the board of his resignation. He stated he would assist, if need be, when a new coordinator is hired.

Loren Sanderson presented a summary of the impoundment operations since the rainfall of June 8 and 9.

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

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary