

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 27, 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; Lowell Smeby; Roger Love; Orville Knott; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Administrator Farris and Manager Nikolayson were absent.

The board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson stated that Kameron Harstad, Stacy Martin, and Gary Pulkrabek had requested to appear before the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda, with the addition of these three individuals.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 13, 2002. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes of June 13, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of the June 17, 2002 emergency meeting. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the minutes of the emergency meeting held June 17, 2002.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated June 26, 2002.

In the absence of Administrator Farris, President Nelson reviewed the Administrator's report.

President Nelson stated a resolution was needed for the Glacial Ridge 319 Grant Agreement Project. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District, that the District enter into a Grant Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to conduct the following Project: Long-term Water Quality Study of Glacial Ridge Surface and Ground Water;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District that President Dale M. Nelson be authorized to execute the Grant Agreement for the above-mentioned project on behalf of the District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District that Administrator Harry Farris serve as Project Representative and represent the District in all matters which, according to the conditions of the Grant Agreement, do not specifically require action by the District

President Nelson informed the board that he and Manager Smeby, along with Administrator Farris, had interviewed candidates for the Water Quality positions. He stated that Corey Hanson had been hired as the Water Quality Coordinator, at an hourly rate of \$12.00; and he introduced Stephanie Hanson, who was hired as the Natural Resource Technician, at an hourly rate of \$9.50 per hour.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, explained two permits in Sullivan Township, Polk County, and recommended the board deny these permits. Following his review, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board deny permit No. 02051 from Michael Horken and No. 02052 from Brad Nelson, both in Sullivan Township, Polk County. The RLWD is to notify the Polk County Ditch Authority of the background of these two permits.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02054* from Kyle Mehrkens, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 02055* from Excel Township, Marshall County; and No. 02056 from Hammond Township, Polk County.
*With conditions stated on permit.

The board reviewed a request for an extension on permit No. 01096 from the Natural Resource Group, Inc. (formerly Lakehead Pipeline Company). A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed unanimously, that the RLWD grant a one-year extension on this permit.

Stacy Martin appeared before the board to express her concern about the flooding on the Thief River.

Gary Pulkrabek appeared before the board to state that an Operating Plan was badly needed for the Parnell Impoundment Project.

Discussion was held regarding the fact that three landowners near the Parnell Impoundment had contacted Administrator Farris for the purpose of selling their land to the RLWD. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD is not interested in purchasing any land at this time.

At 10:00 a.m., the final hearing for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project was held. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby explained the purpose of the hearing, stated it had been properly advertised, and noted that it was being videotaped. Engineer John Hodgson presented the Engineer's Report for filing, as well as the Plans and Specifications for construction. The hearing adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the final Engineer's Report and authorize the president to sign the Plans and Specifications.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented his update to the board.

The board discussed the one issue remaining with Gene Tiedemann enabling the RLWD the Option to Obtain an Easement. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD allow ten days from June 27, 2002, for a response from Mr. Tiedemann regarding this issue.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, and Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, presented the combined 'draft' Engineer's Report for the operation of Parnell Impoundment. Following their presentation to the board, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, that the RLWD approve Alternative 3 of this Operating Plan and schedule a public preliminary hearing when the final Engineer's Report is filed with the RLWD. Motion carried with Manager Love abstaining.

Kameron Harstad appeared before the board to state the need for an Operating Plan for the Parnell Impoundment. He turned his time over to Ron Vasek and John Barrett, both from Northland Township, who further elaborated on the need of an Operating Plan. They also presented a plan, which was acceptable to a large number of local landowners.

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

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary