

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 23, 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; Tammy Audette, Secretary/Accounting Assistant; 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.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of May 9, 2002. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated May 22, 2002.

As a result of discussion during the review of the Financial Report, it was the consensus of the board that Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, should update the board regarding the Gene Tiedemann site at the June 13, 2002 meeting.

Representatives from the City of Crookston and Minakwa Golf Club were present to request assistance from the RLWD for a project to remove sediment buildup on the golf course. It was the consensus of the board that Ryan Odenbach will meet with the City of Crookston, at the city's request, and the Minakwa Golf Club to determine if this project would qualify for any grant monies. The board will further discuss this at the June 13, 2002 meeting.

The Final Engineer's Report for the Bagley Urban Run-off Reduction Project was presented to the board for acceptance for filing. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the Final Engineer's Report for filing and schedule the final hearing for June 27, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02034 from Marshall County Highway Department; No. 02038* from Steve Tischman, Grove Park Township, Polk County; No. 02039* from Henry Boucher, Hanover Township, Polk County; No. 02040* from Robert Cournia, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 02041 from Jaime DeRosier, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; No. 02042 from St. Hilaire Seed Co. Inc., River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 02043 from Harlan Hallstrom, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 02045* from Robert Almquist, River Falls Township, Pennington County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Nikolayson reviewed permit No. 02037 from Steve Tischman, pointing out that the culvert being replaced was a 48" box culvert and felt that replacing it with a 48"

round culvert would be fine. Recommendation by the RLWD was that a 36" culvert would be quite adequate. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD approve this permit with the stipulations stated on the back of the permit.

Administrator Farris reported on a meeting with several individuals regarding the Glacial Ridge Project. Keith Mykelseth, Project Manager, presented a brief history and a funding breakdown. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD Board of Managers accept the Agreement with The Nature Conservancy and also authorize the signing of this Agreement.

Administrator Farris reported on the Project 60 mediation, stating it is progressing well. He informed the board that since Wayne Mager is no longer with Polk County, the board should appoint his replacement to the Project Team. A motion was made by Love, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board appoint Jody Beauchane, Polk County Ditch Inspector, on the Project 60 Team.

Administrator Farris also mentioned the fact that some of the options of Project 60 are within the Middle River/Snake River Watershed District. He recommended someone from their District be invited to attend the Project 60 mediation meetings as a team member. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Farris should contact Middle River/Snake River regarding this possibility.

Administrator Farris informed the board that the Red Lake River Enhancement Committee would like a representative from the RLWD to serve on this committee. It was the consensus of the board not to appoint anyone at this time, but that staff may continue to attend the meetings.

Administrator Farris stated that Don Ogaard and Dick Nelson, on behalf of the RRWMB, would be at the June 13, 2002 board meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the Flood Damage Reduction meeting to be held May 30 in Detroit Lakes. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Farris and President Nelson would attend this meeting.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board.

The board discussed having a booth at county fairs. It was the consensus of the board that this would be a good tool for disbursing information to the general public.

The MAWD Summer Tour is scheduled for June 27-29 at the South Washington Watershed District. Managers Love and Nikolayson will be attending.

Motion was made by Ose, seconded by Knott, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary