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. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby was absent.

Mark Deutschman, Houston Engineering, requested to appear before the board.

The board reviewed the agenda. Manager Love requested to have permit No. 02153 as a separate line item. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 24, 2002. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated November 13, 2002.

**Permits**

Engineer Assistant Loren Sanderson reviewed the three line item permits. Following his review and recommendations, the following motions were made:

- Motion by Ose, second by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote, that the board approve permit No. 02151* from David Sjulestad, David Vraa, and Don Vraa, Goodridge Township, Pennington County;

- Motion by Ose, second by Love, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 02152* from Dean Philipp, Agder Township, Marshall County;

- Motion by Love, second by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board table permit No. 02153* from John Weiland, Belgium Township, Polk County.

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. 02126 from Monte Casavan, Wylie Township, Red Lake County; No. 02142 from Pennington County Highway Department, Goodridge Township; No. 02143 from Steve Linder, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 02145* from Vance Schipper, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 02146 from Great Lakes Gas Transmission, Red Lake and Marshall Counties; No. 02147* from Polk County Highway Department; No. 02148*
from Perry Farms, Andover Township, Polk County; No. 02149* from Donovan Dyrdahl, Norden Township, Pennington County; and No. 02150* from Ron Salentine, Belgium Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

The board reviewed quotes solicited from dealerships in the area for the purchase of a 2003 vehicle. Following review of the quotes, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the purchase of a 2003 F-150 Super-Cab from Thief River Ford, in the amount of $22,740.

Mark Deutschman, Houston Engineering, was present to explain their proposal for completion of the Red Lake Watershed District’s Ten Year Comprehensive Study.

Administrator Farris presented his update to the board.

The Board discussed spot cleaning/maintenance on State Ditch 83. It was the consensus of the board to hire Olson Construction to do minor cleaning on a portion of the ditch on Loiell Dryuds property.

The meeting was closed to the public. The board met in executive session to conduct Administrator Farris’ performance evaluation.

Following Administrator Farris’ evaluation the meeting was re-opened to the public. Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary