

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 10, 2003

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; Bob Proulx; Orville Knott; 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 Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda with the following additions: Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond and Burnham Creek.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of March 28, 2003. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Smeby, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated April 10, 2003.

Ralph Pester, Minakwa Golf Club, presented two permits for review and approval. He explained that one permit dealt with drainage. The other permit, however, was requesting funds for a culvert at the river. President Nelson explained that our engineering department would evaluate the permits and they would be acted on at a later board meeting. Ralph also gave an update to the Board on the progress of their sediment removal project.

The board reviewed a letter of support for the Waffle Project being investigated by the Energy and Environmental Research Center. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the letter of support and authorize President Nelson's signature.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, presented background information on a potential stormwater retention project in the City of Clearbrook. Following his presentation, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Clearbrook has requested assistance from the Red Lake Watershed District in the development of a stormwater retention pond, and

WHEREAS, this pond would purify the stormwater runoff before it runs into Silver Creek;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District name this project "Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Pond(s)" and assign it number 160.

Permits were reviewed by the board.

- A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the requested extension on permit No. 02017 from the Clearwater County Highway Department.
- A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 03008\* from Great Lakes Gas, Pennington County.
- A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No.02060\*, as amended, from Dean Philipp, Agder Township, Marshall County.
- A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, , and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 02163\* from Agder Township, Marshall County.
- A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 03001\* from Don Schmidt, Valley Township, Marshall County.
- A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 03010 from Mike Krejci, Sullivan Township, Polk County.
- A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: Nos. 03014\*, 03015\*, and 03016\* from Tom and George McDonald, Nesbit Township, Polk County; Nos. 03017\*, 03018\*, and 03019\* from Douglas Peterson, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; and No. 03020 from Pennington County Highway Department. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Nikolayson stated he would like to pursue the work on Badger Creek, for which the RLWD has a permit. He had been informed, however, that the DNR Wildlife would be sending a letter stating this work could not be done. Upon request from Mr. Nikolayson, it was the consensus of the board that this letter, upon receipt, should be sent to Charlie Anderson for review. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby is to review the permit and give his recommendation as to whether or not this work may be done.

Award of the bid for construction of the Bagley Urban Run-off Reduction Project was discussed by the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that contingent upon review and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby and engineering, the board accept the apparent low bid.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, presented the Final Engineer's Report for the two flood storage easement sites located by Parnell Impoundment. Nate stated he was presenting some minor changes that had been made since the hearing, as a result of input by the public. He also stated the projects would be bid separately. Following Mr. Dalager's presentation, the following motions were made:

- Motion by Knott, second by Proulx, to accept the Plans and Specifications and proceed with the BWSR Flood Storage Easement Pilot Project, RLWD Proj. No. 133C. Motion carried.
- Motion by Proulx, second by Nikolayson, that the board accept the Plans and Specifications for the North Parnell Storage Site Project, RLWD Proj. No. 154. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that the RLWD advertise separately for bids for construction of BWSR Flood Storage Easement Pilot Project, RLWD Project No. 133C and North Parnell Storage Site, RLWD Proj. No. 154, and schedule the bid openings at 10:00 a.m. at the May 8, 2003 board meeting. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby reported on a meeting he had with Mr. Rex Hammarback and Manager Proulx regarding some questions from townships in the Parnell Impoundment area. Managers Nelson and Johnson also attended this meeting with Legal Counsel. It was the consensus of the board that the RLWD will seek names of potential dam tenders for this area.

Manager Knott stated that he, Loren Sanderson, and Manager Proulx met with landowners regarding prices for land on Project 60.

Manager Smeby stated the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD was interested in participating in general repair on the Moose River Outlet.

Gary Lane, Ditch Inspector, reported to the board on his inspection of State Ditch 83. He will identify the sites that will be maintained this year and report to the board at the April 24 meeting.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary

