

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
April 24, 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; Myron Jesme, Administrator; 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 Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 10, 2003. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, 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 April 23, 2003.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board.

In the absence of Gary Lane, Ditch Inspector, Administrator Jesme presented a summary of several sites on State Ditch 83 that are in need of being maintained. He stated the landowner involved is in favor of the maintenance and working with the RLWD. A contractor will be hired at an hourly rate to complete the maintenance of these sites.

Manager Smeby shared some photos of the erosion at the Moose River Outlet. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Manager Smeby should attend the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD board meeting on April 29 to discuss this issue with them and report back to the RLWD at a future meeting.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, provided a letter to the board regarding the monitoring to be done on Cameron Lake.

Correspondence from Gerald Amiot, Polk County Auditor/Treasurer, concerning a hearing scheduled for permits at the Nature Conservancy was reviewed by the board. Manager Nikolayson will attend this hearing representing the RLWD.

Managers Knott and Proulx reported on the Project 60 meeting. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, stated that a letter to the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group requesting funds for preliminary engineering should be submitted to the Work Group as soon as possible. Following several questions from the board, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should submit a request for funding to the FDR Work Group at the meeting in Detroit Lakes on Friday, April 25.

Discussion was held regarding the apparent low bid for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. Upon review by Legal Counsel Delray Sparby, there were improprieties noted on the apparent low bid. Upon recommendation by Legal Counsel,

the following motion was made: motion by Johnson, second by Nikolayson, that the RLWD reject the apparent low bid from Dyrdahl Construction, Fosston, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

The board further discussed the bids for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD accept the apparent low bid from All Seasons Construction, Blackduck, contingent upon review and approval by Legal Counsel and the engineering staff.

The Grand Marais PRP was discussed by the board. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD submit a letter of intent to proceed with the study on the Grand Marais.

Nate Dalager presented some minor changes to the Plans and Specifications for two flood storage easement sites. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Addendum to the Plans and Specifications for the BWSR Flood Storage Easement Site, Project No. 133C, and the North Parnell Storage Site, Project No. 154. This Addendum will be mailed to the contractors prior to the May 8 bid opening.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 03022\* from the Nature Conservancy, Tilden Township, Polk County; No.s 03023\* and 03024\* from Minakwa Golf Course, Lowell Township, Polk County; No. 03025\* from Roger Hagen, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; and No. 03026\* from John Beauchane, Hammond Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Manager Johnson reported on the RRWMB meeting and stated that, at the meeting in Detroit Lakes on April 25, there would be a vote as to whether or not the FDR Work Group should become an advisory board to the RRWMB. He requested the consensus of the board in this matter.

Manager Smeby brought up the ditch inspection practice of the RLWD. Administrator Jesme stated he would like to incorporate a schedule where every year a ditch system would be surveyed for its functioning performance and this way the ditches of the entire RLWD would be in good repair. This will be a high-priority item for the RLWD Ditch Inspector.

Administrator Jesme presented copies of a letter from the DNR Wildlife rejecting any work to be done on Badger Creek. A copy of this letter has been sent to Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, for his review.

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

Signed  
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary