

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
August 28, 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, with the addition of RLWD Ditch 10 Bond.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of August 14, 2003. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated August 27, 2003.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 03087\* from Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; and No. 03088\* from Grove Park Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Jesme stated he met with John Botsford, who represents Marta Sivitz, a landowner in Section 2 of Parnell Township. The meeting was held in regard to the Parnell Operating Plan, concerning the acquisition of flowage easements. Following discussion to determine a price per acre, a motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that Administrator Jesme should offer up to \$750.00 per acre for the flowage easement purchase on Parnell Impoundment.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby stated he had reviewed the Petition for Repair on State Ditch 83 and found it to be in proper form. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Proulx, that the board accept the Petition for Repair to parts of State Ditch 83 and declare the ditch in need of repair. Administrator Jesme was directed to contact the MN Department of Natural Resources regarding their willingness to pay assessments for this petition for a project. Motion carried.

The board discussed the fact that Houston Engineering had previously performed the engineering on State Ditch 83 and that this should be considered when appointing a firm to do the preliminary engineering on the Petition for Repair. The board felt that data already obtained from a previous engineer report may be a cost saver for the latest petition. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD appoint Houston Engineering to prepare a Preliminary Repair Report on the Petition for Repair on parts of State Ditch 83.

Administrator Jesme informed the board that a \$40,000 bond was in place for RLWD Ditch #10. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby stated he had reviewed the bond and found it to

be in proper form. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the bond for RLWD Ditch 10.

Administrator Jesme stated he met with Wayne Weber, Red Lake County SWCD, and Jim Hest, Joint Powers Board Engineer, to discuss the engineering on RLWD Ditch #10. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD appoint Jim Hest, Joint Powers Board, as the engineer for RLWD Ditch #10 and move forward with providing a preliminary engineer's report.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board. He reported on the progress of the Parnell Area Sites 1 and 2. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD grant an extension to Lunke Construction for installation of the structures, since they will not be available until October.

Funding for the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan was discussed. It was the consensus of the board that a request should be submitted to the RRWMB for their portion of the funding for the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan.

Discussion was held on the piles of debris on the Moose River dike. The DNR had offered to burn the piles, so the board felt Administrator Jesme should urge the DNR to do this as soon as possible.

Administrator Jesme informed the board of the quotes received for the projects on the Lost River and Clearwater River. An error on the Plans for the Clearwater River Project was discovered; and, as a result, this project will be required to go through the bid process. Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should advertise for bids for construction of the rock riffles on the Clearwater River.

The board reviewed a letter to the City of Erskine, which was drafted by Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator. The letter concerns issues regarding Cameron Lake and was intended to be used for public education. Administrator Jesme and Manager Nikolayson will work together on this issue.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board.

Manager Johnson suggested the RLWD look into the purchase of a weed harvester for lakes within the RLWD. It was the consensus of the board that RLWD staff should gather information on weed harvesters.

Manager Knott discussed the conditions of some RLWD ditches. It was the consensus of the board that Gary Lane should update the board on the status of RLWD ditches at a future meeting.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary