

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 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; 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 Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda with the following additions: Don Doda, and a petition for establishing a new ditch system in Red Lake County.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 26, 2003. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Nikolayson, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated July 9, 2003.

Don Doda appeared before the board to express his concerns on the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. A lengthy discussion followed, with Mitchell Doda also expressing his concerns. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, was present to answer questions of the board and local landowners.

It was the consensus of the board that the budget meeting schedule will be discussed at the July 24, 2003 board meeting.

PERMITS

- Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 03057* from Dennis Schulz, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 03060* from Benville Township, Polk County; 03061 from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 03069 from Roger Harmoning, Gervais Township, Red Lake County; No. 03071 from Deb Zak and Jeff Burthwick, Godfrey Township, Polk County; and No. 03072* from Thief River Falls Golf Course, North Township, Pennington County. *With conditions stated on permit.
- Motion by Proulx, second by Knott, to approve permit No. 03038 from Michael Klawitter, Belgium Township, Polk County. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Nikolayson, second by Johnson, to deny permit No. 03035 from Greg Schreck, Belgium Township, Polk County. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Proulx, second by Knott, to deny permit No. 03058 from Dennis Schulz, Belgium Township, Polk County. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding a timeline on handling permits. Administrator Jesme explained that, in order for staff to be able to review the site, the permit should be in the office at least a couple days prior to the board meeting. The board agreed that permits will be acted on if they are received by Monday, prior to the meeting, or at the discretion of the Administrator.

The board discussed a petition for establishing a new ditch system from landowners north of Red Lake Falls. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the petition from the landowners located along Highway 32 north of Red Lake Falls, and request a \$40,000 bond be in place prior to the board appointing an engineer.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers accepted a petition for establishing a new ditch system in Red Lake County, and

WHEREAS, for accounting purposes, this project must be assigned a number and given a name;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District call this project "Red Lake Watershed District Ditch 10" and assign it number 161.

The board discussed the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should move forward with the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project, Project No. 160.

A beaver control program for the RLWD was discussed by the board. Following discussion regarding the policies of several other watershed districts, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following beaver control policy:

- The District will remove any beaver dams from Watershed District ditches and any other dams will be evaluated on a dam-by-dam basis with the approval of the District before removal;
- The District Administrator shall make decisions on beaver dam removal pertaining to the District's beaver dam policy;
- The District will award up to \$40.00 compensation for any problem beaver harvested on District ditches with prior approval from the District Administrator.

Administrator Jesme presented a letter regarding site visits of the Legislative Commission on MN Resources (LCMR) projects. This tour will be held August 6.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board. He stated that the engineer's estimate for the Greenwood 27 rock riffles was close to the cut-off for obtaining quotes. Administrator Jesme will seek quotes and, should they come in too high, the RLWD will then advertise for bids.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board.

The board further discussed the land owned by Don Doda and Mitch Doda near the Parnell Impoundment. The board will take action on this concern at the July 24, 2003 board meeting.

A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, that the board meet in executive session. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary