

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 12, 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 Smeby, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of May 22, 2003. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated June 11, 2003.

Dan Trontvet appeared before the board to express his concerns regarding the sediment still remaining on his property following the completion of the dredging of the Thief River Reservoir in 2001 and requested \$3,000 in compensation for moving sediment piles.

Molly McGregor, MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), was present to update the board on the Clearwater River TMDL Project. She presented a project Work Plan, along with a 'draft' resolution for application of funds through 319 that will require board action at the June 26, 2003 meeting.

Ms. McGregor also informed the board that the 319 Grant Application for additional work on the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project that was not funded during the last funding cycle would have to be re-submitted during the next funding cycle. This grant will provide funding for a filtering system on this project and will be re-submitted in September.

The board addressed a written request from Ron Stroot for possible rental of the Parnell Impoundment. Ron Stroot was present to answer questions regarding his potential rental of the property. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the board that Administrator Jesme, Legal Counsel Delray Sparby, and Ron Stroot work out an agreement for land rental and the proposal be presented to the board at a later date.

Administrator Jesme informed the board of the status of the wetland banking. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board authorize the payment of the remainder of money owed to Truman Sandland and Scott Weems following the receipt of the final report of wetland banking credits from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR).

The board reviewed a contract/letter from Houston Engineering, Inc. for Website services. Following the review, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board accept the contract for hosting and maintenance of the RLWD Website by Houston Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$3,144.00 for one year.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, informed the board that a sediment study report on the TRF Reservoir drawdown, is nearing completion by the Pennington County SWCD. The drawdown was completed several years ago by the Red Lake Watershed District to lower the sedimentation in the reservoir. The sediment study report will be presented by the SWCD to the RLWD board upon its completion.

Corey Hanson updated the board on the status of the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project. He stated two separate grants will be applied for, one to do a study and the other for construction of the project.

Administrator Jesme explained that Plans and Specifications were near completion for two erosion control projects on the Lost River, located north of Trail in Polk County. He stated that after conferring with Legal Counsel Sparby, these projects would fall under MN State Statute 103D and the RLWD could accept quotes for the two projects. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote, that the RLWD should solicit quotes for repair of the two erosion sites on the Lost River, once the Plans and Specifications have been completed by Houston Engineering, Inc.

The Red Lake River Corridor Committee delegate and alternate was discussed. Manager Nikolayson is to inform the committee that Lowell Smeby is the alternate from the RLWD, not Loren Sanderson as listed in the May 8, 2003 minutes.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 03039* from Doyle Nelson and Rodney Wayne, Agder and Grand Plain Townships, Marshall County; No. 03045 from Curtis Amundson, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. and 03046* Curtis & Mike Amundson, Sullivan/Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No. 03047* from Steve Williams, Roome Township, Polk County; Nos. 03048* and 03049* from Steve Tischman, Grove Park/Tilden Township, Polk County; No. 03050* from Beltrami County Highway Department, Lee Township; No. 03051 from Clearwater County Highway Department, Leon Township; No. 03052* from Garden Valley Telephone Company, Clearwater County; No. 03054* from Bert's Truck Equipment Inc., Huntsville Township, Polk County; and No. 03055* from Roger Hagen, Grand Forks Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

The board reviewed permit No. 03053. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board deny permit No. 03053 from Rudolph and Howard Applequist, Grove Park Township, Polk County.

Administrator Jesme reported that the appraisal has been done for the condemnation on the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. The appraisal will be filed with Clearwater County Court Administrator on June 16, 2003, at 3:00 p.m.

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Administrator Jesme and Manager Johnson reported on the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting they attended. They stated the RLWD received \$20,000 for the Concept Paper for the preliminary engineer's report on the impoundment portion of Project 60B.

The board discussed the status of the Badger Creek Project. It was the consensus of the board that Charlie Anderson, JOR Engineering, should present his review of the project to the RLWD board, as he did to the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

Administrator Jesme stated that Cory Hanson has been selected to give his presentation "Water Quality on the Web-A Local Application" to the 2003 Annual Water Resource Conference at the Earl Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center, October 28, 2003.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board. Upon request by Legal Counsel, a motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board authorize the execution of the Option to Purchase a Permanent Easement and approve payment to Tiedemanns for the easement on Project No. 133C, BWSR Flood Storage Easement Pilot Project.

Legal Counsel Sparby reviewed the appraisal done for land acquisition on the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. Following his review, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the appraisal done by Lee Hawk of Appraisal Associates, Inc., and authorize the execution of a check in the amount of \$8,000.00, to be deposited with the Clearwater County Court Administrator as part of the eminent domain proceedings for the Vernon McFarland property.

Legal Counsel Sparby requested the meeting be closed to the public.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the meeting be closed for the purpose of discussing the Esther Township litigation.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the meeting be re-opened to the public.

The board discussed the request from Dan Trontvet, made earlier in the meeting, for compensation as a result of the sediment being placed on his land during the dredging of the Thief River Reservoir. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Proulx, to pay Dan Trontvet \$3,000.00. Managers Ose, Proulx, and Johnson voted aye, with Managers Nikolayson, Knott, and Smeby voting naye. Motion carried with President Nelson voting aye to break the tie.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary