

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
October 23, 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. Staff present: Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby was also present. Orville Knott was absent.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda with the following additions: Bob Cameron beaver dams and sediment; and Manager Nikolayson requested executive session.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 9, 2003. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Johnson, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated October 22, 2003.

Brian Malone, Pennington County SWCD, was present to discuss a possible cost-share project at the Thief River Falls Golf Club. Jim Hest, NW MN Joint Powers Board, and Chuck Tuthill from the TRF Golf Club were also present. Brian Malone stated the SWCD had received quotes for the repair of the sloughing of the river bank adjacent to the parking lot at the golf club. The low quote was from Wright Construction, in the amount of \$13,880.00. Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should enter into a cost-share project with the Pennington County SWCD on the sloughing of the river bank near the TRF Golf Club, with a maximum project cost of \$6,940.00 for the RLWD.

Administrator Jesme and Manager Nikolayson updated the board on the Badger Creek Project. They presented history on the project and stated it was an agenda item the previous day at the RRWMB meeting.

Administrator Jesme informed the board that he met with Kurt Deter from Rinke Noonan, the Polk County Highway Department, Polk County commissioners, and local landowners regarding Polk County Ditch 19. He informed the board that these individuals will be at the next board meeting to further discuss this potential project.

Administrator Jesme brought up the fact that the gates on Parnell Impoundment do not restrict vehicles or ATVs from driving on the dike. They discussed what had been done to the gates on the Moose River Impoundment and felt this would be advantageous on Parnell Impoundment as well, due to the public safety issue. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should reinforce the existing gates and posts to restrict access on the Parnell Impoundment dike.

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.s 03100\* and 03109

from Roy Nelson, Grand Plain Township, Pennington County; No. 03108 from the City of East Grand Forks, Polk County; No. 03111\* from Charles S. Simpson, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 03112 from Delton LaCoursiere, Chester Township, Red Lake County; No. 03113\* from Ron Salentine, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 03114\* from Joseph Stroot, Jr., Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 03115\* from Glen H. Brua, Lessor Township, Polk County; and No. 03116\* from Dan Stroot, Belgium Township, Polk County. \*With conditions stated on permit.

The board addressed the beaver dam and sediment issue, presented by Bob Cameron at the September 11 meeting, in Section 16 of Fisher Township, Polk County. Administrator Jesme informed the board that the culvert, which was previously damaged by blowing the beaver dams, has not been replaced. Following lengthy discussion, the following motions were made:

- a motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board rescind their motion from the September 11 board meeting, which stated the RLWD would address the beaver dam and sediment issue of Bob Cameron, based on additional information from RLWD staff; and
- a motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should remove the two beaver dams and install a new culvert at the site in Section 16 of Fisher Township, Polk County.

The board discussed the fact that the second board meeting in November falls on Thanksgiving Day. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the second meeting in November be scheduled for Tuesday, November 25.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board. He stated that he presented a request to the RRWMB, at their October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, for cost share on the repair of Seeger Dam. After discussion, the RRWMB voted unanimously to fund up to \$20,000 for this project.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had made three attempts, since the last board meeting, to contact Mitch Doda and Don Doda to discuss the board's offer for flowage easements on Parnell Impoundment. He indicated that he has left messages but has not received a return call. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Jesme should send a certified/return-receipt letter to Mitch Doda and Don Doda, in order to inform them of the board's offer.

Manager Johnson reported on the RRWMB meeting held October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The board met in executive session.

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

Signed  
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary