

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 22, 2004

President Orville Knott 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; Lowell Smeby; Gene Tiedemann; Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby was also present.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 8, 2004. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Johnson, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated April 21, 2004.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Red River Basin Commission regarding a request for a \$200.00 lobbying for changes in CREP Program. Following lengthy discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, that the RLWD contribute \$200.00. Motion carried with Manager Smeby opposed.

The Board reviewed a letter of request from Ronald Anderson to amend the Petition for RLWD Ditch #10 to extend northward to within 500 feet from the Pennington County line. Wayne Weber, Red Lake County SWCD, and Ron Anderson were present to answer questions of the Board. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, that the RLWD should amend the petition for RLWD Ditch #10 to include an additional 4,600 feet (approximate), or a distance recommended by the engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, informed the Board that he met with the Maple Lake District and that they were interested in having additional sites monitored. Corey explained that the RLWD already has three sites on Maple Lake and that they would like monitoring on three additional sites, plus three inlet sites. Following discussion of a budget for this additional monitoring, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should include the monitoring on these additional sites in the water quality budget and accept the \$1,000 from the Maple Lake District to assist with the additional cost.

Corey Hanson informed the Board of equipment that would be purchased as part of a grant to help with presentations of Water Quality seminars.

The Board discussed the scheduling of a public hearing for the State Ditch 83 Repair Project. Following lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, should amend the Preliminary Engineer's Report, to include a hydraulic model, and report back to the Board at the May 13, 2004 meeting.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the Board.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 04021* from Scott and Judy Morinville, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 04022* from The Nature Conservancy, Polk County; No. 04023* from Tom Lewis, Kratka Township, Pennington County; and No. 04024* from Todd Brule, Godfrey Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve a one year extension on permit No. 03041 from the Polk County Highway Department.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board concerning hearings held before the Polk County Ditch #126 and Joint Ditch #60 Boards regarding the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. Both Boards approved the Plan with the following requests:

- Flowage easements be acquired,
- Annual review of operation,
- Advisory Committee for each system will be appointed by the ditch authority, and
- Hire gate tender and have a back-up plan if tender is unavailable.

The Board discussed the need for a gate tender for the Parnell Impoundment. Administrator Jesme informed the Board that he had sent letters to townships to solicit names of individuals who might be interested in providing services as gate tender. Only one response was received to that inquiry, Anthony Salentine. Based on that response, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD accept Anthony Salentine as the gate tender for the Parnell Impoundment. The Board then advised Administrator Jesme to compare rates of other independent contractors of the RLWD to help negotiate a fair basis for payment to Mr. Salentine. Administrator Jesme will report back to the Board the results of the negotiations. It was also determined by the Board that the RLWD staff will act as a back-up to the gate tender for the Parnell Impoundment.

Administrator Jesme presented the following in his update to the Board:

- 7 of 9 Option Agreements have been obtained for land acquisition on Project 60,
- six of the town meetings for the Ten Year Overall Study have been held, with one remaining to be held the first part of May for the Red Lakes Sub-Watershed

- RLWD Ditch #10 timeline was presented and viewers should begin within a week, and
- Wetland Banking Credits are being finalized for the Greenwood 27 to satisfy credits needed for the Bagley Urban Runoff Project and Windsor Hangaard Ditch Project.

Administrator Jesme informed the Board that the roof had encountered several leaks and needed immediate repair. Hjelle Roofing from Newfolden, MN had completed the repair and insulation is needed in the attic and that will be completed as soon as possible.

Manager Johnson informed the Board that the Clearwater County SWCD had invited the RLWD to join them on May 20 for a tour of the Bagley Urban Run-Off Reduction Project. It was the consensus of the Board to join the SWCD on this tour.

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

Signed

LeRoy Ose, Secretary