

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 8, 2004

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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: Managers Dale M. Nelson; LeRoy Ose; Lowell Smeby; Gene Tiedemann; Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Vernon Johnson was absent.

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

President Knott welcomed Gene Tiedemann to the Board. Mr. Tiedemann replaces Bob Proulx, who resigned from the Board, effective March 31, 2004.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of March 25, 2004. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Carlson, that the Board approve the minutes as changed. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated April 7, 2004.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board. He also presented a potential timeline for Project 60, based on funding procurement.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering appeared before the Board to present the Preliminary Engineer's Report for the repair of State Ditch 83. He briefly discussed each section of the Report and answered several questions from the Board.

At their March 25 meeting, the Board was approached by Jim Hest, Northwest Joint Powers Board Engineer, requesting cost-share funding on an erosion problem near Burnham Creek, also referred to as the Geist Project. At that time, the Board requested that Administrator Jesme determine if this erosion problem was within the Burnham Creek benefited area and report back at the April 8 meeting, at which time Administrator Jesme stated the project was not within the benefited area of Burnham creek. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should provide \$5,000.00 for repair of the erosion problem, known as the Geist Project.

The Board reviewed the permits. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following permits: Nos. 04010, Andover Township, and 04013, Tabor Township, Polk County; No. 04012, Woodrow Township, from Beltrami County Highway Department; Nos. 04014, Pine Lake Township and 04020 from Leon Township, Clearwater County Highway Department; No. 04017* from The Nature Conservancy, Polk County; No. 04018* from Gregory McGlynn, Red Lake Township, Red Lake County; and No. 04019* from Heath and Lisa Isler, Huntsville Township, Polk County. *With conditions stated on permit.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, presented an update to the Board on the boundary changes being considered between the Sand Hill River Watershed District and the RLWD. He stated the reasons for this consideration were to aid in permitting within the RLWD and better define the hydraulic boundary within the District. Administrator Jesme stated that, in order for a change to be implemented, the RLWD staff would determine any changes to be made and present it to the RLWD Board, who in turn would present it to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for approval.

Administrator Jesme informed the Board that the Nature Conservancy would like to abandon a portion of CD 72, Branch 1, which lies within their property. He stated a hearing will be held at the Youngquist Auditorium, U of M Crookston, on April 13 at 11:00 a.m. He also reminded the Board of a hearing at the Youngquist Auditorium, concerning the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan, that same day at 2:00 p.m., before the Joint Ditch #60 and Polk County Ditch #126.

The Board reviewed an Administrative Agreement between the Middle/Snake/Tamarac Rivers WD and the RLWD, which would allow permitting privileges within both districts. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Administrative Agreement on permitting and authorize the president and secretary to sign the agreement.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby informed the Board that he would like to attend a "Water Law in MN" seminar and requested the RLWD pay for his registration and mileage. He also felt it would be beneficial for Administrator Jesme to attend this seminar as well. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that Legal Counsel Sparby and Administrator Jesme should attend this seminar.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented his update to the Board. In response to a request from Manager Carlson, Legal Counsel presented copies of the MN State Statutes that explain the process for raising lake levels, which would require the involvement of the MN Department of Natural Resources. Administrator Jesme stated that he had talked to Larry Krampka of the DNR and that Mr. Krampka will provide a written explanation to aid in the procedure.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary