

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 13, 2004

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: Managers Dale M. Nelson; Vernon Johnson; LeRoy Ose; Lowell Smeby; Bob Proulx; Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Also present was Art Wagner from the Clearwater River Advisory.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, requested to appear before the board regarding State Ditch 83.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Manager Johnson, seconded by Manager Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda, with the addition of Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of December 30, 2003. A motion was made by Manager Proulx, seconded by Manager Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Manager Johnson, seconded by Manager Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated January 12, 2004.

President Nelson welcomed Allan Carlson, representing East Polk County, as a new member to the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers.

Election of officers was conducted, with President Nelson turning the meeting over to Vice President Knott for the nomination of president. Manager Nelson nominated Orville Knott. Upon calling for nominations three times, a motion was made by Manager Smeby, seconded by Manager Nelson, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Orville Knott as president of the Board.

The meeting was turned over to President Knott.

Nominations were open for vice-president. Manager Johnson nominated Dale M. Nelson for vice-president. Upon calling for nominations three times, a motion was made by Manager Ose, seconded by Manager Proulx, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dale M. Nelson as vice-president of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were open for secretary. Manager Nelson nominated LeRoy Ose. Upon calling for nominations three times, a motion was made by Manager Johnson, seconded by Manager Nelson, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for LeRoy Ose as secretary of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were open for treasurer. Manager Nelson nominated Lowell Smeby. Upon calling for nominations three times, a motion was made by Manager Proulx, seconded by Manager Carlson, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Lowell Smeby as treasurer of the Board. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the list of names for the Area Advisory Committees. Following discussion, a motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Committees remain as they are. Upon further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the entire list of area committees should be contacted, in writing, to explain what their duties are and ask them if they wish to continue on as an area advisor.

An alternate was needed for the Red River Watershed Management Board. Dale M. Nelson was nominated. A motion was made by Manager Johnson, seconded by Manager Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that Dale M. Nelson serve as alternate to the RRWMB, in the event that representative Vernon Johnson is unable to attend the meeting.

Nominations were open for a voting delegate to the MN Association of Watershed Districts. LeRoy Ose was nominated. A motion was made by Manager Smeby, seconded by Manager Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that LeRoy Ose serve as the voting delegate at the 2004 MAWD annual meeting.

First and second alternates were need for the MAWD annual meeting. Dale M. Nelson and Bob Proulx volunteered. A motion was made by Manager Ose, seconded by Manager Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that Managers Nelson and Proulx serve as first and second alternates, respectively, as voting alternates to the MAWD annual meeting.

The JD 2 and JD 72 Ditch System committees were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that Manager Carlson should serve on the JD 72 and JD 2 Committee. A motion was also made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that Manager Knott should serve on these two committees as well.

Various other committees were discussed by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that a committee should be appointed to aid Administrator Jesme with budget and salary reviews. President Knott appointed Managers Nelson and Johnson to serve on this committee, along with himself. This committee would present their recommendations back to the full Board.

A motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the regularly scheduled Board meetings continue to be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

A motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the following be designated as depositories for the RLWD: Edward D. Jones, TRF; Northern State Bank, TRF; Border State Bank, TRF; First National Bank of Bemidji; Red Lake County State Bank; and American State Bank, Grygla.

A motion was made by Manager Smeby, seconded by Manager Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the following be approved on the signature cards at the depositories of the RLWD: Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, LeRoy Ose, Lowell Smeby, Myron Jesme, and Arlene Novak.

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, requested to appear before the Board regarding State Ditch 83. He reviewed the options that had been presented to the Board at their October 9th, 2003 meeting, and requested recommendation from the Board as to how to proceed. The Board will discuss this at a future meeting.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, handed out minutes from the December 4, 2003 and January 8, 2004 meetings of the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Joint Powers Board. He also presented a fact sheet for the project, along with a grant application budget. Following discussion, a motion was made by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD would act as sponsoring agent for the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Project, should the grant be approved.

The MAWD Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for February 12, 2004. The Board will decide, at the January 22 meeting, who will be attending this event. The first Board meeting in February will also be rescheduled or held in conjunction with the Legislative Breakfast.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the Board. Lengthy discussion was held regarding land acquisition for Project 60. Administrator Jesme was given recommendation by the Board for either a perpetual easement agreement or fee title.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the Board. He is awaiting a reply from Marta Sivitz regarding her purchase agreement and will proceed with an agreement for Mitch Doda for the Parnell Operating Plan.

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

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary