

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 24, 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 and Arlene Novak. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby was also present.

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.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 10, 2004. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 23, 2004. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated June 23, 2004.

Brian Malone, Pennington County SWCD, indicated that their office had received funding for the repair to the river bank adjacent to the parking lot at the Golf Club. He presented this to the Board as Phase II of the repair that the RLWD had previously agreed to cost-share. An estimate from Steve Olson, Olson Construction TRF, Inc. for \$15,730 was the accepted low amount from the Pennington County SWCD. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnson that the Board approve funding 50% of \$15,730 for the final phase of repair to the Thief River Falls Golf Course streambank erosion project. Motion passed unanimously.

The land purchased in Bagley for the purpose of constructing the sedimentation ponds for the Bagley Urban Runoff Project was discussed. Following construction, the land was to be deeded over to the City of Bagley. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) has the ability to purchase and sell land pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 103D.335, and

WHEREAS, the RLWD acquired certain real property, described in Exhibit A of the Engineer's Report, as part of the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project No. 151, and

WHEREAS, the Project is now complete, and

WHEREAS, part of the initial understanding between the RLWD and the City of Bagley, at the onset of the Project, was that a portion of the real property would be turned over to the City of Bagley upon completion of the Project,

WHEREAS, the City of Bagley is willing to accept ownership of said real property and all further liability and maintenance related to said Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the RLWD Board of Managers has voted unanimously to transfer ownership of the real property, described in Exhibit A of the Engineer's Report, to the City of Bagley and hereby authorize the President and Secretary to sign the necessary documents of transfer.

A tentative 2005 Budget/Salary schedule was presented and discussed. The Budget/Salary Committee, consisting of Knott, Nelson and Johnson, will meet during the week of July 12-16, recommendations from the committee to be presented to the Board on July 22 and set a hearing date, with the tentative General Fund Budget hearing date on August 26. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 04047* from Kevin Sanders, Grand Plain strip, Marshall County; No. 04054* from David Wallenberg, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 04056* Richard Dale, Russia Township, Polk County; No. 04059 from Pennington County Highway Department, City of Thief River Falls, Pennington County; No. 04060 Fairfax Township, Dean Frisk, Clerk, Polk County; No. 04061* Cloverleaf Township, Kenneth Sanders, Supervisor, Pennington County; No. 04062* Terry Funk, Gentilly Township, Polk County; and No. 04065* Laurain Jurchen, Fairfax Township, Polk County.
*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the Board. In addition to his written report, he stated the Suburban was showing mechanical problems and asked for the Board's recommendation. Consensus of the Board was to repair the Suburban and will take into consideration budgeting for a different vehicle during budget and salary meetings.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby reported on the Law Seminar he and Administrator Jesme attended on June 16 in Minneapolis. He also stated that he would confer with Kurt Deter on the hearing process of State Ditch 83.

Manager Johnson stated he had been notified that a parcel of land in Section 34, Hangaard Township, was maybe draining into the Winsor-Hangaard benefited area and was not paying benefits. The Board directed Administrator Jesme to contact the landowner and investigate the issue.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ose, and passed unanimously to adjourn.

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary