

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
May 13, 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: Managers 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, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 22, 2004. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, that the Board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, reported to the Board in regard to his construction of a hydraulic model for the State Ditch 83 Repair Project.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, presented an update to the Board on Project 60. Administrator Jesme relayed information he received regarding funding for Project 60, stating that as of this date there has been no bonding bill being acted on by the MN State Legislature. Nate Dalager will present the Preliminary Engineer's Report for Project 60 at the May 27th Board meeting.

Nate Dalager also presented an update on the Ten Year Overall Comprehensive Study. The hydraulic model is approximately 95% complete. He briefly discussed the six town meetings that have been held to date, and noted that the committee meetings have been going well. Administrator Jesme also informed the Board of a town meeting, which is scheduled for May 17th in Kelliher, concerning the Upper and Lower Red Lakes sub-watershed.

The Board reviewed a request for an extension on a permit from the City of East Grand Forks. Administrator Jesme explained that the original permit had requested a two year approval, but that the RLWD had approved it for only one year, as required by the rules and regulations. Therefore, an extension was being requested. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve a one year extension for permit No. 03002 from the City of East Grand Forks, Polk County.

Permits to be approved were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following permits: No. 03103* from Andrew Skaar, Norden Township, Pennington County; No. 04011* from Craig Jonson, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 04016* from Michael Nordin, Kratka Township, Pennington County; No. 04025* from Mike Boucher, Crookston Township, Polk County; from Garden Valley Telephone Company – No.s 04026*, 04027*, 04031* in King Township, No. 04028* in Lessor Township, Polk County, No.s 04029* and 04030* in Hill River Township, Polk County; and No. 04037* in Lambert Township, Red Lake County; No. 04032* from Roger Hinrichs, Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 04033* from Spokely Brothers, Tynsid Township, Polk County;

No.s 04035* and 04038* from Lyle Abrams Farm, Inc., Vineland Township, Polk County; No. 04036* from the Nature Conservancy, Polk County; No.s 04039* and 04040* from Mitchell Doda, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 04041* from Marshall and Polk Rural Water Systems; and No. 04042* from Glen Baranski, Gentilly Township, Polk County. * With conditions stated on permit.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby informed the Board that the State of MN requested the RLWD to subordinate the wetland access of the Clearwater River, in the event that the river should need to be cleaned. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD subordinate the Clearwater River wetland access to the Greenwood 27 Wetland Mitigation Project and have the president and secretary of the Board sign the subordination.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Red River Watershed Assessment Protocol Project, stating the grant was attained in 2001 and would expire on June 30, 2004. He explained that it is important to have the final report reviewed and recommended this be done by Wayne Goeken and Dani Halvorson from the Red River Watershed Management. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD retain Wayne Goeken and Dani Halvorson to review the final report of the Red River Watershed Assessment Protocol Project.

Administrator Jesme reported that the viewers for RLWD Ditch #10 hope to have their report ready for presentation at the May 27, 2004 meeting.

At the April 22 meeting, discussion was held regarding the hiring of a gate tender for the Parnell Impoundment. At that time, it was noted that Anthony Salentine had indicated he would be interested. Administrator Jesme stated that Mr. Salentine had since informed him that he would charge \$20.00 per hour as an independent contractor. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD would pay \$20.00/hr. to Anthony Salentine as gate tender for the Parnell Impoundment. As an independent contractor, Mr. Salentine would be required to produce evidence of liability insurance coverage.

Administrator Jesme informed the Board that the Red River Basin Board is conducting a tour on June 3, which will include the Parnell Impoundment Project and Project 60. Manager Johnson stated he will plan to take part in this tour.

A letter of resignation from Stephanie Klamm was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board accept the resignation of Stephanie Klamm, effective May 14, 2004.

The annual MAWD Summer Tour will be held June 24-26, hosted by the Buffalo Red River Watershed District. Administrator Jesme and Manager Johnson will plan to attend this tour.

Manager Tiedemann requested information on the operation of the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment. Loren Sanderson will present a history and review of the operation of the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment at the May 27th Board meeting.

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

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary