

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 27, 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; Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Gene Tiedemann was absent.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of May 13, 2004. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, that the Board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated May 26, 2004.

Upon recommendation by Administrator Jesme, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the State Ditch 83 agenda item be tabled until the June 10 Board meeting. This will allow time for the staff to acquire the names and addresses of affected landowners, which will be approximately 1500 mailings.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, presented a brief history of the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment Project. He also discussed the recent leakage problem, which was a result of the last rain event. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that RLWD staff should test for repair materials within the impoundment and report back at the June 10 meeting with their results.

Upon request from Manager Ose, Loren Sanderson presented a summary of water stored in RLWD impoundments, as well as at Agassiz Refuge and Thief Lake.

Permits were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Nelson, and passed by unanimous vote that the following permits be approved: No. 04034 from Kertsonville Township, Polk County; No. 04043\* from Christine M. Ross, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 04044 from Jody Beauchane, Nesbit Township, Polk County; and No. 04045 from the Nature Conservancy, Polk County.  
\*With conditions stated on permit.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, presented the preliminary reports, simultaneously, for the Brandt Site Impoundment and Euclid East Site Impoundment, which are also known as Project 60. Following his presentation, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote to table any action on these two reports until the June 10, 2004 meeting. At this time, the funding for these projects has not been secured.

Roger Beiswenger, Reuben Rydeen, and Ray Sauve presented the Viewer's Report for RLWD Ditch #10. Reuben Rydeen explained the process of the viewing. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board accept the Viewer's Report for RLWD Ditch #10.

Manager Knott explained a sloughing problem, located one mile south of the county line and east to the river, on the east side of RLWD Ditch #10. He stated that funding is secured for approximately 85 percent of the repair. A request is forthcoming for the RLWD to cost share the remainder. It was the consensus of the Board that Wayne Weber, Red Lake County, should come up with a firm estimate and present the request to the RLWD at a later date.

Administrator Jesme presented an update to the Board. He reminded the Board that the June 3 tour of the Red River Basin Board would depart the Northland Inn at 8:00 a.m. Managers Ose, Knott, Nelson, Johnson and Administrator Jesme plan to attend.

Administrator Jesme reminded the Board of the schedule for the county meetings for the presentation of the 2003 Annual Report.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the Board.

Manager Carlson stated he had received telephone calls from residents on Oak Lake regarding the raising of the lake level. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended they contact the DNR or possibly form a lake association.

A letter from Kevin Reich was presented to the Board for information.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
LeRoy Ose, Secretary