

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
November 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: Managers Orville Knott, LeRoy Ose, Lowell Smeby, Gene Tiedemann, Allan Carlson, Vernon Johnson, and Dale M. Nelson. Staff present were Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Arnold Stanley requested to be on the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 10, 2004. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes of November 10, 2004. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 23, 2004.

Arnold Stanley appeared before the board to address his opposition to the approval of Red Lake Watershed District Permit Nos. 04086 and 04087 to Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge.

Administrator Jesme reminded the board of the 10:00 a.m., December 9, 2004 hearing on RLWD Ditch No. 10, RLWD Proj. 161. Administrator Jesme met recently with Jim Hest and there were some minor revisions to the plan; they will be addressed at the final hearing on December 9.

Engineering Assistant Loren Sanderson presented an update of the repairs to Seeger Dam using a Power Point presentation. A second hole was drilled into the structure on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 in an attempt to stop any additional sloughing that occurred during the prior weekend. After the first hole had been drilled during the week of November 15, the water was drawn down 10 feet. The second hole should draw down the water level by an additional 5 feet.

A presentation was given by Administrator Jesme on repairs to a concrete structure along the Lost River channel, RLWD Proj. No. 4, near the outlet structure of Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 115, RLWD Ditch # 1, Lateral C. An estimated cost of \$4500 is needed to repair the system. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed unanimously to approve hiring a contractor to conduct the repairs to the ditch system.

Administrator Jesme stated that the watershed district had been verbally notified of Northwest Minnesota Foundation Grant's approval of cost sharing of the Farm to Stream Project. The grant application was for a 50/50 cost share of a total project cost of \$35,000 to investigate the effects of water quality of agricultural practices and best management practices related to tile drainage. When the approved contract is received, it will be presented to the Board for final approval.

Correspondence and proposed culvert modification structures profile from the EERC regarding the Waffle project and RLWD approved permit on the Terry Beich property in Agder Township, Marshall County, was distributed for review.

Administrator Jesme and Managers Carlson, Ose and Johnson reported on the joint legislative meeting hosted by the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) and Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) held the previous evening in Moorhead.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, to approve the following permits: No. 04134 from Polk County Highway Department, Hill River Township; No. 04135\* from Daniel Haack, Valley Township, Marshall County; No. 04137\* from Mike Hanson, Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 04139 from Lessor Township, Jerome Voxland, Polk County; No. 04141\* from Orville Knott, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; and No. 04133 from Polk County Highway Department, Hill River Township, Polk County. Motion carried unanimously. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Jesme presented his written report to the Board. Items noted from his report are: His attendance at an EQUIP meeting held on November 15; the implementation strategies and projects for each sub watershed discussed at the Ten Year Overall Plan Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meeting held November 18; his attendance at the monthly RRWMB meeting which was held at the RLWD office on November 16. Administrator Jesme indicated that at this meeting, the RRWMB had decided that they would cost share at 50/50 or up to \$3,000 the setup and yearly maintenance of watershed district websites; and notice of the Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference held at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo on January 12-14, 2005.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated there needs to be some clarification on the legal description of the land in the Bagley Urban Runoff Project. A landowner for which the RLWD has an easement on a parcel of land within in the Moose River Impoundment requested that the parcel of land which the District has an easement to be transferred back to him so he can then pay taxes on the parcel. Legal Counsel Sparby will address this at the next Board meeting.

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

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