

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
October 14, 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 Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Claude Johnson requested to appear before the Board.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of September 23, 2004. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, that the Board approve the minutes of September 23, 2004. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated October 13, 2004.

Claude Johnson, landowner in Star Township, appeared before the board to inform them of his reservations of an existing permit he has presently applied for. Consensus of the board is that they will address the permit when the permit application is presented and if approved, Mr. Johnson would have one year to decide if he wants to comply with the permit or just let it expire.

Administrator Jesme presented a proposed cost sharing of engineering fees for a water study in the vicinity of Pennington County Ditch No. 1 drainage area. Two firms had given quotes to Pennington County Highway Department with the lowest estimate awarded HDR, Inc. in the amount of \$12,780, which includes an anticipated additional \$2,000 for surveying. Agencies have committed to cost sharing, with Pennington County, City of Thief River Falls, and Minnesota Department of Transportation committing to \$2,945 each and possibly Rocksbury Township at \$1,000. City and County officials are aware that a petition could be requested upon completion of the study. Motion by Nelson to cost share the study with Pennington County, City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota Department of Transportation, and Rocksbury Township with the Red Lake Watershed District's share in the amount of \$2,945, seconded by Ose. Motion carried.

The Moose River fund balance was discussed. Consensus of the board was to maintain the \$20,000 annual maintenance amount and proceed with the graveling of the Moose River Impoundment dike and use funds from the Administrative Construction fund, if necessary.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits: No. 04108* from Ronald F. Duresky, Waskish Township, Beltrami County; No. 04118* from David Erickson, Northwood Township, Beltrami County; No. 04120* from Dave Hoppe, Hoppe Farms Inc., Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 04121* from Richard Froiland, Emarville Township, Red Lake County; No. 04122* from Daryl Bushee, Huntsville Township, Polk County; and No. 04123 from Onstad Township, Polk County. Motion carried unanimously. *With conditions stated on permit.

Attendance at the MAWD annual conference was discussed. Those indicating they were attending are Managers LeRoy Ose, Dale Nelson, Alan Carlson, Gene Tiedemann, and Administrator Jesme.

A conflict for regularly scheduled meetings in November occurs on Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, to reschedule the meetings to Wednesday, November 10, 2004 and Wednesday, November 24, 2004. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated a hearing on the Agassiz permits will be held on October 25, 9:30 a.m. at Grygla. The RLWD has not received notice but has been informed from a landowner that had called to inquire about the intent of the permits.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated the resolution to amend the Con Con land Statute for a presentation to MAWD has not been completed. Consensus of the board was for Sparby to compile a resolution and have Administrator Jesme submit it to the MAWD resolution committee.

Administrator Jesme presented his written report to the Board. Items noted from his report are: A joint notification notice was mailed to all agencies for the proposed changes to Louisville Parnell Operating Plan; Moose River Impoundment North Pool and South Pool gates have been opened; Parnell Impoundment gates have been installed with drive arounds barricaded; RLWD Ditch No. 10 updated property owners reports have been sent to affected landowners and the Engineer's Report has been mailed to agencies; Manager term notices have been mailed to Beltrami and Marshall County; official letter received from the BWSR approving 11.3 acres Wetland Banking credits; meeting with interested parties on the NW MN Foundation Grant application on Wednesday, October 20, at 9:30 a.m. at the RLWD office; and the Red River Corridor Enhancement Project meeting is October 14, 7 p.m. at Crookston City Council Chambers with LeRoy Ose as the RLWD representative.

In addition to the Administrator's written report, Administrator Jesme stated he met with a representative of Schneidermann & Associates Inc., Basement Water Controlled, St. Cloud, MN to discuss the basement water problems. A quote in the amount of \$6,677 for tiling along the inside of the basement wall was presented. The basement water controlled system (tiling) comes with a 25 year guarantee and would be completed in

February, 2005. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Smeby to approve the contract for installing the interior basement water controlled tiling. Motion carried.

Manager Johnson reported on the Clearwater SWCD 50th anniversary reception and tour he, Managers Carlson and Knott, and Administrator Jesme had attended. Doug Thompson gave recognition to the watershed for work done jointly in their county. Manager Johnson also attended the 50th anniversary banquet of the Clearwater SWCD the following week.

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

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary