

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
September 9, 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, Dale M. Nelson and Vernon Johnson. 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 Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of August 26, 2004. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes of August 26, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated September 8, 2004.

The Bagley Urban Runoff Project land transfer timeline was discussed. Legal Counsel Sparby will prepare the paperwork for the land exchange.

The board reviewed the 2005 Proposed Special Assessments. Following discussion, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote to assess the following ditch systems: RLWD Ditch 7, Proj. 20, \$3,500; Pine Lake Maintenance, Proj. 25, \$4,000; RLWD Ditch 9, Proj. 39, \$1,000; Judicial Ditch No. 72, Proj. 41, \$4,000; Burnham Creek, Proj. 43B, \$10,000; Wild Rice Allocation, Proj. 45, 9,000; J.D. 2 Br. A & Br. 1 of A, Proj. 48, \$1,000; J.D. 2 Main J.D. 2 Upstream, Proj. 49, \$1,000; Krostue Petition, Proj. 53, \$1,600; Jensen Petition, Proj. 106, \$2,000; Arveson Ditch, Proj. 109, \$1,000; Winsor-Hangaard, Proj. 113, \$13,900; Equality/RLWD Ditch 1, Proj. 115, \$2,250.00; Kenneth Johnson Petition, Proj. 117; \$2,500; Polk County Ditches Improvement, RLWD Ditch No. 119, \$6,000; City of Thief River Falls (Challenger Ditch), Proj. 122, \$320; Scott Baatz Petition, Proj. 123, \$1,500; Polk County Ditch 63, Proj. 134, \$1,500; and Polk County Ditch 33, Proj. 135, \$1,500.

Information on Permit No. 04098 from Gary Lee, Badger Township, Polk County, was presented by Loren Sanderson. Manager Carlson read a letter from Badger Township which addressed their reasons for opposing the approval of the permit. Following discussion by the board in reference to the letter, it was the consensus of the board that the contents of the letter didn't apply to the permit request, therefore, a motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann to approve permit No. 04098 from Gary Lee. Motion carried with Manager Carlson opposed.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Carlson, to approve the following permits: No. 04109\* from Anany Kojin, Badger Township, Polk County; No. 04110\* from Arlan Larson, Sm. Vineland Township, Polk County; No. 04111 from Viking Gas Transmission, Angus Township, Polk County; and 04112 from MnDOT, Shooks Township, Beltrami County. Motion carried unanimously. \*With conditions stated on permit.

Joe Garry requested that a one-year extension be granted on Permit No. 03093. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Tiedemann, and approved unanimously to approve the one-year extension on the permit.

Motion by Smeby, seconded by Johnson, to table the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge permits, Nos. 04086 and 04087, until after the Judicial Ditch 11 hearing is held. Motion carried with Manager Nelson opposed.

Joel Huener, Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, appeared before the board to request changing the road access gate close time on the Moose River Impoundment dike from September 15 of each year to August 31 of each year. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nelson, to deny the request for changing the time of the year of the gate closing. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the maintenance of the gravel top of the dike. Mr. Huener stated that there was not available funding at this time for applying gravel to the dike top and they would have to seek funding to provide the gravel through their yearly budget process.

David Johnson and Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc. and Brian Dwight, BWSR, presented an update of the town meetings of the Ten Year Overall Plan and the Board's involvement in the upcoming planning process. At the next Ten Year Overall committee meeting, it was asked that four board members participate each in one of four subcommittees: Water Quantity, Water Quality, Erosion and Sedimentation, and Natural Resources and give their recommendations for the goals and missions to be incorporated into the Ten Year Overall Plan. Manager Ose will serve on the Water Quantity, Manager Johnson on Water Quality, Manager Knott on Erosion and Sedimentation, and Manager Smeby on the Natural Resources group. It was the consensus of the Board to delay the meeting until the regularly scheduled one in October. Brian Dwight gave an update on the funding portion of the plan.

Ditch Inspector Gary Lane distributed a site map and an explanation of the areas that need maintenance on State Ditch 83. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, and passed by unanimous vote that, if needed, 2 contractors be sought for the different sites and that the maintenance be started on the sites in the lower end of State Ditch 83 and move upstream as maintenance funds allow.

Administrator Jesme reported on a request from the Polk County Mounted Posse to utilize the Parnell Impoundment site as a training area. Consensus of the Board was to grant the access to the property provided that they avoid the cropped areas.

Administrator Jesme requested that Gary Lane and/or Loren Sanderson be granted permission to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Water Resource Conference in which a stream gaging workshop will be presented. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ose, to register both for the workshop. Motion carried.

The resolution process for the MAWD Annual Meeting was explained by Administrator Jesme. Legal Counsel Sparby recommended a resolution to amend the State Statute on Con Con lands and present to the Resolution Committee of MAWD. Consensus of the Board was to have Legal Counsel Sparby draft a resolution and present at next Board meeting.

Administrator Jesme presented his report to the Board. Items noted from his report are: A Temporary Easement and Option to Purchase a Permanent Easement agreement from Joe Garry was signed; Corey Hanson and Jim Blix will be attending a workshop for impaired waters at the Northland Inn in Crookston on September 21; Administrator Jesme attended a meeting with other interested agency personnel on wetland issues at the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment site; and all ditches under our jurisdiction that were listed for spraying have been sprayed.

Ron Lindberg, Thief River Falls Public Works Director, came before the board to request assistance in solving a drainage problem in Pennington County Ditch #1, which also includes the City of Thief River Falls and Rocksbury Township. The consensus of the Board was to have Pennington County come before the next board meeting to discuss the issue.

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

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