

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 29, 2002

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Clearwater County Commissioners' Board Room, Bagley, MN.

Present were: Dale M. Nelson; Vernon Johnson; LeRoy Ose; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; Roger Love; Orville Knott; Harry Farris, Administrator; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board welcomed Administrator Harry Farris to his first board meeting of the Red Lake Watershed District.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda, with the following additions: Ten-Year Overall Plan and Leonard Stinar.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of April 11, 2002. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, that the board approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated April 26, 2002.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board. He stated a scheduling conference has been set regarding the Gasper lawsuit.

Board recommendation was sought regarding an NSF check for landowner payment of a ring dike. It was noted that partial payment has been received, but \$343.35 remains unpaid. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Smeby, that the RLWD pursue legal action for collection of the balance due.

Brian Dwight, Board of Water and Soil Resources, appeared before the board to discuss the Ten-Year Overall Plan. He stated that 50 percent of the funding would be provided by the State of MN, 25 percent from RRWMB monies, and the RLWD would be responsible for 25 percent. He recommended that a Workplan and budget be devised for BWSR to evaluate. Administrator Farris will meet with Brian Dwight regarding the Overall Plan and report at a future meeting.

The meeting was recessed.

The meeting reconvened.

At 10:00 a.m., a resolution hearing for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project was called to order. President Nelson turned the meeting over to Legal Counsel Sparby, who explained the purpose of the hearing. John Hodgson, Northwest MN Joint Powers board, presented the Preliminary Engineer's Report. Land acquisition for the project was discussed. Administrator Farris and John Hodgson will be addressing land acquisition issues. Doug Thompson, Clearwater County SWCD, stated the SWCD would consider cost sharing, that being an item on their next meeting agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, to offer Steve Thompson \$1,000 per acre for his land. Motion carried. Hearing no objections from those in attendance, the hearing adjourned. The hearing is on videotape available for viewing at the RLWD office.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Love, that the board move forward and requested a Final Engineer's Report be submitted to the RLWD office for board approval. Motion carried.

Leonard Stinar, Clearwater County SWCD and representing a landowner from Clearwater County, was present to discuss a potential culvert installation. Following discussion, Loren Sanderson stated that when the permit request is submitted to the RLWD, it would then be processed,

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02009* from Erik Nymann, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No.s 02010, Hill River Township, and 02011, King Township, from Polk County Highway Department; No. 02012* from Richard Martell, Lambert Township, Red Lake County; No.s 02014* and 02015* from Scott Baatz, Russia Township, Polk County; No. 02016* from Roger Love, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 02017 from Clearwater County Highway Department, Copley Township; No. 02018 from Garden Valley Telephone Company, Polk County; and No.s 02020*, Brandsvold and Hill River Townships, No. 02022, Euclid Township, No. 02023, Euclid Township, and No. 02024, Keystone Township, all from Polk County Highway Department. *With conditions stated on permit.

Ryan Odenbach, Water Quality Coordinator, presented a program description and a memorandum of agreement with the Clearwater County SWCD of the Silver Creek/Clearwater River Buffer Strip Initiative. He stated that \$100,000 has been set aside for this project from the Clearwater Nonpoint Project funds. Deb Walchuk, Clearwater NRCS, and Doug Thompson, Clearwater SWCD, talked about various payment programs available for buffer strips through the USDA/FSA. The memorandum of agreement will utilize up to \$25,000 of the Clearwater Nonpoint Project funds over this year. The funds will provide for labor costs of technicians to assist in implementing USDA/FSA buffer strip programs. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, to authorize President Nelson to sign the memorandum of agreement with the Clearwater County SWCD for the Silver Creek/Clearwater River Buffer Strip Initiative. Motion carried with Manager Johnson abstaining from voting.

Administrator Farris presented an update to the board, stating he spoke to Ed Fick regarding clarification of the funding for the Thief River Storage and Diversion Project.

The drawdown culvert on Parnell Impoundment was discussed. Loren Sanderson provided elevations at different points along the impoundment and J.D. 60 outlet. A motion was made by Smeby to authorize Manager Love to pump the east pond. Motion failed due to lack of a second. It was noted that Polk County will be discussing the cleaning J.D. 60, which may alleviate the water in the east pond. Motion was made by Ose, seconded by Johnson, to wait until J.D. 60 is cleaned to see if that would draw down the water in the east pond. Motion carried, with Manager Love opposed and Manager Smeby abstaining from voting.

Legal Counsel Sparby addressed an issue regarding agenda items and how they are handled by the board.

A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nikolayson, to add the name of Harry Farris to the Northern State Bank signature card. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Signed
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary