

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 8, 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 Vernon Johnson; LeRoy Ose; Lowell Smeby; Gene Tiedemann; Allan Carlson, and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki, and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Dale M. Nelson was absent.

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, but move the permit items to follow the Financial Report.

Dan Bratvold requested to appear before the Board.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 24, 2004. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated July 7, 2004.

Loren Sanderson, Engineering Assistant, presented information regarding permit No. 04068 from landowners near C.D. 126 in Polk County. Following discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD deny permit No. 04068 from the C.D. 126 landowners in Polk County, Sullivan Township.

Permits for approval were reviewed by the Board. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the following permits: No. 04063* from Polk County Highway Department, Bygland Township; No. 04064* from John McDonald, Nesbit Township, Polk County; from Canadian Pacific Railway, No.s 04069, Chester Township, Polk County; 04070, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; 04071 from Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; and 04072 from Chester Township, Polk County; No. 04073* from Cymbaluk Farms, Inc., Crookston Township, Polk County; No. 04074* from Wayne Sorenson, Fisher Township, Polk County; and No.s 04075*, Lee Township, and 04076 from Hamre Township, Beltrami County Highway Department. *With conditions stated on permit.

The Board discussed a letter from Houston Engineering, Inc. regarding the hosting and maintenance of the RLWD website. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve payment to Houston Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$3,240.00.

Dan Bratvold approached the Board with questions regarding the operation of the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment. Following discussion by the Board, Administrator Jesme was instructed to contact HDR Engineering and request that they present the current Operating Plan for Louisville/Parnell Impoundment at the July 22nd Board meeting.

The Board reviewed information from the MN Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) regarding the 2004 Awards Program. Administrator Jesme stated he felt the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project would be a candidate for this award. Consensus of the Board was to present this project to MAWD for nomination.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the Board. In addition to his written report, he presented a letter from the Tabor Township Board to an individual from their township concerning a permit violation. Administrator Jesme informed the Board that the landowner addressed in this letter had later come into the office and applied for a permit for a culvert to be installed along a township road to outlet into Polk County Ditch 2.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the Board.

The regular Board meeting was adjourned until after the regular scheduled State Ditch 83 hearing.

At 10:00 a.m., President Knott called to order the public hearing for the State Ditch 83 Repair Project. He then turned the hearing over to Legal Counsel Delray Sparby, who explained the purpose of the hearing and that it had been properly advertised and was being videotaped. Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, presented the Engineer's Report and explained the project to those in attendance. Landowners and interested parties addressed the Board stating their opinion of the potential project. Legal Counsel Sparby informed the crowd that the RLWD would be accepting written comments for 30 days, at which time the Board will take action. The hearing adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The regular Board meeting reconvened with Jim Hest, NW MN Joint Powers Board, and Wayne Weber of the Red Lake County SWCD, presenting the Engineer's Report for RLWD Ditch #10. Following questions by the Board, a motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD accept the Final Engineer's Report for RLWD Ditch #10.

Motion was made by Ose, seconded by Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD schedule a public hearing for August 12, 2004, for RLWD Ditch #10.

A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Carlson that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried.

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary