

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 10, 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 Carlson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of October 28, 2004. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann, that the Board approve the minutes of October 28, 2004. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Financial Report. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated November 9, 2004.

A resolution from the City of Bagley accepting the transfer of ownership of real property from the Red Lake Watershed District for the Bagley Urban Runoff project was reviewed. A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Johnson, to accept the resolution from the City of Bagley for the Bagley Urban Runoff Project and direct Legal Counsel Sparby draft a deed for the board's signature at the November 23, 2004 board meeting. Motion carried.

Kurt Casavan, Red Lake County Environmental Service Officer, appeared before the board to discuss flooding concerns in the Browns Creek channel in Browns Creek Township and requested assistance from the RLWD for surveying the Browns Creek Channel in Section 33 of Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County. It was the consensus of the board that a permit should be applied for the channel of Browns Creek and that when the permit is presented that the board would address the findings at the next scheduled board meeting.

Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc. reported on the recent failure of the previously repaired slope portion of Seeger Dam. Failure of the slope may be attributed to seepage through the dike. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ose, to hire Davidson Construction, Inc. to do emergency repairs by punching a hole on the east side of the dam to draw down the water approximately 10 feet and filling in the slough on the west side. Motion carried.

Nate Dalager also reported the summary of the plans and vision compiled from the previous TAC and CAC subcommittee's meeting. The summary of the RLWD Vision and Goals will be incorporated in the plan. The next TAC and CAC meeting will be held on November 18.

Information on a meeting hosted by the RRWMB and Red River Basin Commission inviting watershed district managers and administrators, and Minnesota State Legislators was distributed. Managers are to let Administrator Jesme know if they will be attending the November 23 meeting.

Crookston Water Dept correspondence on the Crookston Wellhead Protection Program Plan was reviewed.

Correspondence from Rydell Wildlife Refuge thanking participants in the establishment of the Glacial Ridge project and inviting the Red Lake Watershed District to participate in a meeting on November 24, 2004 at Crookston City Council Chambers for the development of future public use guidelines.

A thank you letter from the Polk County Sheriff's Mounted Posse for the use of the Parnell Impoundment for a training area was reviewed.

The Board reviewed permits for approval. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Nelson, to approve the following permits: No. 04130* from Ogden Farder, Jr., Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 04131* from Joseph Stroot Jr., Belgium Township, Polk County; and No. 04132* from Ken Longtin, Grove Park-Tilden 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: A meeting of County Ditch 19 Tynsid Township, RLWD Project No. 164 petitioners, landowners, NRCS and their engineering firm, MnDOT and Attorney Kurt Deter was held on November 1; Manager Johnson, Administrator Jesme, Clearwater NRCS District Conservationist Deb Walchuk, DNR Fisheries Specialist Bill Evarts, and landowner Vic Thompson toured Ruffy Brook on November 3; Agassiz NWR received permit approval from the DNR on watershed district permits, Permit Nos. 04086 and 04087; Ten Year Overall Plan TAC and CAC committees will meet on November 18 at 1:30 p.m.; a news article in the Thief River Falls Times on the Red Lake Watershed District being selected to participate in the 2005 Conservation Security Program (CSP) program; and the Administrator's meeting held in Fertile on November 9, 2004 regarding issues that arise when starting new projects.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby reported on correspondence he had sent to Ann Rasmussen, Michael and Connie Gasper's attorney, regarding the additional easement purchase in the Parnell area.

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

Signed _____
LeRoy Ose, Secretary