

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
September 26, 2002

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

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of September 12, 2002. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, that the board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated September 25, 2002.

Helen Cozzetto, DNR, and Dave Arscott, U of M – Crookston, members of the Red Lake River Corridor Enhancement Project Committee presented slides and information pertaining to this project. The committee is requesting support from entities along the Red Lake River from East Grand Forks to Red Lake. It was the consensus of the board to discuss this item at the October 10, 2002 meeting.

Motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, funding from the MN Department of Agriculture has been approved for the 2002-2003 Beaver Damage Control Program, and

WHEREAS, for accounting purposes, a separate project number is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District assigns project number 110G for the 2002-2003 Beaver Damage Control Program.

Motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD designate First National Bank of Bemidji as a depository for the RLWD.

The board reviewed a Petition for Ditch Improvement for Polk County Ditch 19. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Red Lake Watershed District received a Petition for Ditch Improvement located on Polk County Ditch No. 19, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers, considering the size of the project, voted to accept a \$10,000 bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Red Lake Watershed District assigns this project number 158 and names it "Polk County Ditch 19 Improvement".

Brent Johnson, Houston Engineering, updated the board on the Lost River Project and gave his recommendations. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Smeby, and passed by unanimous vote that Houston Engineering should continue with their report and the recommendations presented by Brent Johnson.

The board reviewed a Section 319 Clean Water Partnership resolution for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District, that it hereby designates District Administrator Harry D. Farris as the Project Representative for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project proposed Clean Water Partnership/319 Implementation Project.

The Project Representative shall have the authority to represent the RLWD in all matters that do not specifically require action by the RLWD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Red Lake Watershed District, that the Project Representative designated above is hereby authorized to submit to the MPCA a Clean Water Partnership/319 Project Implementation Financial Assistance Application for the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the Red Lake Watershed District, that the total project cost of the Bagley Urban Runoff Reduction Project is expected to be \$420,500.00. The Red Lake Watershed District would be responsible for the total project costs with the assistance from any contributing sponsors as detailed in the application. A Grant, if awarded, could provide up to fifty percent (50%) of the total project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the RLWD that submittal of an application does not obligate the Board of Supervisors of the Red Lake Watershed District to accept a Grant and/or Loan, if so offered.

Administrator Farris presented his update to the board. Discussion was held regarding resolutions for the MAWD annual meeting. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Farris should draft a resolution requesting a representative from this area be appointed to the LCMR board.

Bids were opened for the sale of excess property of the RLWD. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Knott, that Administrator Farris is to contact the high bidders of the items and dispose of the remainder, at his own discretion. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board. Upon his recommendation, a meeting will be held with the petitioners on the potential Polk County Ditch 19 Project Administrator Farris will schedule this meeting and contact the petitioners.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 02111* from Tom Kolstoe, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 02112* from Esp Christianson (Yaggie Farms), Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 02116* from Valley Golf Association, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No. 02117* from Keith Danks, Woodside Township, Polk County; No. 02118 from MnDOT, Vineland Township, Polk County; No. 02119 from the Nature Conservancy, Tilden Township, Polk County; No. 02120* from Ronald Peterson, Fisher Township, Polk County; Red River Valley Cooperative Power Association, Huntsville Township, Polk County; *With conditions stated on permit.

Motion by Nikolayson, second by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve permit No. 02099 from Robert Useldinger, Sullivan Township, Polk County.

The board reviewed a request for a permit extension. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the extension, as amended, on permit No. 01089 from Andover Township, Polk County.

Manager Nelson stated he received a telephone call from a RRWMB member requesting the RLWD's opinion on whether or not the position of Associate Director of the RRWMB should be advertised or not. It was the consensus of the board that a letter be drafted to the RRWMB members stating the position should be advertised.

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

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary