

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
June 26, 2003

Vice 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: Vernon Johnson; LeRoy Ose; Dennis Nikolayson; Lowell Smeby; Bob Proulx; Orville Knott; Myron Jesme, Administrator; Arlene Novak, Accounting/Secretary Technician II; Sandy Radniecki, Secretary/ Receptionist; and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby. Dale M. Nelson was absent.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of June 12, 2003. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Ose, 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 Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated June 25, 2003.

Administrator Jesme reviewed correspondence from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Ruffy Brook restoration study. Lengthy discussion was held as to whether or not the RLWD should move forward with the co-sponsorship of restoring the Clearwater River to its original channelization. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Nikolayson, that the RLWD should not go along with this proposed restoration study. Motion carried with Managers Proulx, Nikolayson, and Smeby voting aye, and Managers Johnson and Ose voting naye.

Corey Hanson, Water Quality Coordinator, presented the Work Plan and Budget for the Clearbrook Stormwater Retention Project. He stated that the Work Plan and Budget was needed in order to apply for the Challenge Grant from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources. A separate grant for the implementation of the project will be applied for this fall.

Corey Hanson also discussed the three rock riffle sites on the Greenwood 27 Project. A DNR permit application will be submitted, with the hope of construction to begin late summer.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, presented the Plans and Specifications for the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. Following his presentation, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Plans and Specifications as presented by HDR Engineering for the Parnell Impoundment Operating Plan. A second motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the RLWD should advertise for bids for construction of the Parnell Impoundment Project No. 81.

Administrator Jesme informed the board that the Step 1 Submittal was presented to the RRWMB for Project 60 and that a tour for the Work Group was held June 19. Manager Knott felt a decision on this project will have to be made before too long. Administrator Jesme is to set up a meeting for himself, Managers Proulx and Knott, and representatives of the Middle/Snake/Tamarac Rivers Watershed District to discuss Project 60.

Administrator Jesme stated a group of landowners along Highway 32 north of Red Lake Falls will be submitting a petition for a ditch improvement.

The board discussed a beaver control program for the District. It was the consensus of the board that Administrator Jesme should obtain copies of beaver control policies of other watershed districts for review by the board.

Permits were reviewed by the board. A motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the following permits: No. 03059\* from Jon Clementson, Knute Township, Polk County; No. 03063 from Gary Pulkrabek, Euclid Township, Polk County; and No. 03064\* and 03065 from the City of Goodridge, Goodridge Township, Pennington County. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote to approve permit No. 03066\* from Keith Driscoll, Huntsville Township, Polk County; No. 03067\* from Driscoll Brothers, Huntsville Township, Polk County; and No. 03068\* from Dale Pulkrabek, Polk County.  
\*With conditions stated on permit.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the board. He also stated that the RLWD would be sharing booth space with several other agencies at the Polk County Fair in Fertile.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the board. He than requested the meeting be closed for the purpose of discussing the State Ditch 83 litigation.

Manager Smeby made a motion the meeting be closed to the public, with a second by Manager Proulx. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote to re-open the meeting to the public.

The board discussed wetland banking issues of the RLWD.

Manager Nikolayson reported on the MAWD Summer Tour he attended, which was hosted by the Clearwater River Watershed District.

A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote, that the meeting adjourn.

Signed  
Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary