

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 25, 2003

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; Bob Proulx; and Orville Knott. Staff present were Myron Jesme, Arlene Novak, and Sandy Radniecki. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby was also present.

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

Arlene Novak read the minutes of November 13, 2003. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, that the Board approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and investment summary. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that the board approve the Financial Report dated November 22, 2003.

The Board reviewed the list of requests from Mitch Doda and Don Doda regarding the Parnell Operating Plan's 943.00 flowage easement. Following discussion, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Proulx, and passed by unanimous vote that Administrator Jesme should extend the offer of \$750.00 per acre to Mitch Doda and Don Doda, along with the approval of the Board for completion of the following three requests: 1) Install 36" x 40' CSP w/trap on coulee and set grade, with estimated cost of \$1150.00; 2) Install 24" x 40' CSP w/trap north of CSAH #252 along JD #60, at an estimated cost of \$900.00; and 3) Install 24" x 40' CSP w/trap south of CSAH #252 along JD #60, at an estimated cost of \$900.00. The Board requested a decision be made by the Dodas by the December 11, 2003 meeting.

Land acquisition costs for Project 60 were discussed by the Board. Ron Salentine, a landowner on one of the prospective sites, was present to express his concerns. Administrator Jesme handed out copies from the land appraisal completed by Botsford and Qualley. Legal Counsel Delray Sparby recommended the Board could offer a higher price for the land than the appraisal indicates if they are able to justify the price, based on differing land characteristics. It was the consensus of the Board that Nate Dalager should be present at the December 11 meeting to explain what steps have been completed to date and inform the Board of future steps. Administrator Jesme is to contact individual landowners to determine what type of arrangement would be favorable for land acquisition.

Letters from Kurt Deter regarding the potential Polk County Ditch 19 project were reviewed by the Board. It was the consensus of the Board that Legal Counsel Sparby should contact Kurt Deter to determine whether or not the petition and bond originally received could be rolled over to the new project. Legal Counsel will bring this information back to the Board on December 11.

The Board discussed the request from the Highlanding Snowmobile Club to build and maintain a trail on the south bank of the Red Lake River from Highlanding to the Neptune Bridge. It was the consensus of the Board that Administrator Jesme should write a letter stating the RLWD has no problem with them using this as a trail, as long as it does not interfere with drainage purposes and that they obtain individual landowner permission.

Due to the fact that the second meeting in December falls on Christmas Day, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the second Board meeting in December be held December 30, 2003.

Loren Sanderson reviewed permit No. 03110 from Brad Lunke, Holt Township, Marshall County. A motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the permit be amended with conditions.

Permit No. 03124 from Paul Novacek was reviewed. Loren stated a public hearing was scheduled by the county for December 2. A motion was made by Proulx, seconded by Nikolayson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve permit No. 03124 from Paul Novacek, Sullivan Township, Polk County, pending approval by Polk County.

The Board discussed a letter from Roger Hinrichs concerning the removal of a field crossing in Black River Township, Pennington County. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Smeby, seconded by Proulx, that Administrator Jesme should write a letter to the individual who removed the crossing and state that it should be put back to its original state within 60 days. Motion carried with Manager Knott voting naye.

Administrator Jesme read a letter from Houston Engineering regarding the engineering completed thus far on State Ditch 83. The following items were listed as having been completed: site inspection and cross section survey; quantity estimation; and Plan revisions.

Administrator Jesme presented his update to the Board. He touched on the purchase of a color copier/printer for the office. This will be discussed at the December 11, 2003 meeting.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented his update to the Board.

Board Managers reported on the CREP meeting they attended at Northland Community College.

Motion was made by Nikolayson, seconded by Ose, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Signed

Dennis Nikolayson, Secretary