

# LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
December 19, 1978

The Lower Red River Management Board met on December 19, at 2:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minn.

The following members were present: Don Ogaard, Olaf Soine, Roger Ward, Dan Wilkens and Iner Quern.

Absent: Clifford Trangsrud and Harley Younggren.

President Ogaard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes of the July 25, 1978 meeting were approved with the following corrections.

Page 1, paragraph 7, line 2; "Manager Wilkens moved and Manager Soine seconded and duly passed that \$300,000.00 be invested....."

The insurance bond for Treasurer Roger Ward was discussed and the following action was taken. Treasurer Ward moved and Manager Quern seconded and duly passed that the Board authorize the purchase of a \$200,000 bond for Treasurer Roger Ward as directed in the July 25, 1978 Board minutes. Manager Ogaard will contact the Business Associates of Minneapolis for the bond.

Treasurer Ward stated that the rapid change in interest rates has affected the placement of monies to secure the highest return.

The Board discussed the 1978 audit and the following motion was made. Manager Quern moved and Manager Wilkens seconded and duly passed that the Roseau Watershed Board be asked to audit the 1978 Treasurer's Books of the Lower Red River Watershed.

Mr. Erling Weiberg requested a copy of the 1978 Audit Report of Lower Red River Board be sent to his office.

Manager Ogaard stated that the Pennington and Red Lake County Boards are trying to change the 2-mill levy to require the Watershed Boards to submit a budget for the coming year. The County Boards would then determine the mill levy. It was suggested that the Watershed Boards sponsor field tours next spring to demonstrate the work being done by the Watersheds in the Valley.

Manager Ogaard and Duane Ekman, Minnesota Water Resources Board, are arranging a program for the 1979 Winter Show week and the Lower Red River Watershed Board will participate in the program.

Managers Ogaard, Quern and Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River Watershed Engineer, spent Monday, December 18 at the State Capitol visiting various agencies and Legislative Committees regarding funding for the Lower Red River Watershed Board. They asked the L.C.M.R. Committee to fund projects now ready for construction up to 75% and a \$2,000,000 fund for the year 1979.

The following project review was given:

Sand Hill Watershed: Manager Wilkens stated that a few landholders were still holding out but they were hoping that construction could start in the spring of 1979.

Red Lake Watershed: Manager Soine reported that the Baird-Beyer project will start in the spring of 1979.

Manager Soine moved and Manager Ward seconded and duly passed that the Lower Red River Watershed Board contribute the sum of \$41,676 to the Baird-Beyer project

Construction started this fall on the Lost River Pool by the Department of Natural Resources. The Red Lake Watershed will start construction in the spring of 1979.

Wild Rice Watershed: Manager Ogaard reported that if matching funds from the State were forthcoming, the Board could work out the following funding.

<u>Estimate Cost</u>	<u>Source</u>	
	L.C.M.R.	L.R.R.W.B.
Sand Hill-Bear Park - \$200,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Wild Rice-Flom Twp. - \$280,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
Two Rivers-Nerson - \$300,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

Manager Quern motioned and Manager Soine seconded, and duly passed that the bills as given on Exhibit A and hereto attached and made a part hereof by reference, were approved for payment.

Manager Wilkens motioned and Manager Soine seconded and duly passed to authorize Treasurer Ward to invest available funds for 6 months at American Federal Savings, Hallock, Minn.

Manager Wilkens motioned and Manager Quern seconded and duly passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Mr. Erling Weiberg requested that the engineers plans and reports of Baird-Beyer and Lost River Pools be sent to his office.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the promotional work that Manager Don Ogaard has done and is doing to promote the work of the Lower Red River Watershed and his lobbying for funds.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Olaf C. Soine  
Secretary