

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

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Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Agriculture Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on March 1, 1983 at 9:30 a.m.
at the Agriculture Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Roger	Iner Quern
Ward Paul	Brekken	William Zeigler
Clifford	Trangsrud	Dan Wilkens
		Harley Younggren

Also present were:

Ron Adrian; Engineer - Middle River - Snake River Watershed
Charles Anderson; Engineer - Red Lake Watershed
Dan Thul; Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Oliver Dahle; Office Manager - Red Lake Watershed District
Ken Holum - Wild Rice Watershed Board
Otto Anderson - Middle River - Snake River Watershed Board
Lawrence Woodbury; Engineer - Houston Engineering
Viet Ngo; Engineer - McCombs - Knutson & Associates

Roland Gullickson - **Sand Hill Watershed District Board**

Minutes of the January 12, 1983 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report as of March 1, 1983 was read and approved.

Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Wilkens to accept the Annual Report as published, duly carried.

The Chairman reported on a letter prepared for State Senator Roger Moe in regard to the termination date of the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board in 1986. It was agreed that the law could remain the same except to strike the portion reading, "ten consecutive years". The Chairman stated that Senator Moe was now drafting a new bill and will attempt to have it adopted as consent legislation. The Board agreed to let the Chairman proceed as presented.

Dan Thul, Coordinator for the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board presented a project folder that he had prepared. After reviewing the folder the Board commended Mr. Thul for a job well done.

Mr. Thul also presented a project funding and balance statement for 1982 and 1983, which was reviewed by the Board.

A discussion was held as to Dan Thuls position with the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board and the Department of Natural Resources being that L.C.M.R. funds are being terminated. The Department of Natural Resources has indicated that they may be willing to continue to furnish an office, secretary etc. if the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board would be willing to pay his salary. It was generally agreed by the Board to pursue the working and funding relationship.

Manager Roland Gullickson presented the latest information available on the Winger Project in the Sand Hill Watershed District. The project would create a 12,000 acre Lake, with the top portion being available for 6,700 acre feet of flood storage. Part of the problem now is that the Minnesota Department of Transportation is involved with funding and construction. Their plans for bridge replacement and the raising of Highway No. 59 would be altered if the project was to go thru. Instead of a bridge, culverts would be used and the road would be an earthen dam creating the lake. The Department of Transportation have their plans ready and funding of \$850,000.00 available in their overall projected highway construction plans.

Mr. Gullickson then presented his funding projections.

Original funding discussed:

Department of Transportation	-----	\$ 500,000.00
Lower Red	-----	587,500.00
L.C.M.R.	-----	412, 500.00
		1,500.000.00

Agreement to support the Sand Hill Watershed District for additional engineering, which could amount to \$200,000.00 or up for final design engineering was authorized on May 26, 1981.

Engineers estimate now	-----	\$2,950,000.00
If construction is not started before 1985-1986		
Mr. Gullickson felt an increase should		
be expected	-----	1,050,000.00
		4,000,000.00

Suggestions for possible funding:

Department of Transportation	-----	\$ 850,000.00
Local Development Corp.	-----	1,000,000.00
District Assessment	-----	500,000.00
Local Construction Funds	-----	200,000.00
		2,550,000.00
Leaving a balance of	-----	\$1,450,000.00

Mr. Gullickson expressed concern as to whether some of the above local participation was possible. Other possibilities discussed were grants, bonding, Regional Development Commission funding, etc. No answers to the problems were really given at this time, but it was agreed to pursue the problems further and discuss again at a future meeting.

Viet Ngo, Engineer from McCombs Knutson And Associates gave a progress report. He stated that the final report would be ready for review in about a month.

A discussion was held as to whether the \$10,000.00 budgeted for computer hardware in phase three of the Planning and Development Program was really necessary. Perhaps it would be better to spend the \$10,000.00 on stream gaging instead. Upon motion by Manager Brekken, seconded by Manager Quern to transfer the budgeted \$10,000.00 from computer hardware to a computerized on line system for data base (stream gaging) management, duly carried.

The Red Lake Watershed District presented an itemized summary of costs expended to February 10, 1983 on the Moose River Project or the Red Lake Watershed Project No. 13.

Total cost to date -----	\$241,899.88
Due from State -----	\$120,949.94 - -
Requested from Lower Red Board -----	\$ 80,633.30
Less advance for soil borings -----	\$ 24, 261. 03
Requested payment from Lower Red Board	\$ 56,372.27

Upon motion by Manager Zeigler, seconded by Manager Brekken to authorize the payment of \$56,372.27 and to authorize, payment of future funds upon receipt of work completion reports, duly carried.

The Wild Rice Watershed District reported on the variance from the original request for funding based on the preliminary engineers report versus the actual costs incurred when contracts were let on Olson-Agassiz Project No. 13 and Moccasin Greek Detention Project No. 8. The final fund deficit for the Olson-Agassiz Project No. 13 is \$69,665.00. The final fund deficit for Moccasin Greek Detention Project No. 8 is \$166,000.00. Upon motion by Manager Brekken, seconded by Manager Zeigler for the Lower Red Board to fund the total deficit on the two projects in the amount of \$235,665.00, duly passed.

Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Trangsrud, and duly passed, the following bills were ordered paid.

Business Agency - Liability Insurance -----	\$ 459.00
Huseby Advertising -----	113.91
Holcomb - Knudson - Audit -----	447.30
Norman Go. Index - 500 Annual Reports -----	483.30

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McGombs - Knutson and Associates -----	\$ 33,485.24
William Zeigler -----	136.00
Paul Brekken -----	118.60
Dan Wilkens -----	116.72
Roland Gullickson -----	62.35
Iner Quern -----	139.90
Clifford Trangsrud -----	205.40
Don Ogaard -----	540.20
Roger Ward -----	262.20
Harley Younggren -----	178.00
Wild Rice Watershed District - L.G.M.R. Funds	
Olson Agassiz Project No. 13-----	43,916.84
Moccasin Greek Detention Project No. 8 -	151,013.51

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Younggren
Secretary