

# *Lower Red River Watershed Management Board*

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA 56716

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**Harley Younggren**, Hallock, Manager

## Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
Agricultural Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.  
August 23, 1983

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

## Members present were:

Don	Ogaard	Clifford Trangsrud
Iner	Quern	Roland Gullickson
Roger	Ward	William Zeigler
Arnold	Person	Harley Younggren

## Also present were:

Dan Thul - Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
Oliver Dahle - Office Manager - Red Lake Watershed District  
Paul Brekken - Red Lake Watershed District  
Charles Anderson - Engineer - Red Lake Watershed District  
Larry Fontaine - County Auditor - Polk County  
Ron Adrian - Engineer - Middle River - Snake River Watershed District  
Henry Vasek - Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Minutes of the July 13, 1983 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report as of August 23t 1983 was read and approved.

Upon motion by Manager Younggren, seconded by Manager Ward to adopt a Resolution to set a mill levy of 1.4 mills duly carried.

Manager Gullickson from the Sand Hill Watershed District stated that they received a letter from the Minnesota Department of Transportation in regard to the Winger Dam on Highway # 59. The letter said that January 1, 19&4 would be the final date that the dam could be incorporated in the plans for the highway. The preparation of the bid would be completed on January 12, 1984 and bids will be let on April 27. 1984. Manager Gullickson felt that they would need \$500,000.00 from the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board just for the land acquisition, utility pole placement, recreation, etc..

After discussion of the availability of \$500,000.00, a motion by Manager Gullickson, seconded by Manager Quern to send a letter of support for the Winger Dam from the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board to the Sand Hill Watershed District, which will then be given to the Corp. of Engineers duly carried.

Project Reports:

Red Lake Watershed District

Black River Project

Bids were opened on August 11, 1983 for a portion of the project and was let at \$24-8,025.31.

In consideration of the fact that plans are to complete the Black River Dam in 110 working days the Red Lake Watershed District requested that the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board consider funding their full committed share of \$335,000.00 at this time.

Upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Zeigler for the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board to expend \$335,000.00 to the Red Lake Watershed District for the Black River Project duly . passed.

Moose River Project

A payment request for \$147,136.22, of which \$88,636.28 will be reimbursed by the State of Minnesota, was made by the Red Lake Watershed District.

Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Trangsrud to expend the \$147,136.22 duly carried.

Burnham Greek

A gated structure would provide a greater degree of flood prevention, but it was felt that the Soil Conservation Service would not want to change their plans, however they will re-study the original plan and will get back to the Red Lake Watershed District on whether a gate will be used.

Buffalo - Red Watershed

Henry Detention Site #5 is being constructed and 80% has been completed.

A discussion was held on the bills from McCombs-Knutson & Associates.

Bills presented now:

July -----	\$85,856.38
August -----	\$ 8,402.60
	<u>\$94,258.98</u>

Manager Ward stated that \$24-1,653.23 has been paid to date. The June 2, 1983 minutes lists a bill for \$4-5,187.19 and that has not been paid, so a total of all bills presented is \$381,099.40.

335,912.21

The Board feels that a total of \$235,810.00 was an agreed upon cost and that the total now presented is excessive.

After considerable discussion it was decided to evaluate the report from McCombs - Knutson & Associates, then decide what to pay on the bill.

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Upon motion by Manager Zeigler, seconded by Manager Gullickson for the Chairman to draft a letter stating that based on previous agreements the payment at this time will be denied. A copy of the letter will be sent to all Board members for their comments before mailing it to McGombs-Knutson & Associates and Viet Ngo. The motion duly passed.

Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Trangsrud, and carried the following bill was ordered paid.

Arnold Person ----- \$278.08

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

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Harley Younggren,  
Secretary