

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

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Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
November 20, 1984

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on November 20, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Robert Severson
Roger Ward	Dan Wilkens
Otto Anderson	Calvin Kolling
William Zeigler	Harley Younggren

Also present were:

Dan Thul, Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Henry Vasek, Manager - Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer - Houston Engineering

The minutes of the September 18, 198[^] meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was approved as presented. Project Reports

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Angus-Oslo Project #1

Mr. Henry Vasek, Manager on the Middle River-Snake River Watershed District reported that the Angus-Oslo Project #1 has been completed. The original engineers estimate of \$137,005.00 was surpassed by \$15,379.24 for a total of \$152,384.24 due primarily to the inability to resolve the land rights issue, which involved more time and effort than anticipated.

A request was then made for the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board to reimburse the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District the amount of \$15,379.24 for the project. Also the final payment request for the Angus-Oslo Project #1 was made by Mr. Vasek.

Project Reports continued

State of Minnesota ----- \$2,252.32
Lower Red----- 1,576.73

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Zeigler for the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board to pay \$1,576.73 and the \$15,379.24 overrun, and to adopt a resolution requesting \$2,252.32 from the State of Minnesota, duly carried.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Manager Wilkens stated that the land easements for the Winger Dam on Highway #59 expire in June of 1985.

Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer for the Sand Hill Watershed District stated that they would have a reliable estimate on construction of the Winger Dam after the first of the year.

Red Lake Watershed District

Black River Project #25

The Black River Project #25 is 84.5% complete and the Red L. Watershed District presented a payment request to the L.R.R.W.M.B. for the L.C.M.R. cost share in the amount of \$92,927.66. No request was made of the L.R.R.W.M.B. because they had prepaid when the contract was signed.

Upon motion by Manager Kolling, seconded by Manager Anderson to adopt a resolution requesting \$92,977.66 in L.C.M.R. funding from the State of Minnesota, duly carried.

Moose River Project #8

The Red Lake Watershed District requested payments of \$45,745.75 from the L.R.R.W.M.B. and \$68,619.30 from the State of Minnesota for work completed thru September 1, 1984.

Upon motion by Manager Zeigler, seconded by Manager Wilkens for the L.R.R.W.M.B. to pay \$45,745.75 and to adopt a resolution requesting payment of \$68,619.30 from the State of Minnesota on the Moose River Project #8, duly carried.

Rev. Lance Yohe, Chairman of the International Coalition for land and Water Stewardship) in the Red River Drainage Basin was present at the meeting. He expressed the need of financial aid for the International Coalition. After discussion, a motion by Manager Ward seconded by Manager Wilkens for the L.R.R.W.M.B. to support the Conference with \$500.00, duly carried.

Manager Ogaard of the Wild Rice Watershed District expressed a need for \$150,000.00 as an advance for engineering on Marsh Creek Project #11. After discussion, a motion by Manager Zeigler, seconded by Manager Anderson for the L.R.R.W.M.B. to advance the Wild Rice Watershed District \$150,000.00 for advance engineering on Marsh Creek duly carried.

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The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District presented for Step 1 approval, a detention structure on Stinking Lake. It has a drainage area of 2*1-. 1 square miles and is located in Cuba Township of Becker County, which is East of Moorhead about 27 miles. The temporary pool would hold 3939 ac/ft. and the gated reservoir would hold 2,460 ac/ft. of water. The estimated cost of the project, including right of way and land easements amounts to \$330,000.00. Partial financing would be requested of the L.R.R.W.M.B.. Other means of financing would also be sought, such as assessment.

Upon motion by Manager Rolling, seconded by Manager Wilkens to give the plan Step 1 approval, duly carried.

A discussion was held as to stream gauging in the Red River Valley. In order to make a decision at a future meeting the following should be considered:

1. Meet with District Engineers (Technical Advisory Comm.) and get their recommendations.
2. Coordinate with the Corp. of Engineers.
3. See what each individual Watershed District would like to do.

Dan Thul, Coordinator for the L.R.R.W.M.B., gave a slide presentation on the McCombs Knutson Report. The presentation was well received by the Board. He stated that it h been presented in three counties to date and that he is willing to show it in any county requested by a Watershed District.

He met with concerned officials of the Nereson Water Management Area in regard to altering the outlet structure.

Visited Manitoba, Canada and met with Ducks Unlimited officials and viewed wildlife projects that were designed for a fifty year flood. He said there really isn't a flooding problem there because of less runoff due to less rainfall.

He conducted a D.N.R. Land Bureau tour of the Moose River Project and a wild rice operation.

Also looked at the Elm Lake Wildlife Management Area for improved wild life management.

Met with the Red River Water Resources Council and gave them a copy of the McCombs-Knutson Report. He would like to meet with them again and review the report and inform them on how it will be used.

A bill was received from McCombs-Knutson 5: Assoc. for Phase IV of the Stream Gauging Report for \$8,990.00. \$3,000.00 had been previously paid so a balance of \$5,990.00 is now due.

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Upon motion by Manager Kolling, seconded by Manager Anderson the following bills were ordered paid.

McCombs-Knutson % Assoc. -----	\$5,990.00
Phase IV - Stream Gauging	
Business Associates - Insurance -----	\$500.00
University of Minnesota - Meals - Summer Tour -	171.50
Red River Trails - Bus - Summer Tour -----	520.11

The check to Red River Trails for the tour bus that was issued last July has apparently been lost, so a new check for \$520.11 was issued.

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