

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting:
Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
June 24, 1986

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on June 24, 1986 at 9:00 a.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Roger Ward	Iner Quern
Don Ogaard	Dan Wilkens
Arnold Person	Harley Younggren
Vernon Erickson	

Also present were:

Dan Thul, Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Paul Brekken - Red Lake Watershed District
Beverly Sande - Red Lake Watershed District
Ron Adrian, Engineer - Middle River - Snake River Watershed District
Tim Halle - Reporter

Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer - Houston Engineering

The minutes of the February 19, 1986 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report as of June 24, 1986 was read and approved.

The Chairman reported on a letter received from the Department of Natural Resources approving the cost sharing agreement with Dan Thul. The LRRWMB's obligation being his salary of \$43,900.00. One half due July 1, 1986 and one half due December 31, 1986. Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Quern to sign the agreement I with D.N.R. and to pay one half of Dan Thul's salary or \$21,950.00, due July 1, 1986, duly carried.

Project Reports

Red Lake Watershed District

Moose River

Pay Request #19 and #20
Completion 74.3%

LRRWMB	\$16,669.82
State of Minnesota	25,005.00

Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Quern for the LRRWMB to pay \$16,669.82 on pay requests #19 and #20 and to adopt a resolution requesting \$25,005.00 from the State of Minnesota, duly carried.

The Red Lake Watershed District also submitted the Elm Lake Restoration Project #52 for Step 1 approval. It is for flood control and wildlife marsh management. It is located 15 miles North East of Thief River Falls on Branch Ditch #200. It has a drainage area of 68 square miles and will have flood storage capacity of 6,000 acre feet in the summer and 7,250 acre feet of storage in the spring. Estimated cost is \$1,500,000.00. Construction is expected to be done by Ducks Unlimited and land rights are being supplied by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and D.N.R.. Additional funding is not foreseen at this time. Upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Ward to give the Elm Lake Restoration Project #52 Step 1 approval, duly carried.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Stony Creek #8

The hearings have been held and the bids have been let. The total cost being \$75,000.00, with a suggested split of funding at 25% for the Buffalo-Red Rover Watershed District and 75% for the LRRWMB. It has two pools with 2,480 acre feet of gated storage. Completion date is set for November 15, 1986.

Suggested funding:

Bullalo-Red River Watershed District	\$118,750.00
LRRWMB	356,250.00
	\$475,000.00

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Quern to accept the 75% share of the cost of \$475,000.00 or \$356,250.00 on the Stoney Creek Project #8, duly carried.

The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District also submitted the Donlley site for Step 1 approval. The project would be located in the extreme eastern part of the district in Riceville Township in Becker County on the Buffalo River. The drainage area is 106 square miles. The permanent pool would have 369 acre feet of storage on 187 acres. The temporary pool would have 4,837 acre feet of storage on 795 acres, approximately 70% of the inundated area is privately held. The estimated cost is \$885,000.00. Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Vilkens to give the Donlley site Step 1 approval, duly carried.

Sand Hill Watershed District

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Winger Dam is now being prepared.

Roseau River Watershed District

Manager Erickson stated that the Roseau River lake bed has possibilities of around 6,000 acre feet of gated storage.

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Lance Yohe, president of the International Coalition of Land/Water Stewardship in the Red River Basin addressed the board and asked that the LRRWMB act as a sponsor for The International Coalition in a request to LCMR for the funding of a program to help create an understanding of water management activities, which include management tools like the McCombs-Knutson report and the Corps of Engineers programs. The two year project would have a cost of \$150,000.00. Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Person for the LRRWMB to sponsor the request for The International Coalition to obtain funding from LCMR, duly carried.

The Chairman reminded the board that the annual State Association tour will be held on June 28, 1986 at Thief River Falls.

Dan Thul reported that the Technical Advisory Staff of the LRRWMB and Army Corps of Engineers, which developed a program on the North Dakota side of the Red River basin which dovetails the study done in Minnesota, is that a combination of the compiled information should be utilized in making water management decisions by controlling agencies in both states.

A discussion was held on the mill rate for 1987. After discussion, a motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Quern to adopt a resolution setting the mill rate for 1987 at 2.0 mills, carried by a vote of 4 to 3.

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

Valley Journal -----	\$305.88
Dan Wilkens -----	184.40
Don Ogaard -----	886.00
Vernon Erickson-----	258.00
Iner Quern -----	174.00
Roger Ward -----	268.00
Harley Younggren -----	264.70
Arnold Person -----	140.00
Curtis Nelson -----	129.60
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District -----	356,250.00

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