

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
January 11, 1989

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on January 11, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. at the Holliday Inn at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Dan Wilkens	Iner Quern
Roger Ward	Don Ogaard
Paul Brekken	Harley Younggren

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Richard Haase, Red Lake Watershed District
Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
James Johnson, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Vernon Johnson, Red Lake Watershed District
Lloyd Wiseth, Red Lake Watershed District
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District
Omar Rood, JOR Engineering
Richard St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Lance Yohe, The International Coalition
Ron Osowski, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Minutes of the December 13, 1988 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers audited report as of December 31, 1988 was accepted as read.

Project and/or Activities Report

Sand Hill Watershed District

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Winger Dam has been printed, now they have a 30 day waiting period for comments.

Manager Wilkens explained to the LRRWMB that the Watershed District has spent \$120,000.00 more than their current receipts on the Winger Dam Project.

Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Brekken to assist the Sand Hill Watershed District with \$120,000.00 to pay current bills for the Winger Dam Project, duly carried. The Watershed District is to give the Treasurer of the LRRWMB verification of the bills.

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Joe River Watershed District

Manager Ward stated that the District should have a re-termination of benefits on the county ditches within the district. He also said that the LRRWMB owes St. Vincent Township \$314.00 for moving a granary in regard to the Noyes/Emerson dike.

Red Lake Watershed District

Walker Brook

The feasibility study has been completed. The Watershed District is now working on special legislation for the project. One of the problems with the project is that there is a high hazard dam involved.

Pine Lake

The project would require moving existing buildings on the lake. The feasibility study is soon complete.

Maple Lake

The District is making an attempt to get Ducks Unlimited involved in the financing of portions of the overall project.

Two Rivers Watershed District

The District is attempting to obtain State funding for the Juneberry Project.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Stinking Lake

The Department of Natural Resources wants the ability to draw down more than existing levels. Outlet channel work will be necessary to accomplish this.

Wild Rice Watershed District

Project #37

They have been holding informational meetings with the land owners very early in the planning stages and it has been received very well.

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Project #35

The project was approved for tentative funding under other projects submitted for State funding under the State Flood Damage Reduction Program at the January 6, 1988 meeting. It was turned down for funding under that program. Now the Wild Rice Watershed District is proposing a fifty-fifty split with the LRRWMB for its¹ construction. The total cost of the project is \$303,435.00.

Wild Rice Watershed District	\$152,217.50
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	\$304,435.00

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Brekken to approve the funding, duly carried.

The Watershed District will also solicit funding from Ducks Unlimited. If any funds are obtained from them, the funding will be reduced by that amount.

Roseau River Watershed District

Roseau River Diked Storage Project

The Corp. of Engineers finished phase I of the project. The project provides for the reservation of off channel storage within the floodplain through controlling the design and construction of a dike system along the river.

The following officers were duly elected for the year 1989:

Chairman	Don Ogaard
Vice Chairman	Arnold Person
Secretary	Harley Younggren
Treasurer	Roger Ward

A discussion was held as to regular meeting dates for the Board. It was decided that it was probably better to leave it at the call of the Chairman. Then it is more adaptable to seasonal needs of the Board members.

Lance Yohe of the International Coalition asked if the Board was still interested in supporting the Teachers Environmental Workshops in the Red River Valley.

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Brekken for the LRRWMB to support the International Coalition on local workshops in the valley, duly carried.

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The Chairman brought up the fact that no maintenance fund has ever been established for previously funded projects. The question was asked, how would we handle a major problem? A suggestion was made that perhaps we should set aside 10% of the original construction cost, i.e. \$400,000.00 construction cost, set aside 10% or \$40,000.00. Have it set aside over a five year period with a cap at 10%. No action was taken.

A concern was raised by Omar Rood about the proposed funding level for the State Flood Damage Reduction Program. At five million dollars, the present estimate, no Lower Red projects would receive funding since city projects and Federal projects have a higher priority. The Roseau River Watershed District sent a letter requesting the level at eight million dollars, so as to include the Palmville Project. A le-of ten million dollars should include the higher priority LRRWMB Projects. The Chairman will follow up on this concern.

Upon motion, second and duly passed the following bills were ordered paid:

Joe River - St. Vincent Township	
Noyes/Emerson Dike	\$ 314.00
Conrad Dahl - Audit	545.00
Sand Hill Watershed District	120,000.00

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

After lunch a joint meeting with the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board was held.

Respectfully submitted.

Harley Younggren, Secretary