

## *LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD*

### Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
February 20, 1990

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on February 20, 1990 at 9:00 a.m. at Brown Hall, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

### Members present were:

Curtis Nelson	Arnold Person
Dan Wilkens	Roger Ward
Don Ogaard	Harley Younggren
Ron Osowski	

### Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Warren Seykora, Wild Rice Watershed District  
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District  
Paul Brekken, Red Lake Watershed District  
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District  
Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District  
Richard Kuzel, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District  
  
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering

Minutes of the January 18, 1990 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report as of February 20, 1990 was accepted as read.

Manager Ward questioned the final funding paid December 19, 1989 on the Olson-Agassiz Project #13 in the Wild Rice Watershed District.

Olson-Agassiz Project #13	\$23,692.70
Paid - December 19, 1989	20,000.00
Balance	3,692.70

On motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Osowski to pay the balance of \$3,692.70 to the Wild Rice Watershed District on the Olsoi Agassiz Project #13, duly carried.

### Dan Thul Report:

He attended a Corp. of Engineers Section 22 meeting in St. Paul, MN on January 30th and 31st, 1990 and discussed the following funding:

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Dan Thul Report cont'd:

	Minnesota	North Dakota
"UNET" Development	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Model Maintenance Unit	10,000.00	10,000.00
Hydrograph Study	13,000.00	13,000.00
Roseau River Model	30,000.00	
Water Monitoring/Usage	40,000.00	
	\$118,000.00	

He also attended a TIC/GIS meeting at Grand Forks, ND, where a general report was given on the GIS systems. They discussed, what they are, how to use them and its application. John Jones of TYPAC, who is an application specialist was asking for direction for the LCMR project tying GIS to Watershed modeling.

The annual report has been completed and he wished to acknowledge the time and effort put in by his Secretary, Wanda Haack.

He also attended a DNR Region I meeting on February 13th and 14th, 1990 on the instream flows and work priorities relating to "Protected Flow:

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| 1. Ottertail River                                 | 6. Wild Rice River      |
| 2. Straight River                                  | 7. Pomme de Terre River |
| 3. Red River                                       | 8. Chippewa River       |
| 4. Red Lake/Clearwater River<br>Connection Channel | 9. Mississippi River    |
| 5. Buffalo River                                   | 10. Roseau River        |
|  | 11. Poplar River        |

He also discussed Division of Waters LCMR proposals which are:

1. Education and cooperation with the University of Minnesota for training opportunities for all State Agencies.
2. Offshore Harbors investigations.
3. Benefits of natural shoreline vegetation.
4. Outreach training and education opportunities for local governments.
5. Digitize and map National Wetland Inventory and Protected Waters.
6. Public ditch inventory and maps.
7. Jordan and Mt. Simon aquifers in the Twin Cities.
8. Accelerated County Atlas Program.
9. Forest Hydrology.

The Agriculture Dike issues have some questions on compliance.

1. Two reaches should be lowered.
2. One reach has been recently worked on.
3. On two reaches, no permission for access was given.
4. On one reach a survey has been requested.

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On **Walsh County** #2 a proposal to raise the road has been requested, North Dakota has taken a position to make sure the road is rebuilt in compliance with the Cooperative Agreement.

**A discussion** was held as to the "Back to the Basics Conference" in **Thief River Falls** on March 23rd and 24th, 1990. Upon motion by Manager Wilkei seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize expenditures for the conferenc **duly** carried.

Manager Person reported that his committee on legislative changes has not met as yet, but will soon. A discussion on proposed language for new legislation was held. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Osowski to go with the proposed language as presented, **duly** carried.

**Mayor Doug** Oman of Crookston, with three area County Commissioners presented a brief report on the proposal of the USGS to conduct a study on the "Availability and Quality of Water from Drift Aquifers in Marshall Pennington. Polk and Red Lake Counties". The total project cost is **515,200.00**, with the local share being \$148,500.00 over a four year period.

1990	\$ 20,000.00
1991	64,000.00
1992	48,250.00
1993	16,250.00
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	\$148,500.00

**Mayor Oman** asked if the LRRWMB would adopt a resolution of endorsement for the study. Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Olson **for** the LRRWMB to adopt a resolution supporting the need for the study in the four counties, **duly** carried.

**After further** discussion, a motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Pearson **to** authorize the expenditure of \$20,000.00 for the first year local contribution needed to initiate the study, **duly** carried.

Manager Wilkens reported that his committee had gone through the Project evaluation Manual and made accompanying comments. The Board also reviewed the Manual and discussed the comments. The Manual will be given further review and a report will be made at the next meeting.

**Dstrict Activities;**

**Wild Rice** Watershed District

The 1990 revision on Project #11 Flood Detention Structure on Marsh Creek will have gated storage. Structure #6 will have 1,923 ac/ft storage and Structure #8 will have 366 ac/ft of gated storage. This was presented for the Boards' information. They will present a revised 2p II application at the March or April meeting.

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Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

They are still working on the Farmstead Ring Dikes. The funding split has been 50% State, 25% District and 25% Landowners.

Red Lake Watershed District

They are working on the Connection Channel on Good Lake.

Two Rivers Watershed District

Have received a letter from DNR stating that an Environmental Impact Statement on the Nereson Modification Project is not needed.

Joe River Watershed District

The SCS is designing their Farmstead Ring Dikes for the Watershed District.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

They are working on their Overall Plan.

Sand Hill Watershed District

They are trying to get an LCMR Grant for a soil loss survey and they are also working on their Overall Plan

The LRRWMB annual reports were distributed.

Upon motion, second and duly carried, the following bills were ordered aid:

Westward Ho Motel - January 18, 1990 meeting	\$	664.28
DNR - Dan Thul salary agreement	:	26,750.00
Wild Rice Watershed District - Olson Agassiz Project #13		3,692.70

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 1990 at Thief River Falls.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harley Younggren, Secretary