

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
MEETING
January 15, 1991

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on Tuesday, January 15, 1991, at 9:30 A.M. at the Wild Rice Watershed District office in Ada, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to

order. Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill WSD
Richard Kuzel, Middle River-Snake River WSD
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WSD
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice WSD
Verner Arveson, Red Lake WSD
Warren Seykora, Wild Rice WSD
Sanford Moen, Wild Rice WSD
Jeff LeDoux, Houston Engineering

Minutes of the December 18, 1990 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer gave the Auditor's Report as of December 31, 1990, am on motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Osowski, the Auditor's Report was approved as presented.

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Osowski, a resolution was adopted naming Dan Wilkens as Treasurer for the year 1991 and it was to be forwarded to the Northwestern State Bank at Hallock, MN in order to transfer funds.

The following officers were duly elected for 1991.

Chairman - Don Ogaard Vice
Chairman - Arnold Person
Secretary - Harley Younggren
Treasurer - Dan Wilkens

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Bowen, to have the mileage allowance float to what is allowable by I.R.S. and to support a move to raise the per diem for Watershed Managers' from \$50.00 per meeting to \$75.00 per meeting, duly carried.

Dan Thul reported on Flood Damage Reduction funds that have been committed, expended, and the balances as of January 1, 1991.

Dan also reported that he had made some changes of the Star Value Method that will be an appendix to the Project Evaluation Manual, but the final change will not be formally presented until the final determination is made at a Technical Committee Meeting, which will be held before our next LRRWMB meeting.

Dan said that he and Don Ogaard, Lance Yohe and Brian Dwight met on The International Coalition funding request for the Comprehensive Local Training and Communication Linkage Program. They decided that it could be handled by Brian Dwight, BWSR representative for the Northwest Region and little funding would be made available from the LRRWMB.

After discussion, a motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Wilkens, to accept the Project Evaluation Manual as presented on January 15, 1991, and to authorize the signing of said document by the Chairman, duly carried. The Star Value appendix will be added after final development.

The Chairman reported that the Best Western Motel at Thief River Falls is available for a conference on March 15 - 16, 1991. He appointed to a steering/planning committee for the conference the following people: Don Ogaard, Ron Osowski, Lowell Enerson, Dan Thul, and Brian Dwight.

A joint meeting of the LRRWMB and the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board will be held on January 23, 1991, at 9:30 A.M. at the Westward Ho in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Wild Rice Watershed District

- The District responded to the annual inspection report of its two Corps of Engineers installed projects. The problems that were found were corrected.
- A study was authorized on the feasibility of installing some type of ice control structures in the main channel of the Wild Rice River between Ada and Twin Valley.
- Land easements for Project #11 have been updated to reflect the adopted "gated design".
- A "boundary change" petition and a petition to be included in a benefitted area on a legal ditch system have progressed.

Roseau River Watershed District

Duxby Levy - change in Corps personnel.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

- The land has been purchased for the March Impoundment.
- Sent letters to 175 landowners on ring dikes, three responded.

Sand Hill Watershed District

- Roland Gullekson attended a meeting in regard to upcoming "No Net Loss Wetlands" legislation.
- Roland Gullekson attended a meeting at MPCA - to discuss the Issues relating to permits for Winger Dam.
- Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer for the Sand Hill Watershed District has run the FLUX and BATHTUB programs in relation to the Winger Dam and the result is a body of water similar to Maple Lake's in quality. MPCA indicated that they would accept that assessment if it is acceptable locally.
- Met with local representatives in relation to a flood control, water retention, wildlife and recreation project on the Don Ogaard farm near Winger. The cost is estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000, of which USFS pledged \$4,000 and with the possibility ASCS or SCS may be able to participate.
- Gerry Paul, DNR, Bemidji, was requested to reactivate the permit process on the Winger Dam.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

- Buffalo River Site #1: In the process of signing easement option and have filed for DNR permits.
- Stinking Lake Detention: Have finished easement signings. Have contacted the press for project public relations.
- Deerhorn Creek Detention's development is pending the completion of downstream analysis.

Two Rivers Watershed District

- Are negotiating the difference in the cost of land between the appraiser's and the landowner on the Palonia Project.

Step I Application - Wild Rice Watershed District - Project #11 Marsh Creek

- While this project was being considered, Chairman Ogaard stepped down as Chairman and Vice Chairman Person chaired the meeting.
- On motion by Manager Ogaard, seconded by Manager Osowski, to consider the Project #11 proposal, carried unanimously.
- The proposed project is to provide gated floodwater detention. It has a drainage area of 108.65 square miles, with maximum gated storage of 1,400 acre-ft. and total storage with gated storage, empty at time of storm of 2,092 acre-ft.
- Proposed funding:

LRRWMB	\$475,000
Wild Rice WSD	237,500
Total	\$712,500
- On motion by Manger Wilkens, seconded by Manager Bowen, to accept Project #11 on Marsh Creek, duly carried.

The question was asked whether legislative initiative should be pursued or not. The Bois de Sioux Watershed District was encouraged to adopt a resolution to make language changes that would allow them to join the LRRWMB. On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Nelson to change LRRWMB to just RRWMB, duly carried.

The Red Lake Watershed District gave notice to the LRRWMB that Arnold Person has been appointed as their representative to the LRRWMB and Verner Arveson, the alternate.

The Two Rivers Watershed District also gave notice to the LRRWMB that Harley Younggren has been appointed as their representative to the LRRWMB and Rudie Anderson, the alternate.

Upon motion, seconded and duly carried, the following bills were ordered paid:

Conrad Dahl, CPA - Audit	\$ 649.50
Richard Bowen	118.40
Ron Osowski	1,110.00
Don Ogaard	342.00
Red Lake WSD - Technical Committee	609.40
Dan Thul Contract (State of MN)	14,500.00

The next meeting will be held at the Middle River-Snake River Watershed District office, February 19, 1991, at 9:30 a.m., Warren, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harley Younggren, Secretary