Lower Red River Watershed Management Board MEETING February 22, 1991

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on Friday, February 22, 1991, at 9:30 A.M. at the meeting room, First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

Chairman Ogaard called the meeting to order. Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill WSD
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WSD
Gerhard Ross, Red Lake WSD
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice WSD
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River WSD
James Johnson, Middle River-Snake River WSD
Robert Severson, Roseau River WSD
John Finney, Joe River WSD
Kevin Adolfs, Red Lake WSD

Minutes of the January 15, 1991 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

The Treasurer offered the following suggestions for the Board's consideration:

- New claim sheets that would permit a more detailed claim, be ordered for the Managers.
- 2) Notebooks be ordered for retention of materials received at meetings.
- 3) Managers per diem and expenses to be paid monthly
- 4) Per diem and expenses be mailed out in the future.

Upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Kuzel, to adopt the above suggestions, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Bowen, to pay Jon Roeschlein \$517.10 for expenses in training manager Wilkens on the computer accounting program, duly carried.

The Managers agreed that the following re-appointment schedule be adopted for the LRRWMB:

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1993 Middle River-Snake River

Roseau River

1994 Red Lake Two Rivers Wild Rice

The Chairman reminded those in attendance about the second annual conference to be held at the Best Western Motel in Thief River Falls, MN on the 15th and 16th of March, 1991.

Dan Thul reported that two reaches of agricultural dike in North Dakota are not in compliance with the Corrective Plan. Letters acknowledging noncompliance and agreeing to leave "as-is" are circulating between the states.

The Technical Resource Service (TRS) for the Red River Basin was appropriated \$188,000 through the Corps of Engineers. The states of Minnesota and North Dakota have prioritized the money to the development of the Red River Mainstem Model "UNET". The Corps will develop a work plan and budget based on recommendations from the Six-County Board Technical Committee.

Dan also attended a negotiating meeting on the operational agreement between Section of Wildlife and the Wild Rice Watershed District for the Agassiz-Olson project.

Dan reported that a "Summit" meeting is scheduled within the Regional DNR to address concerns on environmental review and protected waters permits.

The DNR and PCA has gone on record formally opposing the Maple Lake Project in the Red Lake Watershed District based on potential water quality impacts. An interagency working group is suggested to pursue further directions.

DISTRICT REPORTS:

Wild Rice Watershed District

Are obtaining easements on Project #11.

Sand Hill Watershed District Report enclosed.

Red Lake Watershed District Report enclosed.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Have six more interested in ring dikes, for a total now of nine.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Report enclosed.

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Dan Wilkens reported on the Guideline and Uniform Finance Committee meeting held on January 30, 1991. The meeting covered two general topics: the gated operational plan for the Red River, and the STAR value method (copy attached).

On motion by Manager Bowen, seconded by Manager Nelson to adopt the following policy on Board member expenses, duly carried:

- 1) Telephone credit cards for Board members.
- 2) Pay \$20.00 per hour for extra work done on LRRWMB business, with a daily maximum not to exceed the daily pei diem allowed by law.
- 3) Reimburse all expenses not covered above.
- 4) Attendance of meetings other than regular meetings to be authorized by the Chairman and a report required at the next regular meeting.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Kuzel, to pay the 1991 membership to TIC in the amount of \$500.00, duly carried.

The annual reports were distributed to member districts.

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

The International Coalition - 1991 dues \$ 500.00 Western National Insurance - General liability 1,864.00 Jon Roeschlein - Computer Training 517.10

The next meeting will be held at the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District Office, March 19, 1991, at 9:30 A.M., 123 Front Street, Barnesville, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harley Younggren, Secretary