

## *Red River Watershed Management Board*

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on July 16, 1991 at 9:30 A.M. at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Ron Osowski
Verner Arveson	Dan Wilkens
Roger Ward	Harley Younggren
Curtis Nelson	

Others present were:

Dan Thul - Red River Coordinator  
Omar Rood - JOR Engineering  
Lowell Enerson - Administrator, Red Lake WSD  
Richard Kuzel - Middle River-Snake River WSD  
Gene Ueland - Wild Rice WSD  
Ron Adrian - Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WSD  
Rick St. Germaine - Houston Engineering  
Roland Gullekson - Sand Hill WSD

Minutes of the June 18, 1991 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report as of July 16, 1991 was approved as presented. Manager Wilkens informed the Board that after receiving bids he bought a four-drawer file from Rice Hegstrum Office Supply for \$179.00. He also suggested that an investment policy for the Treasurer be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

A discussion on the levy for 1992 was held and it was decided the levy would be the same as 1991. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Osowski to adopt a resolution to set the levy at .000384 times the taxable market value in the districts, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Osowski, to pay one-half of one-half of Dan Thul's salary as agreed upon in the five-year contract approved on July 17, 1990, duly carried.

### Dan Thul Report

Dan reported on the renewed emphasis the DNR is placing on the environmental review process. Some of the reasons for this renewed emphasis are due to an increasing environmental awareness/concern, changes in federal administration policies, increased wetland protection emphasis at the state and federal levels, and the creation of the Environmental Review Specialist position in the DNR at Bemidji. There is an interest to set up workshop type meetings or a program presentation by/with the DNR to discuss goals, objectives, and procedures of the state environmental review process. The Board agreed and requested Dan to pursue coordination.

The Flood Damage Reduction Program has funded four projects within the Red River Valley this legislative session. They are:

City of Crookston	-	\$	75,000
City of Alvarado	-		40,000
Marshall Co. Townships	-		40,000
Corps - Sec. 22 (Ag dikes)	-		30,000
		\$	180,000

The six-county group coordinating with the two states are pursuing the development of a new Red River Mainstem Model - "UNET". Dr. Barkau has been hired as a consultant and will spend a week in the Valley setting up the model.

The Star Value method was discussed. Dan had a final draft of the procedure and went through it with the Board. Preliminary Star Values were presented for a number of completed and proposed projects. Dan will provide a final copy of the procedure for Board action at the next meeting.

#### Step I Submittals for Authorization

Two Rivers WSD - Klondike Project	
Total Cost	- \$ 324,700
RRWMB	- 243,525
TRWSD	- 81,175

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ward to authorize the Klondike Project and for the local watershed districts to bring in their financial status to see what they can afford to contribute to their projects, duly carried.

Middle River-Snake River WSD - March Impoundment	
Total Cost	- \$ 614,600
RRWMB	- 461,000
MR-SR WSD	- 153,600

On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Wilkens to authorize the March Impoundment, duly carried.

Red Lake WSD - Parnell Project	
Total Cost	- 1,185,600
Wildlife	- 360,000
RRWMB	- 550,400
RLWSD	- 275,200

On motion by Manager Arveson, seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize the Parnell project, duly carried.

Red Lake WSD - Bee Lake	
Total Cost	- 200,000
Prairie Pot Hole-	70,000
RRWMB	- 65,000
Red Lake WSD	- 65,000

On motion by Manager Arveson, seconded by Manager Ward to authorize the Bee Lake Project, duly carried.

The Chairman reported on the MN-ND joint tour. It was decided not to extend the education program.

### District Activities

The Middle River-Snake River Watershed District reported that they have let bids on four ring dikes in Higdem township. They have also been worked on a cost estimate to provide ring dike protection to other landowners in the District.

The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District reported on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) on the Donnelly Project (Project #9, Site 1). The Engineer's Report has been forwarded to the State agencies. Ninety four percent of lands are under easement options; Project No. 16, Stinking Lake is complete; the engineers are working on the computer analysis of the Deer Creek Project; the District is expecting a \$153,787 refund from the 1990 HACA reductions withheld; and the District will be meeting with the DNR on the Manston Slough WMA.

The Roseau River Watershed District commented on how interest on water issues picked up after receiving excessive rains in the area. The old Roseau lake bed filled with flood waters.

The Joe River Watershed District has let bids on three ring dikes in their district. They participated in a joint tour with SCS on the Joe River project.

The Red Lake Watershed District reported that they have received the contracts with MPCA on their Clearwater River non-point project. They will be letting bids on the Good Lake project, phase 2A on August 1.

### Step II Submittals

Two Rivers WSD - Nereson  
Dam Safety requires a change in dike construction. A change in outlet design was made. The main outlet structure frost heaved and a replacement is planned.

Revised Cost Estimate -	Nov. 1987 Submitted	Revised July, 1991
Flood Dam.Red. Grant	\$ 100,000	\$ 125,000
RIM	-0-	50,000
RRWMB	66,667	150,000
TWWSD	33,333	75,000
	200,000	400,000

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize acceptance of an amendment of the Nereson Project and to authorize the additional funds from the RRWMB, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson to dissolve the Uniform Guideline Committee due to the completion of their report, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on August 20, 1991 at 9:30 A.M. at the Red Lake WSD office, Thief River Falls, MN.

On motion, seconded and duly carried, the following bills were ordered paid.

Richard Bowen	M and M	\$156.17
Harley Younggren	M and M and M	156.51
Ronald Osowski	M and M	91.55
Verner Arveson	M and M	83.57
Arnold Person	M and M and M	122.75
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	470.38
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	336.90
Donald Ogaard	M and M and M	316.23
Curtiss Nelson	M and M	57.72
Garden Valley Tele.	Phone	24.02
Widseth Smith Nolting	Eng. Services Star V	292.50
Macs Cafe	Noon Meal July	80.00
Fertile Beltrami School	Bus Rental Tour	75.00
Tri-Valley Bus	Bus tour 6-18-91 TRF	108.00
Dept. of Nat. Res.	Dan Thul Contract	'15,750.00
First State Bank-Fertile	Purchase C.D.s	188,339.18
Roger Ward	M & M	56.45

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, E.

Harley Younggren