

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD
JANUARY 15, 1992

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on Wednesday, January 15, 1992 at 9:00 a.m. at the Westward Ho Motel, Grand Forks, ND.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River Watershed District
James Johnson, Middle River - Snake River Watershed District
Alvin Wiese, Joe River Watershed District John Finney - Joe River Watershed District Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District Steve Mikklesen - The International Coalition Vernon Johnson, Red Lake Watershed District
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake Watershed District
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering Bruce Albright, Administrator, Buffalo - Red River Watershed District
Kevin Adolfs, Engineer, Red Lake Watershed District
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Richard Kuzel, Middle River Snake River Watershed District
Rudie Anderson, Two Rivers Watershed District Kelman Kvien, Roseau River Watershed District

Minutes of the December 10, 1991 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. The Treasurer reported that there would be a Northwest Regional Auditors meeting in Crookston on January 17, 1992 at the Polk County Courthouse. Watershed Districts would be on the agenda at 1:00 p.m. - upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Nelson to approve attendance at the meeting, duly carried.

The following officers were duly elected for 1992.

Chairman	-	Don Ogaard
Vice Chairman	-	Ron Osowski
Secretary	-	Harley Younggren
Treasurer	-	Dan Wilkens

The annual report was discussed. Dan Wilkens is to provide the financial report. Dan Thul and Don Ogaard to prepare the remaining information. On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Osowski and duly carried, five hundred copies of the annual report will be printed by the lowest bidder from area publishers.

Steve Mikkleson from T.I.C. discussed the information package that the RRWMB funded to 12-31-91. On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Ward to fund the information package by T.I.C. for 1992 at \$40,000.00 per year, with payments and review made quarterly, with the first quarter due now, duly carried.

Arnold Person was not reappointed by the County Board, so he is not eligible to serve on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts. The Red Lake Watershed District endorsed Vernon Johnson of the Red Lake Watershed District to replace Arnold Person. On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Nelson for the RRWMB to endorse Vernon Johnson as the director from Area I to replace Arnold Person, which was also endorsed by each individual Watershed District, duly carried.

The March Conference which will be held on March 12 & 13, 1992 at Thief River Falls, Minnesota was discussed. Lowell Enerson presented the committee approved agenda for the conference. It was suggested that we should invite one County Commissioner per County and one SWCD Supervisor or Manager per County. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Person to authorize expense payments, such as mileage and other incidental expenses for presenters attending the conference, duly carried.

Dan Thul reported that he attended the joint County Water Planning Board meeting in Ada; the DNR has met to review EAW comments by the Wild Rice Watershed District and the MPCA on the Wild Rice Watershed District March Creek, Site #6 project; a meeting was held in Bemidji where information was exchanged between the Natural Heritage Program people, the Regional DNR, and the Two Rivers Watershed District on the proposed Juneberry Ridge Project; he participated in the RRWMB Conference committee meeting; and has started with the Annual Report update.

MEMBER DISTRICT REPORTS

Wild Rice Watershed District

They are selecting a new law firm and an accounting firm.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Roland Gullekson prepared a letter on Winger Dam to Merlyn Wesloh, DNR Regional Director at Bemidji. The letter requests that the DNR convene a Federal/State team to finalize the mitigation needs for the project.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

The District has hired a wetland ecologist to determine the impacts from periodic inundation to existing wetlands within the Buffalo River Flood Control Site No. 1; Engineers are continuing work on analyzing the downstream area from the Deerhorn Creek Detention Site; and the District has hired a computer consultant to automate their accounting system.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

They are cleaning and snagging trees from Warren to Alvarado. It is being paid for by the cities and county since the Corps, of Engineers project was rejected.

Red Lake Watershed District

Submitted a proposal to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a grant to prepare three video presentations on water quality.

Being the SWCD's are having their own booth at the Winter Shows at Crookston the Red Lake Watershed District plans to have their own and they invited other Watershed Districts to participate in: they would like.

Roseau River Watershed District

Will apply for permit to remove walkway over the Roseau City Dam to prevent holding of snags.

Have had to reduce the size of the Palmville Project due to findings by the Natural Heritage Program. It was a three pool project, now it will be one wildlife pool and one dry pool.

Two Rivers Watershed District

Due to finding a Calcareous Fen in a large area of the Juneberry Project by the Natural Heritage Program, about one-half of the area was eliminated from the project at this time. A seventeen square mile area remains. There are three floods in the area, one from the South Branch of the Two Rivers, one from State District #95 and the other from the Roseau River. It will now be difficult to contain all three events with any revised strategy

A discussion was held on Wetland banking of mitigation lands. Motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Ward for the RRWM: to sponsor a committee, offering mileage and other expenses, consisting of two SWCD personnel, two County Commissioners, Don Ogaard and Jerry VanAmburg from Watershed Districts, duly carried.

Projects for Step approval

Two Rivers Watershed District - (Step I re-submittal)

The Two Rivers Board presented a re-submittal of the Klondike Project due to additional lands that have been recently purchased, that will enlarge the project.

Requested cost share at one third - two thirds:

RRWMB	•	772,508.00
Two Rivers	-	386,254.00
		1,158,762.00

On motion by Manager Younggren, seconded by Manager Osowski to accept the revised proposal for the Klondike Project, duly carried.

The Two Rivers Watershed District requested a cash advance so that the land acquisition can be completed by February 1, 1992. The 1,240 acres to be purchased is \$228,500. The District has spent \$88,100 to date to purchase 760 acres for a total of \$316,600 for 2,000 acres. The District requested \$211,067 (2/3 of \$316,600) from the RRWMB.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Person to advance the Two Rivers Watershed District two thirds cost share or \$211,067 by the RRWMB for land acquisition, duly carried.

A discussion was held on what to give away as prizes at the Winter Shows at Crookston, MN. On motion by Manager Severson, seconded by Manager Osowski to pay the Red Lake Watershed District \$200.00 to purchase trees for prizes at the Winter Shows, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at the First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Westward Ho	Mn ND Joint Meeting	697.68
Roger Ward	M and M	97.32
Robert Severson	M and M	106.67
Harley Younggren	M and M and M	147.90
Ronald Osowski	M and M	145.15
Arnold Person	M and M	150.65
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	676.19
Donald Ogaard	M and M	86.05
Curtis Nelson	M and M and M	158.21
Garden Valley Telephone	Phone Bill	73.91
Mascom Inc.	Fax Service	8.00
Opheim and Rantala	Photo Copies 1-25,	24.00
Buffalo Red W.D.	3rd Annual Conf.	53.99
Red Lake W.D.	Tech. Committee 1, 4-	588.95
Sandhill River W.D.	Overpay on Levy	1,900.29
The International Coal.	Inf. Pkg. 1st Qrtr.	10,000.00
Two Rivers W.D.	Klondike, Land Aquis.	211,067.0

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren