

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 12, 1994
EAST GRAND FORKS, MINNESOTA

The **RRWMB** met on Tuesday, January 12, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn, East Grand Forks, ND.

Vice-Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Curtis Nelson	Harley Younggren
Ron Osowski	Sanford Moen
Farrell Erickson	Dan Wilkens
Gerhard Ross	John Finney

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director RRWMB
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Jerome Potucek, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Richard Kuzel, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Tom Yutrzecka, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Vernon Johnson, Red lake Watershed District
Verner Arveson, Red Lake Watershed District
Russell Sander, Red Lake Watershed District
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
Joe Spaeth, Wild Rice River Watershed District
George Gilbertson, Wild Rice Watershed District
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Kelman Kvien, Roseau River Watershed District
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers Watershed District

Minutes of the December 21, 1993 meeting were read and approved, with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

The Treasurers report was approved as read. It was not a complete report, will have that at the next meeting. Motion to accept the draft by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Erickson, carried. Manager Wilkens will find out from Ron Harnack from BWSR whether a complete audit every fifth year is required for the RRWMB. Manager Wilkens did not attend the CTAS meeting because the weather was bad at that time.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ross to review and pay **bills, duly** carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Riverbend Inn	Noon meal	55.00
Touch of Magic	MN-ND Joint Conf. Exp.	567.59
IRS	Social Security & Medicare	735.82
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John Finney	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	177.60
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	172.65
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	192.18
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	130.85
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	247.95
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage	549.75
Donald Ogaard	Meetings and Misc.	331.98
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	84.68
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	377.48
The International Coalition	Info. Package 94 1st Quarter Payment	10,000.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	103.86
Lindquist and Vennum Touch of Magic Agassiz	EA invoice #101997	8,669.50
Environmental L C	Room Rental	50.00
	Winter Shows - Education Initiative	1,500.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Purchase CC#95377 for CD #17797	400,000.00

District Reports

Roseau River Watershed District

Will be holding meetings on constructing a ditch that will bypass the City of Roseau on the West side.

Red Lake Watershed District

Progress is continuing on the Good Lake Project. A contract was awarded to Zaveral Brothers.

Have had beaver control meetings and are working on a joint powers agreement.

Had meetings with the Attorney General on the appeal of the decision on the Maple Lake Improvement.

Have met on a couple of ditch petitions.

Still appealing and clarifying District's permit on Judges ruling on the Burnham Creek lawsuit.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

An improvement petition was filed by landowners for improvement on Clay County Ditch #2. The field work is completed and the preliminary plan is being prepared.

A meeting with the Township and County on the Deerhorn Creek Retention was held in early January.

The Multi-Bloc site on the Buffalo River Stream Bank Demonstration Project was completed in December. The project consisted of approximately 200' of retaining wall built from recycled tires.

An aerial survey revealed 30-40- relatively large log jams exist from the outlet of the Buffalo River to Hawley, Minnesota. The BRRWD applied to S.C.S. for federal assistance under the Emergency Watershed Protection program to perform clearing and snagging on this reach of the river. The BRRWD was awarded approximately \$150,000.00 for the work. A public hearing was held on January 10, 1994. There was no opposition to the project. Wild Rice Watershed District

Are preparing an Engineers Report on an ice removal study.

Joe River Watershed District

Studying a diversion ditch on the West Side'of the Watershed.

Dan Thul Report

Has received a letter from the Division of Forestry on how they plan to treat, "Burning on Ice" for River Snag Removal Projects. This is in regards to DNR assumming the responsibility from MPCA to issue burning permits.

Also passed out cost share payment due for U.S.G.S. stream gages.

Policy Committee

Manager Ross stated that Larry Woodbury has the report pretty well completed. Will present it at the next meeting in February.

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G.I.S. Report

Rick St. Germain said the bulletin board system will be operational this week. Computer equipment was delivered to Houston Engineering in Fargo in January. G.I.S. files from T.I.C. were delivered to Houston Engineering on January 6, 1994.

T.I.C. Report

Julie Goehring said that the information package is being done as per agreement.

Ogaard Report

No replacement on the B.W.S.R. Board has been named yet. Letters to the Governor have been sent in regard to Gerhard Ross and Dan Wilkens capabilities.

Letters have been sent to the DNR and the COE identifying proposed projects that should be released from abeyance during the EIS process.

March Conference Committee

A report was given by Roland Gullekson. The RRWMB will meet at 9:30 a.m. on March 17, 1994. Dr. Leitch and Morrie Lanning will speak. In the afternoon there will be an educational program. On Friday March 18, 1994 Susan Gilbert will report on the E.A. - Doug Thomas will speak on developing an Overall Plan.

Election of Officers:

Chairman - Manager Finney nominated Ron Osowski. Manager Ross moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Moen, duly carried.

Vice-Chairman - Manager Nelson nominated Gerhard Ross. Manager Moen moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Erickson, duly carried.

Secretary - Manager Erickson nominated Harley Younggren, Manager Nelson moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Wilkens, duly carried.

Treasurer - Manager Finney nominated Dan Wilkens. Manager Ross moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Moen, duly carried.

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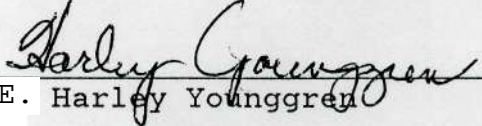
Investment of Funds

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Finney to change the Treasurers' manual to read that we can go to a three year investment, duly carried.

It was agreed to send a letter to each bank where current funds are invested and coming due. Ask if they would like to renew the investment on a three year term basis. On motion by Manager Finney seconded by Manager Ross to prepare a form letter to be sent out to investment representatives to request written proposals to be presented at our next meeting, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Garden Valley Telephone Company building on February 15, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. in Erskine, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,


E. Harley Younggren