

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 1994
AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST, BARNESVILLE, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, April 19, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. at the American Bank and Trust Building in Barnesville, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Dan Wilkens	Ron Osowski
Gerhard Ross	Sanford Moen
Curtis Nelson	John Finney

Other present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River coordinator
Bruce Albright, Administrator, Buffalo-Red River WSD
Omar Rood, Engineer, JOR Engineering
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WSD
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Julie Goehring, The International Coalition
Steve Mikkleson, The International Coalition

Minutes of the March 17, 1994 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Wilkens, carried.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

The annual audit was discussed - there is a need to get it completed in a timely fashion.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Finney to review and pay bills, duly carried.

Bills submitted for payment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eagle Cafe Barnesville	Noon Meal	80.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	275.95
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	61.03
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	257.57
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage	816.71
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	141.85
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	118.75
Donald Ogaard	Exe. Dir - Services and Misc	2,14
		5.00

(Bills continued)

Garden Valley Tele.Co.	Phone Bill	268.87
Minnesota Assoc. of W.D.	Legislative Breakfast	10.00
U S Link	Long Distance	7.29
Middle-Snake River WD	Policy Committee	2 63.70
The International Coalition	Info Package 2nd Q. Payment	10,000.00
Middle-Snake River WD	Cost Share Alvarado Dike	10,936.00
HDR Engineering	EA Invoice #164-07695,795,904	141,538.03
Linguist and Vennum	EA Invoice #103448,105142-0327	15,994.17
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc Sec. and Medicare	442.12

There was a discussion on how the Board in the past has determined the tax levy to be assessed. Last year the Board simply averaged the recommended values of the members. There is concern with this process. Dan Wilkens will prepare a table showing the actual levy costs per acre based on property valuations.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Sand Hill Watershed District -

Reported that their advisory committee came up with two potential names for the vacant District Manager appointments.

Wild Rice Watershed District -

The Board of Managers has requested the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to study the development of a small flood control project to restore the 1953 diversion of flows down the Marsh River.

The Board reviewed the results of testing completed on 13 wells within Norman County as part of a ground water sensitivity study. The study was completed by the DNR, funded by the Watershed District and administered by the NCSWCD.

The Board denied a request for a snowmobile trail along the Norman Polk Project, due to liability concerns and the potential for damage to the grass buffer strips on the project.

The Board will be requiring a permit for a proposed Wetland Restoration Project that will restore approximately 44 acres of wetlands in Becker county. The Board will be requiring information on the project's design to evaluate the impact of the surface water release onto downstream property owners.

Red Lake Watershed District -

The Board will be letting bids on the Highway 1 culvert on the Good Lake Project No. 67 at their May 12, 1994 meeting.

The beaver damage control funding is still not settled. They ask for RRWMB support in contacting legislators before the session ends April 30.

The Board will be holding a public hearing on Project 106, the Jensen Ditch petition, on April 21 and the Board is working on Plans and Specs for an erosion riprap project on the Red Lake River, No. 97.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District -

The District's overall plan has been recommended for approval by BWSR staff.

A funding request (#2) was presented to the Board for cost share reimbursement for the construction of the dike around the City of Alvarado. The request is for \$10,936 which is 50% of the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District commitment on this pay request.

PAY REQUEST	RRWMB BAL. BEFORE	TOTAL REQUEST	MRSRWSD	RRWMB	RRWMB BAL. AFTER
1	\$25,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250	\$20,750
2	20,873	21,873	10,937	10,936	9,814

Motion to re-imburse the MR-SR WSD \$10,936 as per previous agreement by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Moen, duly carried.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District -

The preliminary engineer's report was filed on Clay Co. ditch #2 and a hearing date was scheduled in May. The project consists of improving about 8 miles of ditch north of the City of Glyndon.

A number of meetings have been held with the county to discuss design and cost sharing for the Deerhorn Creek/Wilkin County Ditch #42.

An aerial survey revealed that 30-40 relatively large log jams exist from the outlet of the Buffalo River to Hawley, Minnesota. The District was awarded approximately \$150,000 from the SCS for this work. Work for reaches No. 1 through 5 have been completed at

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a cost of \$89,000. Additional work has been delayed due to high water but will be resumed when conditions improve.

Joe River Watershed District -

A meeting is planned with landowners to lease grass strips along ditches with cost share on seeding.

Two Rivers Watershed -

90% complete on FEMA flood damage project which provides funds for 36 log jams removed and cut up.

Roseau River Watershed District -

All log jams removed and cut up for FEMA project.

Dan Thul reported that DNR is pursuing a more active role in directing the EIS process. A writing team made up of DNR and Corps personnel will write the EIS utilizing reports prepared by the six work groups. DNR, Ecological Services has requested past minutes of the Board. Dan continues work on the Annual Report.

Don Ogaard discussed changes in the EIS process. Gary Nelson with the Corps has been assigned to the project full time and will be providing day to day leadership and coordination for the EIS project. The colonel is dedicated to meeting the time schedules set up. \$100,000 has been received by the St. Paul District for work on the EIS. Susan Gilbert has been directed to prepare a press release discussing the completed public meetings.

Rick St. Germain gave an update on the Geographical Information System and passed out a handout discussing work items.

The Board discussed Don Ogaard's participation at member WSD's future meetings. There was a strong interest in Don's willingness to meet with the member Districts on a variety of issues. Dan Wilkens suggested each District schedule two meetings during the next year. Each District is to get back to Don with schedule and topics for discussion and interaction.

The Board discussed the proposal for a "Memorandum of Agreement" presented by Bud Johnson from Alvarado. The proposal was confusing and unclear as to it's intent. Many questions remained unanswered. Motion by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Nelson to table the proposal, duly carried.

TIC Report

Steve Mikkleson read a letter from Karla Parkinson, who is leaving The International Coalition, thanking the RRWMB for their support over the

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years and encouraging support in the future. The TIC Board is conducting a search for her replacement and will be operating with existing staff during the interim.

Gerhard Ross reported on the Policy Committee's Draft Report. He reported that one more meeting of the Committee is scheduled before the final is ready for review. The Policy document is important to set direction and justify activity to outside interests.

Gerhard Ross reported that the City of Crookston is interested in a water quality study in the area of their well fields. Is the Board interested in participating in these types of studies? Other Districts reported that they presently participate in various local water quality studies in the basin without RRWMB support. Don Ogaard will contact USGS to see if there is a process to coordinate all the ongoing studies throughout the basin.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th in Hallock, Minnesota at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren