

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
May 17, 1994  
KITTSOON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, HALLOCK, MN

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on Tuesday, May 17, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. at the Kittson County Courthouse, Hallock, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director  
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois De Sioux WSD  
Bob Wright, Wild Rice WSD  
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering  
Charles Anderson, Engineer, Bois de Sioux WSD  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River WSD  
Mark Deutschman, H.D.R. Engineering  
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers WSD  
Dan Money, Two Rivers WSD  
Kelman Kvien, Roseau River WSD  
Julie Goehring, The International Coalition  
Steve Mikklesen, The International Coalition  
Brent Johnson, Engineer, Red Lake WSD  
Zsolt Hintenberger, Hungary  
Zuzana Strofona, Czechoslovakia  
Jerome Deal, Bois de Sioux WSD  
Ralph Christensen, Bois de Sioux WSD

Minutes of the March 16, 1994 special meeting on the RRWMB Policy Manual and the March 16, 1994 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Finney, carried.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Erickson, carried. A question was raised about the investment with Polk County and the Red River Valley Shows, Inc. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Younggren to revise the investment manual to allow this type of investment duly carried. On motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Ross to authorize the \$400,000 at 5 1/2% carried by a seven to one vote.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Courthouse Coffee Shop	Noon Meal	150.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Purchase of Debentures RRVS	395,000.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Bank Charge	10.00
Red River Valley Shows Inc.	Purchase of Debentures	5,000.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	52.78
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	80.28
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage	127.10
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	145.98
Gerhard Ross	Meetings, Mileage, and Misc.	229.29
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings, Mileage, and Misc.	492.37
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	59.38
Curtis Nelson	Meeting and Mileage	200.43
Donald Ogaard	Exec. Dir. - Services & Misc.	2,018.00
Roland Gullekson	Meetings and Mileage	106.10
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	108.65
Middle River Snake River WD	Wetland and Policy Meeting	519.88
JOR Engineering	Technical Committee	255.50
Lindquist and Venum	EA Invoice #106103	4,989.20
Loyd-Gilbert Associates	EA Invoice #02035 & 02039	4,775.91
HDR Engineering	EA Invoice #164-80003	27,242.32
First State Bank of Fertile	Social Security and Medicare	177.44
Internal Revenue Service	Interest Charge	8.41

District Reports

Roseau River WSD

The Corps is looking at the possibility to clean the channel of the Roseau River four miles north of the City of Roseau. Their cost benefit ratio did not include looking at benefits for the 20, 30, and 40 year flood events. This will improve the Cost/Benefit Ratio.

Two Rivers WSD

Klondike has reverted to wetland. The Corps of Engineers is concerned that the lands have been classed as "Prior Converted" since they have no permit authority over "prior converted".

Will check Nereson this week to see how dry or wet it is.

Buffalo Red WSD

Sentence to Serve laborers will employ biological erosion control techniques on erosive portions of the Buffalo River this week as part of a streambank Erosion project.

River Keepers, a non-profit organization has requested \$31,200 per year from the District. They have also requested \$43,000 per year from the Southeast Cass Water Resource District in North Dakota. The purpose of River Keepers is to be the advocate for the river in all areas including public awareness and use, environmental concerns, safety and commercial development.

The District sponsored federal grant applications for five projects having a total estimated cost of \$2,900,000. The local share for these projects is 20 per cent. The projects include:

1. Enlarging and extending a legal drain to divert flows around Dilworth and Moorhead.
2. Enlarging and concrete lining a legal drain on the north side of Dilworth.
3. Establishing a lateral to a legal drain in Dilworth and Moorhead.
4. Enlarging and concrete lining a segment of a legal drain in Moorhead.
5. Constructing detention basin(s) and diversion channels in Hawley.

The projects have received preliminary approval. The project proposers were directed to proceed with a more detailed application. The District is requesting proposals for professional engineering services.

A public meeting is soon to be scheduled for the Hamden Slough Project.

#### Red Lake WSD

The bonding legislation passed and is waiting for the Governor's signature for the \$350,000 to finish the Good Lake Project Number 67.

The \$50,000 for beaver damage control to the six county Joint Powers' was approved by the House and Senate and awaits the Governor's signature.

#### Wild Rice WSD

Reviewing comprehensive water planning in Norman County.

The Board of Managers reviewed final costs (\$400/map) to complete the mapping of assessment areas for projects and legal drainage systems within Norman County. Research was conducted on 102 systems, records duplicated and maps prepared that will be on file at the Watershed District and County Auditor's office.

The Board discussed establishing policy on permits issued for structure alterations on legal drainage systems. Minnesota Statute 161.28 requires that MnDOT hold a hearing on improvements that involves a change or alteration to a legal drainage system. A process is not provided under the drainage law for similar County and Township road projects.

Sand Hill WSD

Frances LeVoi and Roland Gullekson retired from the Board. Have been replaced by Harold Vig and Jim Krogstad.

Are riprapping on the Sand Hill River.

Golf course and Interpretive Center were "flown" to develop maps of the area.

Middle River - Snake River WSD

Overall plan has been accepted.

Working with townships on Angus/Oslo #4. Will initiate as a project soon.

Polk County would like to use WSD funds or at least declare WSD funds within their overall plan.

EIS Report - Mark Deutschman

Mark reported that Gary Nelson provides a great improvement in coordination and leadership for the EIS process. Abeyance issue is still undecided - Mary McConnell is reviewing Corps, jurisdiction of "Prior Converted" wetlands. EPA is taking more of an interest because of water Quality responsibilities at the Canadian Border. Interagency agreement between DNR and the Corps is still not signed. Inconsistencies noted with administrated nationwide 2 6 permits. Various reports on proposed projects have been forwarded to the Corps. EIS will be completed on schedule. Proposed writers have limited to no experience writing NEPA documents.

Dan Thul Report -

Presented final draft of the Annual Report and provided information on the recently completed workgroup tour of projects.

Executive Director Report - Don Ogaard

Don feels the EIS process has gotten agencies to work together and make decisions. He has had many inquiries from State and Local legislators on the process. He has spent huge amounts of time on the EIS on behalf of the Board and is extremely pleased with work

relations with Mark Deutschman and Mary McConnell. Don has met recently with the 15 county group and is looking forward to meeting with member Districts.

Steve Mikklesen, T.I.C. presented Zsolt Hintenberger of Hungary and Zuzana Strofona of the Czeck Republic who are traveling the upper midwest to study river basin and land and water management.

Rick St. German reported for the Wetland Restoration Committee. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ross for the committee to develop a Wetland Restoration Permitting Policy Manual, duly carried.

Jon Roeschlien of the Bois de Sioux WSD expressed the desire of that Board to join the RRWMB. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson to invite the Bois de Sioux WSD to become a member of the RRWMB, duly carried. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Erickson for the Executive Director to amend the Joint Powers Agreement to include the Bois de Sioux WSD, then mail out to the members to read over and vote on at the next meeting.

The summer tour with the North Dakota Joint Resource Board will be held on July 13, 1994 leaving from Grand Forks and touring Roseau and Kittson Counties.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson to accept the Policy Manual as it is written plus the updates, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held at the Wild Rice WSD office, Ada, MN on June 21, 1994 at 9:30 A.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren