

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
June 21, 1994
WILD RICE WATERSHED OFFICE, ADA, MN

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on Tuesday, June 21, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. at the Wild Rice Watershed Office, Ada, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Sanford Moen Ron	John Finney
Osowski Ralph	Curtis Nelson
Christensen	Gerhard Ross
Roland Gullekson	Harley Younggren

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River WSD
Julie Goehring, The International Coalition
Steve Mikkelson, The International Coalition
Jon Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WSD
Robert Wright, Wild Rice WSD
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Jerry Bennett, Administrator, Wild Rice WSD
Richard Kuzel, Middle River - Snake River WSD

Minutes of the May 17, 1994 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bobs Cafe Ada	Noon Meal	115.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	113.28
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc	180.00
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	98.43
Gerhard Ross	Meetings	64.65
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Misc	471.90
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	59.38
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	73.68
Ralph Christensen	Meetings and Mileage	106.68
Roland Gullekson	Meetings and Mileage	62.68
Donald Ogaard	Exe. Dir. - Services and Misc.	2,447.00
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Loyd Gilbert	E.A. Invoice # 02041	936.35
Lindquist and Venum	E.A. Invoice #107141/107888	7,369.05
HDR	E.A. Invoice #164-08087	41,359.50
JOR Eng.	E.A. Technical Committee	1,339.94
TIC	Info Package 3rd Quarter Payment	10,000.00
Garden Valley Tele. Co.	Phone Bill	186.01

The 1995 tax levy was discussed. It was decided to set the levy at the July meeting.

Jerry Bennett, administrator of the Wild Rice Watershed District presented the benefiting area maps on Project and Legal Drainage Systems in Norman County. It includes 102 drainage systems. It could be put in to the G.I.S. system. The cost was \$43,000.00. \$23,000.00 provided by local Water Planning and \$20,000.00 by the Wild Rice Watershed District.

District Reports

Middle River - Snake River WD

Ron Adrian continues to serve on the Hydrology and Hydraulics Work Group as well as the Water Quality Work Group for the Environmental Impact Study. Ron Adrian reported that only two people participated in the detailed work group inspection of proposed projects - both from the Corps of Engineers.

Wild Rice WD

Final recommendations of Watershed Management Plan were reviewed by Board of Managers. Final revisions to the plan were approved by the Board on June 8, 1994 and will be submitted to BWSR.

Board of Managers reviewed a preliminary cost estimate for a Feasibility Phase Study to evaluate potential flood damage reduction project on the Wild Rice-Marsh River basin. The proposed project would provide for restoration of the historic low flow diversion from the Wild Rice to the Marsh River.

Approved installation of beaver control fences, trash racks, and debris cleanup on flood control projects. Authorized further investigation of four potential Wetland Banking sites in Norman and Mahanomen counties. Activated ditch committees to determine compliance and maintenance on legal drainage systems.

The District drafted an agreement between them and Houston Engineering of Fargo for secretarial services.

Sand Hill WD

Reorganized board, have two new members.

Upgraded their computer system recently.

Handed out a summary of the 1994 Challenge Grant application to monitor the Sand Hill River - chemical and biological sampling.

Joe River WD

Had Annual Operation and Maintenance inspection of the District and it all looks good.

Buffalo Red WD

The District is working with the various entities involved in developing a video regarding the Streambank Erosion Project.

A public hearing on the Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge is scheduled for June 29, 1994. Flood control was incorporated into the design at the request of the District.

Red Lake WD

Bids were opened for Project 97, Red Lake River East Bank for a rip rap project. Cost of project will be \$45,050.00

Meetings with township chairs and Watershed Districts regarding Beavei Control Program should be completed by the end of June.

Good Lake project should be completed in July or early August.

Working with local citizens and government units to implement land management practices regarding Clearwater Nonpoint Plan.

Cost of rip rap project on the Red Lake River will be \$8,791.20.

Two Rivers WD

Had Operation and Maintenance inspection and except for a few minor problems, the systems looked good.

The DNR re-applied for the COE permit for the Nereson Sub-impoundment which expired June 1, 1994.

EIS Report - Don Ogaard reported on HDR's status report submitted by Mark Deutschman:

A detailed outline for the EIS has been developed and looks thorough. The next step is for the Work Groups to finish the "Impact Analysis" once the existing conditions reports have been completed. The Natural Resource Work Group will be performing detailed field inspections of

each proposed site in July. A final scoping document will be completed in June. The cooperative Agency Agreement between DNR and the COE still remains unsigned. Mark has received project information from all the Watershed Districts and submitted a complete set of the project information to the COE and DNR. Rick St. Germain will assemble a complete set of maps for each project showing the maximum pool levels. Mark completed a comparison of applicability of Nationwide Permits to the Hamden Slough Project and will discuss with the COE.

A status report from Mary McConnell was passed out. She has received a final draft of the scoping document and most of the Board's comments were addressed appropriately except regarding the abeyance issue. The COE is currently determining which projects can qualify for a nationwide permit or which do not need permits at all. The COE has indicated that up to five projects may fit one of these conditions.

Dan Thul Report - Reported on the Hydrology and Hydraulics Work Group tour held on June 2 which looked at existing and proposed projects located in portions of the Wild Rice, Sand Hill, Red Lake, and MRSR Watershed Districts.

T.I.C.

Steve Mikkelson, T.I.C. reported that they are planning the annual meeting, which will emphasize, "Wetlands", that will be held in Grand Forks, ND on November 16-18, 1994. They are hoping to fill the Executive Director position soon.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Moen to authorize the signing of the new Joint Powers Agreement; which includes the addition of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, duly carried.

The annual summer tour with the North Dakota Joint Resources Water Board will be held on July 13, 1994 leaving East Grand Forks at 8:30 a.m. and touring the N.W. corner of Minnesota.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson to approve the final copy of the Policy Manual, duly carried. Print 100 copies and they will be distributed by Don Ogaard.

The annual report is being printed.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Gullekson to be involved with proposed drainage law changes and to authorize the Executive Director to monitor same, duly carried.

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Due to the necessity of the Executive Director to use some of the services of the Wild Rice Watershed District an agreement was drawn up by the Wild Rice Watershed District to accommodate the needs of the Executive Director and the RRWMB. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Finney to adopt the agreement as presented, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on July 19, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren