

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 1994
WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Morris Dahl, Two Rivers Watershed District
Robert Wright, Wild Rice Watershed District
Charles Anderson, Engineer, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Brian Dwight, B.W.S.R.
Mark Deutchman, H.D.R. - Engineering
Vernor Arveson, Red Lake Watershed District
Jerome Potucek, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Warren Erickson, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Jerry Bennett, Administrator, Wild Rice Watershed District

Minutes of the July 19, 1994 meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the regular meeting on April, 19, 1994 were also approved. Motion by manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

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

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

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

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Billings paid:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bob's Cafe	Noon meal	\$ 150.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Karlstad State Bank CD and Wire Tran	300,015.00
Farmers State Bank of Winger	Purchase CD	96,500.00
Rural American Bank of Ada	Purchase CD	200,000.00
Crookston National Bank	Purchase CD	500,000.00
Agassiz Federal Credit Union	Purchase CD	97,000.00
Agassiz Federal Credit Union	Membership	10.00
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	120.42
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage	199.18
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	98.38
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	67.64
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage	683.42
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	120.19
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	75.18
Warren Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	115.78
Donald Ogaard	ED Services and Misc.	4,037.16
TIC	Info Pkg. and Membership	10,500.00
Bernie Youngquist	Policy Manual	200.00
Warroad pioneer	Publish Annual Reports	424 .93
GVTC	Phone Bill	208.60
Dahl Hatton Muir & Reese	1993 Audit	936.40
Mascom	Fax	12.00
U.S. Link	Long Distance	11.91
Lindquist and Venum	EA Invoice #109853 & 110686	8,221.89
HDR	EA Invoice #164-08195/ 08305/08415	161,264.50
Loyd Gilbert	EA Invoice #02044 & 02047	2,387.82

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson to pay the T.I.C. membership of \$500.00, duly carried.

District Reports

Wild Rice Watershed District -

Despite wet conditions, construction on the Wild Rice River Levee Rehabilitation project is approximately 90 percent complete. Cost for the work is estimated at \$70,000 (was discreasing funds end of project) 430,000

In connection with a repair petition filed on Judicial Ditch, No. 53, Lateral No. 1, the Board authorized field surveys and cost estimates to be prepared to restore the operating efficiency of the drainage system.

Authorized preparation of plans and specifications in connection with an erosion control project proposed on the White Earth River in Mahnomen County.

BWSR will be giving notice on the District's Watershed Management Plan.

Red Lake Watershed District -

Final payment hearing date has been set for the Good Lake Project No. 67.

The TRF Golf Course Project No. 99 is completed. They will receive additional funding for additional riprap on the Red Lake River within the Golf Course.

Riprap on Project 84, St. Hilaire Cemetery Site, is completed.

If weather permits the Red lake Bank Stabilization Project No. 97 will be dedicated on October 13, 1994, at 1:00 p.m.

Developing strategies for Phase 2 of the Clearwater Nonpoint Study, Project No. 82.

Working on increasing the Beaver Damage Control Project No. 110 to include 17 counties in 1995. The Board hired Leroy Stumpf to coordinate.

Roseau River Watershed District -

Localized flooding is occurring due to heavy rains. Areas along Hay Creek and Roseau River are being damaged by water backing out of the channels. The townships were cutting through roads to protect homes.

The main ditch of County Ditch No. 8 is scheduled for cleaning this fall.

A contractor has been selected to remove piers and walkway from Roseau City Dam.

Bois de Sioux Watershed District -

Has assisted with re-writing the Traverse County Shoreland Ordinance.

MPCA has agreed to give the Lake Traverse Improvement Project "Work Plan" conditional approval.

The Bois de Sioux Watershed District is enforcing the culvert gate policy that they recently established. The policy allows land owners with culverts leading into legal ditch system to keep those gates as long as they assume all responsibility for them.

Bois de Sioux Watershed District Board has revised their rules to make permit processing more efficient.

Sand Hill Watershed District -

Have set their levee and will have budget hearing. Rip rap project has not been completed.

They are working on ditch maps and have sprayed ditches for cattails.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District -

The Board approved the Hamden Slough permit to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a 3 to 2 vote. The Project involves the restoration of wetlands on County Ditch 15 within Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge. It includes flood control benefits.

An informational meeting was held on July 14, 1994 on the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project. It consists of building dikes along nine miles of watercourse in Wilken County. Approximately 20 people attended. No opposition was voiced at the meeting. A hearing is scheduled for September 26, 1994.

Two Rivers Watershed District -

Heavy fall* rains have caused damage and delayed harvesting.

Cleaning and repair is scheduled on portions of the North Branch project west of U.S. Number 59.

The managers are interested in going ahead with the Kondike II project.

Beavers are becoming more of a problem. Damage from the South Branch and Mike's Lake dams are being reported.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District -

The Board has received a petition to repair Judicial Ditch #75 in Polk County.

There are two petitions being circulated in Polk County to construct two separate 14 mile long drainage systems.

A determination is being made of the effect Angus Oslo Site #4 will have on CRP lands.

Mark Deutchman gave a H.D.R. Engineering report. He said that the H.D.R. contract with the RRWMB was about used up. Most of the work items are nearing completion but he felt that a contract revision will be necessary. He will have a contract revision in September when he will have a better estimate of future costs.

Rick St. Germain reported on the G.I.S. Roseau County is missing some area on the land use maps primarily in Lake of the Woods and Beltrami Counties. Rick passed out an example of the land use maps prepared for each Project for the EIS.

Charles Anderson reported on Impoundment Analysis. Charlie showed how different design considerations such as weirs, culverts, and gate operation can effect the downstream hydrographs.

Ron Adrian reported on cumulative effects of impoundments. Ron showed how existing and proposed watershed district projects cumulatively reduce flows at various downstream reference points throughout the Minnesota portion of the Valley.

Brent Johnson reported on Determining Benefits for existing and proposed watershed district projects. Brent conducted an analysis of benefits to the Red River Main Stem based on damage curves developed by Mcombs-Knutson. He related these damage curves to the flow reductions determined by the Hydrology and Hydraulics work group.

On further discussion on the H.D.R. contract a motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Wilkens to authorize the spending of \$100,000.00 to carry us through October, duly carried.

Brian Dwight reported on the Wetland Conservation Act. He is expecting legislation proposals to "regionalize" the process for N.W. Minnesota; they are reviewing the Wetland Banking options; they are looking at a state wetland management plan; and there is a new program coming forward which will provide state loans for non-point pollution projects.

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Steve Mikkleson reported on T.I.C.s annual meeting to be held in Grand Forks, N.D. at the Ramada Inn.

Discussed Manager Ross' letter to the Executive Director. He is concerned about the legality of the Corps, of Engineer's EIS procedures. He questions whether the Federal Procedures Act has been violated and whether a Judicial Review is in order because of the financial burden being put on the RRWMB.

It was brought to the attention of those attending that the Joint Lower Valley Study Association will be meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens building at Oslo, Minnesota.

The next meeting will be held on October 25, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren