

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 1995
WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, February 21, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada, Minnesota.

Vice Chairman John Finney called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Ron Osowski	Dan Wilkens
Sanford Moen	Curtis Nelson
Gerhard Ross	John Finney
Farrell Erickson	Rudee Anderson
Ralph Christensen	

Others present were:

Mark Deutschman, Engineer, HDR Engineering
Howard Lipke, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River W. D.
Jerry Bennett, Administrator, Wild Rice W. D.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Kelman Kvien, Roseau River W. D.
Joe Spath, Wild Rice W. D.
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
John Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux W. D.
Rick St. German, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Charlie Anderson, Engineer, Widseth, Smith, & Nolting

Minutes of the January 11, 1995 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Erickson, carried.

The meeting was turned over to chairman Ron Osowski.

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

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

Billings paid:

Name	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc. Sec. and Med. Dep.	\$ 137.64
Crookston National Bank	Purchase of Investment	200,000.00
Bob's Cafe	Noon Meal	140.00
John Finney	Meetings & Mileage	115.78
Farrell Erickson _	Meetings & Mileage	122.16
Rudee Anderson	Meetings & Mileage	118.68
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage	95.48
Gerhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	67.06
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	824.52
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	60.10
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	75.18

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ralph Christensen	Meetings & Mileage	112.30
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services & Misc.	2,199.53
Dept. of Interior - USGS	Stream Gaging Contract	18,581.25
ICS Agency Inc.	Gen Liability & Pos. Sche.	2,668.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	111.84
Loyd Gilbert Associates	E.A. Invoice #02056	4,164.11
Lindquist and Vennum	E.A. Invoice #116232-0327	1,840.40
H D R Engineering	E.A. Invoice #164-08934/09070	58,157.87

District Reports - Watershed reports were given to the Board, Following are highlights directly relating to the Board's involvement.

The Wild Rice Watershed District submitted a cost share request for the Wild Rice - Marsh River Diversion Study proposed by the COE under Section 205. The feasibility study is intended to provide future planning and an evaluation of a project to restore the historic flow diversion on the Marsh River located at a point approximately four miles East of Ada. The Watershed District requests the Red River Watershed Management Board commit 20% of the estimated study costs, or \$65,200. Cost share breakdown:

COE	\$163,000	(50%)
RRWMB	\$65,200	(20%)
Wild Rice WD	<u>£97.800</u>	(30%)
	\$326,000	

A motion was made by Manager Moen and seconded by Manager Wilkens to meet obligations as previously committed in the amount of \$65,200 (20%). After a lengthy discussion the motion was approved.

The Wild Rice Watershed District reported that the permit on the Marsh Creek Detention - Site No. 6 project is moving forward. The Corps of Engineers have published public notice to receive comments on the proposed flood control project. Concerns were expressed on inaccuracies in the public notice issued by the COE and the negative manner in which the project was portrayed.

The Wild Rice Watershed District requested the Board send a letter of support to the COE on the Marsh Creek Detention Project - Site No. 6 relating to the Public Notice issued by the COE for the project. A motion to do so by Manager Wilkens, seconded by manager Anderson was approved.

The Red Lake Watershed District reported that they are pursuing legislative and legal action pursuant to the Maple Lake project. The DNR denied the Permit based on the District's inability to secure agreements on use of Wildlife land for the project.

The Sand Hill Watershed District reported that the proposed Beltrami Flood Control Project^ is still under discussion.

The Buffalo-Red River Watershed District reported that the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project consists of 6.5 mile levee system along a DNR protected watercourse and a 2.5 mile

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ditch improvement. A meeting was held on January 30, 1994 for the legal ditch component of this project. A few questions were raised, however, viewers' were appointed and they are proceeding with their work. The DNR has determined that a mandatory EAW is required for the levee component. The engineer's are getting a clarification on this ruling.

The Middle River-Snake River Watershed District reported that a hearing on a resolution to establish the Angus Oslo Site #4 as a project has been scheduled for 7:00 P.M. March 20, 1995.

The Bois De Sioux Watershed District reported that farming practice letters were sent out to land owners assessed to legal ditch systems with less than satisfactory farming practices taking place along side the ditch systems. Approximately twelve ditch systems were notified. Land owners were asked to back away from the ditch and form permanent grass covers in the areas subject to erosion. That notice was generally well accepted.

Wilkin County Ditch #9/#10 Impoundment Committee. Staff/board have met to discuss designing a project around the location identified by the land owners.

Traverse County Ditch #11/Traverse County Ditch #53/Monson, Redpath, Taylor and Tintah Townships discussed flooding problems and possible solutions in that area. In preliminary discussions, an Impoundment Project seemed to be an accepted alternative for controlling Flood problems.

Copies of the Tintah Slough Engineer's Report were distributed by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. Their Engineer, Charlie Anderson, provided an overview of the proposed project which will restore the entire drained basin of Tintah Slough. It is currently farmed in CRP. It will be a joint project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It will provide up to 17,000 acre-ft. of flood water storage which equals 3.4 inches of runoff from the 93 square mile drainage area.

Step I acceptance of the Tintah Slough project was put on hold until the Board can inspect the project as per Project Evaluation Manual Procedures.

Dan Thul reported on the status of the USGS gage on the Roseau River at Ross. The Roseau River Watershed District will review and request cost share from the Board if appropriate in the future. Dan passed out a memo which outlines each member District's financial obligations to the Board on USGS stream gages.

A motion was made, by Manager Anderson, seconded by Manager Nelson, and approved to collect USGS gage station cost share obligations from individual member Districts annually by July 1.

Don Ogaard passed out the written results of the "convention" of Agencies on wetland determinations. He also discussed the lengthy and detailed request made by the COE to change the wetland determinations by NRCS on the Klondike Project in the Two Rivers Watershed District.

A motion by Manager Wilkens seconded by Manager Erickson, and approved to request that Omar Rood formulate a letter (through the Two Rivers Watershed District Board) outlining the wetland re-determination issues surrounding the Klondike Project. The motion also authorizes Don to follow-up with a letter from the RRWMB to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). A meeting is scheduled with the COE to discuss permitting issues and the Basin EIS.

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Don requested that each of the Engineer's provide him with a letter which documents how the proposed rule change by the Environmental Quality Board effects each District and their projects. The Rule change will require a Mandatory EAW for any dam with an upstream drainage area of 50 square miles or more.

Don has been invited to attend a meeting on behalf of the Board in Washington DC. The meeting is sponsored by the National Water Policy Forum and is to discuss the role of Local, Basin, State, and Federal Governments. It is scheduled for March 27, 28, and 29th.

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson, Don Ogaard was approved to attend the meeting in Washington DC on behalf of the RRWMB, duly carried.

Mark Deutschman reported on the progress of the EIS. He also reported that the Water Quality work group chairperson has formed and "Ad-hoc" group within MPCA to discuss specific concerns of that agency; Steve Eggers of the COE is working on completing permit decisions with the Norland Project expected soon; Becky Comstock has been working on the issue of re-determining Klondike II as a wetland; the COE and DNR plan to have a draft EIS for internal review by March 31, a draft for public review by May 10, and a final record of decision by October, 1995.

A current cost sheet was presented and reviewed by Mark.

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD CUMULATIVE IMPACT
ASSESSMENT BUDGET COSTS AND ESTIMATES

<u>DISTRICT/CONSULTANT</u>	INVOICED TOTALS				
	TO DATE	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
MSRS Watershed District	\$ 55,777		\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
JOR Engineering	45,170	\$ 2,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
Houston Engineering	106,889			2,000	2,000
Widseth, Smith, Nolting	41,959	500	1,000	2,000	2,000
Red lake Watershed District	32,496		500	2,000	2,000
Watts and Associates	127,944			5,000	2,000
HDR Engineering	482,840			8,000	8,000
Estimated Monthly Expenditures		2,500	3,500	24,000	20,000
Estimated Total Expenditure	\$893,074	\$895,574	\$899,074	\$923,074	\$943,074
Approved Contract Total	\$893,200	(\$2,374)	(\$5,874)	(\$29,874)	(\$49,874)

A motion was made by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Wilkens, and approved to authorize an additional \$100,000 for expenses on the EIS through May of 1995.

Julie Goehring, The International Coalition, reported that the County Water Planning Joint Powers Board has decided to continue meeting for the purpose of information exchange.

Don Ogaard reported that the COE has agreed to a two day review period by the Board for Public Notices on Board projects. The Board, upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Erickson and approved, stated their support for a 30 day review period of COE Public Notices on Board Projects.

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The Red Lake Watershed District agreed to fund one-half of the local cost share required to maintain the USGS gage station on the Red River at Grand Forks. They requested equal participation by the RRWMB. Proposed cost share:

USGS	-	\$ 4,935.00	(50%)
ND Joint Board	-	2,467.50	(25%)
Red Lake W. D.	-	1,233.75	(12.5%)
RRWMB	-	<u>1,233.75</u>	(12.5%)
TOTAL		\$ 9,870.00	

Cost share participation for the Red River Gage at Grand Forks in the amount of \$1,233.75 was approved upon a motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Finney, and duly passed.

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Hotel in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren