

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 1995
BEST WESTERN INN, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, March 16, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Inn, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

President Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

John Finney	Curtis Nelson
Sanford Moen	Gerhard Ross
Ron Osowski	Kelman Kvien
Ralph Christensen	Dan Wilkens
Harley Younggren	

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator ■
Charlie Anderson, Engineer, Widseth, Smith, & Nolting
John Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux W. D.
Rick St. German, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Jerome Potucek, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
James Johnsen, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River W. D.
Dave Fink, Biologist, Red lake W.D.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.

Minutes of the February 21, 1995 meeting were read approved.
Motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Christenson, carried.

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

On motion by Manager Christenson, seconded by Manager Nelson to review and pay bills, carried.

Billings paid:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc. Sec. and Med. Deposit	183 .52
John Finney	Meetings & Mileage	92 .58
Harley Younggren	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	124 .20
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage	78 .08
Serhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	114 .97
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage	447 .19
Sanford Moen	Meetings & Mileage	80 .98
Curtis Nelson	Meetings & Mileage	105 .92
*alph Christensen	Meetings & Mileage	138 .98
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services & Misc.	2,073 .56
tfield Rice Watershed District	Cost S. on Marsh R. Div. Study	65,20 .00
led 'ce Watershed District	Pay Req. #7 Good Lake	25,00 .00
TOR .igineering Inc.	Wetland Restoration Committee	231 .10
Sarden Valley Telephone Company	Phone Bill	150 .00

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
U S Link	Long Distance E.A.	10.80
Loyd-Gilbert Associates	Invoice #02058 E.A.	1,137.45
H D R Engineering	Invoice #164-09204 E.A.	18,850.53
Dorsey and Whitney	Invoice #409127 E.A.	3,923.08
Lindquist and Vennum	Invoice #116232	328.19

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

Two Rivers reported that the previous landowner stated there are culverts draining the Klondike project property. An EPA Chicago individual has heard the Corps intends to make Klondike a test case. Omar is aware of at least two culverts, however they are plugged due to lack of maintenance during CRP timeframe.

Water flowing across property north of Kittson County Ditch No. 10 is causing damages and creating hard feelings amongst neighbors. This areas problems would have been cured by the 1980's proposed Karlstad Project. The project was dropped when the area residents adamantly stated they had no water problems.

Buffalo- Red River reported the District was awarded a \$2.5 million EDA grant for five flood control projects in Moorhead, Dilworth, and Hawley. This amount is approximately 80% of the total project costs. Survey data has been obtained for four of the five projects. The District is working with the Cities involved to come up with project budgets. The District would like to have the RRWMB participate in the funding of the local costs and is preparing a presentation for the April meeting.

Total estimated costs are \$1.1 million for the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project. The DNR has determined that a mandatory EAW is required for the levee component. The District will be the "Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU)" for the EAW.

Red Lake introduced legislation for Beaver Damage Control funding for expansion to include 16 counties and the Red Lake Indian Reservation. They also supported legislation which would resolve authority of watershed districts for obtaining easements on state owned land.

Roseau River reported that the Corps' Nationwide Permit will be granted for the Norland Project (subject to constraints on the design of the inlet ditch). Initial meeting today with BWSR on wetland credits. FDR construction bonding requires permit issues resolved and design completed so project may just miss the 1995 grant cycle. The District hopes it will be built before the 1997 cycle.

The Roseau River Channelization project is up to a preliminary B/C ratio of 1.1 (from .59) after continued discussions with the Corps. This project would enlarge the river for four miles north of the city. The District is considering a flood cutoff channel direct to the lake bottom a possibly preferred alternative (more benefits, less riverine environmental impact but more loss of good farmland).

Boiske Sioux has initiated by Resolution, a water management project yet to be named, in Wilkin County, in the vicinity of Wilkin County Ditches #9 and #10. This particular area is

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relatively flat and highly prone to flooding. The project intent is to reduce flooding, improve water quality and all benefits retained by retention.

Wild Rice reported that a preliminary Engineers report was filed with the Board addressing the feasibility, costs and alternatives for the removal of sediment along the main stem of the Wild Rice River in the Upper Reaches Project area.

The RRWMB, the Norman and Mahnomen County Board of Commissioners, the Mahnomen SWCD and the City of Ada have submitted letters of support for the proposed Marsh Creek Detention, Site No. 6 project. In other developments, the COE has agreed to publish an addendum to the previous public notice providing supplemental information to clarify inaccuracies identified by the applicant.

Middle River - Snake River reported that a hearing on a resolution to establish the Angus Oslo Site No. 4 as a project has been scheduled for 7:00 p.m. March 20, 1995.

Dan Thul reported on the Flood Damage Reduction Program. The State has gone to a phased funding scheme. Pre-design and design phase is eligible for 20% State cost share. Construction phase is eligible for 50%. Construction funding will not be considered until final design and permitting is complete.

Don Ogaard reported that he will meet with the Corp. of Engineers on April 3, 1995 on Klondike II. He requested that Omar Rood write a technical letter to NRCS explaining why there action is incorrect.

A report from HDR was distributed.

Red Lake Watershed District

Legislative Initiatives - After discussion, a motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Finney for a resolution supporting legislative initiatives of the Red lake Watershed District, duly carried.

Water Quality Program - The Red Lake Watershed District received word that the grant application through Pollution Control Agency was not funded for their Water Quality Study. The estimated cost of the three studies is \$285,500. If to be funded by the Red Lake Watershed District they suggested the following split:

Red lake W.D.	\$135,500
RRWMB	150.000
TOTAL	\$285,500

It was decided to take up the consideration at a future meeting. In the meantime, consider other sources of funding.

Roseau River Watershed District

The U.S.C.S. stream gauge at Ross has been discontinued and they believe that it is a necessary gauge for their District. The cost of maintaining the gauge is \$8,250. They suggested the following split:

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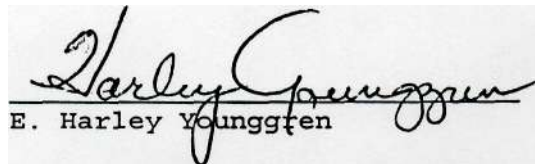
Roseau River W.D.	\$ 4,125
RRWMB	4.125
TOTAL	\$ 8,250

On motion by Manager Kvien, seconded by Manager Nelson, to fund the gauge at Ross in the amount of \$4,125.00, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. in the Buffalo - Red River Watershed District. Will be advised of location in the meeting notice.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



E. Harley Younggren