

**RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**September 19, 1995**  
**Sand Hill Watershed District Office, Fertile, Minnesota**

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, September 19, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Ron Osowski	Gerhard Ross
Sanford Moen	Curtis Nelson
Farrell Erickson	Ralph Christenson
<b>Dan</b> Wilkens	Harley Younggren
<b>John</b> Finney	

Others present were:

**Don** Ogaard, Executive Director  
**Dan** Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering  
Charles Anderson, Engineer, JOR Engineering  
Jon Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD  
Julie Goehring, TIC Steve Mikkelson, TIC

Minutes of the August 8, 1995, meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. MOTION by Manager Nelson; SECONDED by Manager Christenson; CARRIED.

A MOTION by Manager Finney to review and pay bills; SECONDED by Manager Christenson; CARRIED.

**Bills Paid:**

First StateBank of Fertile	Soc Sec and Med Deposit	\$ 218.04
John Finney	Meetings & Mileage	122.79
Farrell Erickson	Meetings & Mileage	112.59
Harley Younggren	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	170.74
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage	104.79
Gerhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	65.79
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	359.65
Sanford Moen	Meetings & Mileage	62.79
Curtis Nelson	Meetings & Mileage	63.69
Ralph Christensen	Meetings & Mileage	137.79
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services & Misc.	2,254.16
Red Lake Watershed District	Water Quality Project	12,500.00
The International Coalition	Info Package 3rd Q Pay	10,000.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co	Phone Bill	65.85

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**Bills Paid:** (continued)

JOR Engineering, Inc.	Wetlands Restoration Committee	161.28
Loyd-Gilbert Associates	EA Invoice #02074 & 02076	799.79
HDR Engineering	EA Invoice #164-09815 & 09976	27,148.79

**District Report** Sand Hill WD

An appeal was filed on their ditch project.

Bois de Sioux WD

A representative of Senator Pressler will be at their next meeting. He will discuss the Lake Traverse legislation.

Buffalo-Red River WD

The Jay Lake Dam is an SCS dam built in the early 1950's. A plug in the principal spillway was removed. Since lowering the reservoir, the dam is not leaking. Estimates to repair the dam are being prepared.

The Clay-Wilkin Judicial Ditch 1 bids were opened on the improvement project last week. The three bids received were \$57,982.50, \$68,225.40, and \$84,497.55. The low bidder was Northland Contracting, Inc., of Shevlin, Minnesota.

Roseau River WD

Discussed a diversion ditch around the City of Roseau.

Two Rivers WD

Nereson wet again. Nothing new on Klondike II.

WILD RICE WD

The Board addressed a number of petitions and repair requests, including requests to install culverts at their August meeting. The following repairs were authorized:

- Project No. 19, Installation of two field inlets.
- Project No. 9, Bank erosion repairs.
- Lockhart Ditch, Cleaning, cost not to exceed \$1,000.
- Olson Agassiz Detention, Seepage ditch maintenance.
- Lake Ida Ditch, Cleaning will require DNR approval.

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### Red Lake WD

The Board of Managers accepted bids for Stage 3D of the Good Lake Project No. 67 and also for Project No. 106, the Jensen Petition. The Board approved an agreement with Susan Gilbert to produce a public information slide presentation on drainage systems in the Red Lake Watershed District. This presentation will be given at the upcoming MAWD Annual meeting.

### Joe River WD

Lowered wetland around dike at Noyes.

### Middle River-Snake River WD

After reviewing the Angus Oslo Site #4, the consultant retained by the Board recommended that the expansion of the scope of the project be investigated. At the present time various options are being reviewed. It appears that storage of the project can be significantly increased. It is planned to present an update of this project to the Board in October.

### **Pan Thul Report**

Dan is participating on the Tier 2 data requirements committee. The committee includes three members each from DNR, MPCA, and COE. Joe Gibson is the chair. To date a "wish list" has been developed which would likely apply to large projects requiring a State and Federal EIS. The committee needs to define which data needs are not needed for projects which will have lesser impacts.

Dan expressed his concurrence with three recommendations made by Mark Deutschman in his August 2, 1995, memo.

1. The Board needs to assemble information on the effects of flooding on vegetation.
2. The Board needs to develop information about the effect of the proposed impoundments on assimilative capacity.
3. The Board should start discussions with the COE and DNR to establish a project review team specific to District projects.

Dan reported the DNR is preparing the denial letter for the Maple Lake Project.

### **TIC Report**

Attended North Dakota Joint Resources meeting at Hillsboro. Discussed Lake Traverse.

### **Executive Director Report-Don Ogaard**

A MOTION by Manager Wilkens to endorse the process for State Adoption of Federal EIS as State Generic EIS (do not endorse contents at this time); SECONDED by Manager Moen;

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CARRIED. Ogaard will mail the motion.

Direct our Executive Director to attend the next meeting of the Red River Basin Water Coalition; then report at our next meeting. On MOTION by Manager Finney to pay the expenses for attending the meeting by the Executive Director; SECONDED by Manager Wilkens; duly CARRIED.

A letter from Mark Deutschman outlining the status of the EIS was distributed.

Highlights include:

The primary activity performed by HDR during August consisted of helping Houston Engineering and the Wild Rice Watershed District in preparing Tier II environmental information requested by the Corps of Engineers (COE). The primary portions of the Tier II information prepared by HDR consisted of developing the alternatives analysis for the Marsh Creek No. 6 project and the wetland mitigation discussion.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) are still considering the Klondike II wetland redetermination. They requested a field visit and are considering consulting expertise other than those individuals present at the informal hearing.

The writing committee has completed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the document is being printed. Public distribution of the draft EIS is anticipated during October with a minimum 45 day comment period. The COE and MnDNR will be concluding the potential exists for cumulative significant adverse impact to natural resources and water quality as a result of the proposed projects. Also, no flood control benefit (or very little) will be attributed to the construction of future projects.

The COE still needs to make jurisdictional determinations on Marsh Creek No. 8 and Ogaard Wildlife. Steve Eggers said he should complete this early next week.

**Red River Watershed Management Board Cumulative Impact  
Assessment Budget Costs and Estimates**

<b><u>District/Consultant</u></b>	<b><u>Invoiced Totals to Date</u></b>
MRSR Watershed District	\$ 62,762
JOR engineering	55,722
Houston Engineering	122,220
Widseth, Smith, Nolting	51,477
Red Lake Watershed District	38,191
Watts and Associates	134,474
HDR Engineering	524,050
Expenditures	\$988,896
Approved Contract Total	\$1,043,200

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Reviewed Colonel Wonsiks' letter.

The signed resolution passed last meeting setting the levee for 1996 was passed out.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice WD office, Ada, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren