

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
 OCTOBER 23, 1995
 WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Monday, October 23, 1995 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	Gerhard Ross
Farrell Erickson	Ralph Christenson

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
 Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
 Richard Kuzel, Middle River-Snake River WD
 Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD
 Charles Anderson, Engineer, JOR Engineering
 JeffLeDoux, Engineer, Houston Engineering
 Bob Wright, Wild Rice WD
 Julie Goehring, The International Coalition
 Steve Mikkelson, The International Coalition

Minutes of the September 19, 1995 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections.

Motion by Manager Christenson; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson; **Carried**.

The treasurer's report was approved as read. **Seconded** by Manager Ross; **Carried**.

Bills Paid:

TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT PURPOSE	TOTAL CHECK
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc Sec and Med Deposit	\$ 133.90
Mac's Cafe	Noon Meal	100.00
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	129.39
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	104.79
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	72.39
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Noon	573.13

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Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage	55.59
Ralph Christensen	Meetings and Mileage	110.79
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services and Misc.	2,343.97
HDREngineering	E.A. Invoice #164-10103	5,115.41
Dorsey and Whitney	E.A. Invoice #454298	1,630.15
Middle River-Snake River W.D.	Angus-Oslo #4 (85% - \$207,766.69)	176,601.68
Dept. of Interior USGS	Stream Gaging 1/1/95-9/30/95	30,293.75
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	13.78

A funding request was reviewed by the Board. The request was from the US Geological Survey in Bismarck, N.D. for operation of the Red River gages at Fargo and Grand Forks for one year from October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996. The request was for V% the local cost to be shared with the North Dakota Joint Board. A Motion by Manager Ross to fund the two Red River gages at Fargo and Grand Forks and to make payment to the US Geological Survey in the amount of \$4,350; Seconded by Manager Erickson, Carried. No portion of this bill will be addressed back to the local District since these are Red River Mainstem gages. The funding summary is:

USGS Bismarck	\$ 8,700
ND Joint Board	4,350
RRWMB	<u>4,350</u>
Total (Both gages)	\$17,400

District reports were given. Some of the items directly affecting RRWMB activities include:

The Wild Rice Board of Managers decided to move forward with a water quality study effort within the Wild Rice River Basin with a decision to apply for a "Clean Water Partnership Grant" from MPCA. A meeting was held with other water related agencies in the District to discuss the partnership arrangement in providing in-kind services for the grant in gathering water quality data.

The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that the preliminary Engineers report has been received for the Angus Oslo site #4.

The Red Lake WD reported that the watershed district training conference is scheduled for October 24 in Thief River Falls and for October 25 in Moorhead, and that the Board had the opportunity to visit with Representative Loren Jennings regarding drainage law.

The Bois de Sioux WD reported that there was no action on Lake Traverse at this time - amendments may be added to bill which would make operational changes very unlikely,

such as assurances that no downstream impacts would occur.

The Roseau River WD reported they are in the process of approving a plan to construct a private ring dike along the Roseau River.

The Sand Hill WD is meeting with MPCA on erosion plans at the Fertile Golf Course. They also plan on hiring a ^XA time office staff person.

Step I submittal

A **Motion** by Manager Osowski to consider a Step I re-submittal by the Middle River-Snake River WD; **Seconded** by Manager Ross; Carried.

Step I re-submittal for the Angus Oslo #4 Project was made. The proposal will increase the original gate controlled storage volume from 1,900 acre-feet to 5,000 acre-feet. This volume equals 3.7 inches over a 25.3 square mile drainage area.

<u>Original Funding</u>		<u>Proposed Funding</u>	
State	\$212,500	RRWMB	\$1,826,078(85%)
RRWMB	141,670	MR-SRWD	<u>322,249</u> (15%)
MR-SRWD	<u>175,830</u>		\$2,148,327
	\$ 530,000		

Motion made by Manager Osowski to accept Step I re-submittal of the Angus Oslo #4 Project; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson, Carried.

A request was reviewed from the Middle River-Snake River WD to advance funding on expenses incurred to date for the Angus Oslo #4 Project. The District has expended \$207,766.69 through February 1, 1995 for this project. Most of the cost was for land, surveys, and maps. The amount requested is 85% of expended amount to Feb. 1, 1995 or \$176,601.

A **Motion** by Manager Osowski to advance the Middle River-Snake River WD \$176,601 for 85% of expenses incurred on the Angus Oslo #4 Project; **Seconded** by Manger Ross; Carried.

Dan Thul Report

Dan updated the Board on his continued participation on the Tier II committee. Dan also informed the Board he will be shifting his DNR work responsibilities from the Thief River Falls area office to a new area out of Bemidji. His coordinator responsibilities remain unchanged.

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TIC Report

Steve Mikkelson reported that the EIS public meetings are scheduled for November 14th in Moorhead and November 15th in Thief River Falls. This schedule does not fit well with the TIC conference scheduled to start on the 15th in Fargo. Steve also reported on the Coalition's participation in a Red River Basin Planning meeting held in Fargo. The meeting was to coordinate an effort to develop a basin wide plan. A subcommittee was formed with Don Ogaard as a member.

Don Ogaard Report

Don expanded on his participation in the Basin Planning Meeting and other related meetings. A handout prepared by Paul Suomala, Executive Director, TIC was passed out. Don explained that some "entity" was needed to drive and direct this effort to develop a coordinated basin plan. A coordinator position housed in the TIC office is being considered.

Don summarized a legal advisor letter from Becky Comstock and a technical consultant letter from Mark Duetschman. The Board discussed the level of action needed to formally respond to the draft EIS and to document the Board's concerns with portions of the draft.

A **Motion** by Manager Wilkens to add \$50,000 to the EIS budget to accomplish the final response to the draft EIS; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson; **Carried.**

The next meeting will be **at** the call of the chairman.

There being **no** further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted

E. Harley Younggren