

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 1996
SAND HILL WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, FERTILE, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, January 16, 1996, 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	Sanford Moen
Farrell Erickson	Gerhard Ross
John Finney	Jerome Deal
Harley Younggren	Curtis Nelson

Other present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
Steve Mikkelson, T.I.C.
Charles Anderson, Engineer, J.O.R. Engineering
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD

Minutes of the December 19 meeting were read and approved. Motion by Manager Moen; **Seconded** by Manager Finney; **Carried**.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. **Motion** by Manager Nelson; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson; **Carried**.

District Reports

The Red Lake WD reported they are seeking funds from LCMR flood reduction for the Parnell project.

The Sand Hill WD reported they interviewed for the secretary position. The administrative assistant could be used by both the Sand Hill WD and RRWMB with the boards being billed accordingly.

The Buffalo-Red River WD preliminary survey report for the Moorhead-Dilworth Area floodway channels was presented to the District and preliminary hearings were held in early December. The District appointed viewers and ordered the detailed engineer's survey report. A Step II application will be filed with the RRWMB in February.

The Bois de Sioux WD Board brought up the Tintah Slough Project for discussion. The major landowner within the project site has offered his land for sale. This land would provide the watershed district with 7/8 of the land needed to complete Option C. Option C would control runoff from 73 square miles, provide 13,000 acre-ft of flood storage (3.3 inches of runoff) and cost about six million dollars. It would provide *Vi* the land needed to complete Option B. Option B would control runoff from 75 square miles, provide 13,600 acre-ft of flood storage (3.4 inches of runoff) and cost about eight million dollars. On a **Motion** duly made by Manager Ross. **Seconded** by Manager Moen and unanimously **Carried**, the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) supports the Boise de Sioux Watershed District's (BDSWD) purchase of land for a water control project in North Ottawa Township, Grant County, Minnesota. If a water control project cannot be built within five years, the RRWMB shall at that time determine if the land should be resold and the RRWMB reimbursed fully for all funds forwarded to the BDSWD up to that time. The RRWMB hereby agrees to initially and annually expend funds, as requested by the BDSWD, to fund annual payments for the purchase of said land. It is hereby assumed that the net rental funds (proceeds) received shall be deducted from the annual request for funds. Discussions also included a recommendation that the BDSWD enter into a five year Contract for Deed (CFD) for the purchase of said property, with appropriate clauses to allow for the transfer and/or sale of land not needed for the

project. Any sale of land would necessarily require reduction in the CFD and delivery of clear title. The ability to pay up any unpaid balance at any time was also discussed and recommended.

The Middle River-Snake River WD reported preparation of the Engineer's Report for Angus Oslo Site #4 is in progress. They met with interested persons on January 10. Additional survey is underway and soils investigations have been authorized. There has been no change in the March Impoundment status. The preparation of the Engineers Preliminary Report has been delayed pending the completion of other work.

The Two Rivers WD reported that the Klondike Project has potential for WCA wetland credits, however, the county has rescinded the Act.

Dan Thul Report

Dan Thul reported that all public comments on the Red River EIS have been received except from the EPA. The writing committee has identified work group assignments to respond to comments. The COE is short on funding and have removed Bob Engelstad and Dennis Holmes from the project.

TIC Report

Steve Mikkelson from TIC . reported on the meeting to be held in Grand Forks on February/5, 1996.

Don Ogaard Report

Don Ogaard reported the meeting at the Civic Center in Grand Forks, ND, on February 15, 1996, will serve as the joint Minnesota/North Dakota meeting. The proposed agenda and a letter of invitation was distributed. Don attended the wetlands planning group meeting. A letter drafted by Don to Col. Wonsik at the COE was passed out and reviewed.

Election of Officers

A **Motion** by Manager Nelson; **Seconded** by Manager Ross; to retain current officers for 1996, duly **Carried**.

Chairman - Ron Osowski

Vice Chairman - John Finney

Secretary - Harley Younggren

Treasurer - Dan Wilkens

A **Motion** by Manager Ross; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson; to order folders for the March Conference, duly **Carried**.

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice WD office in Ada, Minnesota. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

E. Harley Younggren