

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 16, 1996  
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Ron Osowski	Sanford Moen
Farrell Erickson	Gerhard Ross
John Finncy	Dan Wilkns
Harley Younggrcn	Curtis Nelson
Ralph Christcnson	

Other present were:

- Don Ogaard, Executive Director
- Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
- Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
- Julie Goehring, TIC
- Steve Mikkelson, TIC
- Jon RocscWicn, Administrator, Bois dc Sioux WD
- Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD
- Leonard Moe, Red Lake WD
- Harvey Hanson, Rod Lake WD
- Gary Satre, Red Lake WD
- Bob Swenson, Attorney, Buffalo-Red WD
- Bruce Albright, Administrator, Buffalo-Red River WD
- Roger Ellefson, Buffalo-Red WD
- Bill Steffel, Buffalo-Red WD
- Aubrey Thomas, Buffalo-Red WD

Minutes of the March 21, 1996, meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. IVlotion by Manager Erickson. Seconded by Manager Mocr. Carried.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. IVlotion by Manager Nelson. Seconded by Manager Finney. Carried.

A IVlotion to approve and pay bills by Manager Chrislenson. Seconded by Manager Ross. Carried.

District Reports:

- The Two Rivers WD reported runoff is just beginning. Nrcrcson structure is failing.
- The Wild Rice WD reported comments have been received from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the US Fish and Wildlife Service on the Marsh Creek, Sue No. 6 Project, concerning the District's COE Section 404 permit application. An "extensive" formal response has been prepared.

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- The Bois de Sioux WD reported that the petition for improvement of the ditch systems through the proposed North Ottawa Project have been withdrawn and are on hold based on the proposed project. They had a call from the COE questioning the proposed options and future direction.
- The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the District is negotiating with Burlington Northern Railroad and a private land owner before making the final order on the Moorhead, Dilworth, and Hawley Projects.
- The Sand Hill WD reported court case looks good.
- The Joe River WD reported it is still winter: just starting to melt and run.
- The Red Lake WD reported staff has been working with the DNR and US Fish & Wildlife Service doing the drawdown on Elm Lake, the Moose River Project, Lost River Pool and Thief Lake. Spring drawdown has problems with freezing downstream ditches. Since none of the impoundments were granted any FDR funds for NW Minnesota, the Red Lake Watershed District would like to request 85 percent funding for the Parnell Impoundment Project. The District also requested the remaining portion of the commitment for their Water Quality Study.
- The Roseau River WD reported it is still winter: they are getting ready to monitor future flooding.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that the Hood on the Red River has begun and it appears that there will be significant flooding north of Grand Forks. It looks as if Minnesota dikes will be overtopped in the next few days. The Red River is open to Grand Forks but not at Oslo. T Engineers report for the Angus Oslo Site #4 is expected to be completed by about July 1st.

Dan Thul reported that he has been working internally with DNR disciplines on the preparation of response to comments. Division of Waters staff is looking at an expanded analysis of low flow impacts utilizing 191 historical gage information.

DNR comments have been submitted to COE on the Marsh Creek #6 project. Dan has not seen the final comments submitted but believes they recommend that no permit action take place until the EIS is finalized.

Bonding for the Flood Damage Reduction Program was about \$1 million and no Red River Impoundments Projects were funded.

Dan attended a tour by Don Ogaard with Paul Swenson, Jerry Paul, and Bob Strand looking at flooding on Wild Rice River near Ada.

The Sand Hill WD presented the Sand Hill WD Project 11 Beltrami Flood Control and Diversion Project for Step I approval. The project consists of a diversion of the Old Sand Hill River channel at a point approximately 1.5 miles east of the City of Beltrami. It will facilitate the reroute of most of the flood runoff carried in the old channel through a diversion to the Sand Hill Ditch to help prevent Hooding within the City of Beltrami and the surrounding area. On Motion by Manager Wilkens. Seconded by Manager Erickson U approve the Project for Step I approval and the following funding. Carried.

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RRWMB	\$127,500
Sand Hill WD	<u>63,745</u>
TOTAL	\$191,245

The Sand Hill WD also presented Project #8 (Ogaard Wildlife and Flood Control Structure) for Step 1 approval. The project will include a permanent Wildlife Pool and an ungated flood storage capability of 190. acre ft. On Motion by Manager Wilkens. Seconded by Manager Moen to move Project #8 to Step I approval, Carried. Proposed funding for Project #8:

RRWMB	\$43,700
Sand Hill WD	21,845
TOTAL	\$65,548

TIC report by Steve Mikkelson. A discussion on moving the computer from Houston Engineering to the T office was held. On Motion by Manager Wilkens. Seconded by Manager Ross to move the computer, Carried.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director, reported on heading Red River Basins "Leader's Group." A basin wide water plan initiative was proposed at their first meeting.

March Conference valuation form was very favorable: will meet at the same place again on the third Thursday and Friday in March. 1997.

Don reported that the N. D. Board has requested 50/50 cost share on stream gages being dropped in North Dakota. A list of sites is forthcoming.

Don handed out an HDR update letter.

Drainage videos are available and will be distributed.

Don is documenting the spring runoff event. He requested board members call if a photo/film opportunity arises.

Dan Thul's Coordinator position was discussed regarding job description and future direction. The last time\* the contract was discussed was July 1, 1990, to June 30, 1991. No action was taken at this time.

On Motion by Manager Nelson, Seconded by Manager Ross to authorize \$2,500.00 to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts for them to prepare an LCMR proposal and grant request. The proposal will address water quality issues and the Watershed District's ability to address these issues. Carried.

Support "Applied Fluvial Geomorphology" workshop to be held at Grand Forks, ND, on June 10-14, 1996, with \$ 1,000 as a sponsor.

The next meeting will be held May 21, 1996, at Sand Hill WD office at 9:30 a.m.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

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E. Harley Younggren