RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING MAY 21, 1996 SAND HILL WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, FERTILE, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday. May 21. 1996. al 9:30 a.m. at the Sand Hill Watershed District Office. Fertile. MN.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:	Ron Osowski	Sanford Moen	
	Farrell Erickson	Gerhard Ross	
	Ralph Christenson	Curtis Nelson	
	Harley Younggren		
Other present were:	Don Ogaard. Executive Director		
-	Dan Thul. Red River Coordinator		
	Roger Hanson. Sand Hill Watershed District		
	Rick St. Germain. Engineer. Houston Engineering		
	Jon Rocschlien. Administrator. Bois de Sioux WD		
	Ron Adrian. Engineer. Middle River-Snake River WD		
	Mark Duechman. Engineer. HDR		
	Julie Goerhing. TIC		
	Steve Mikkelson. TIC		
	Robert Wright. Wild Rice Watershed District		
	Brent Johnson. Engineer. Red Lake Watershed District		
	Lowell Enerson. Administrator. Red Lake Watershed District		
	Dave Fink. Red Lake Watershed District		

Minutes of the April 16. 1996. meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. <u>Motion</u> by Manager Moen. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Ross. <u>Carried.</u>

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. <u>Motion</u> by Manager Nelson. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Erickson. <u>Carried.</u>

A Motion to approve and pay bills by Manager Nelson. Seconded by Manager Moen. Carried.

District Reports:

- The Two Rivers WD reported "the drought has broken" and it is very wet. Nereson has been temporarily repaired.
- The Wild Rice WD managers reported they are holding a tour for 9 individuals, picking classroom sites and authorized exploring potential federal funding sources to look at construction of setback levies on the entire length of the Upper Reaches Project along the Wild Rice River. An application has been submitted to the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources for cost share funding for a pilot Ice Control Structure on the Wild Rice River. Information request to RRWMB members: If your watershed district has experienced problems with state/federal agencies regarding natural water course maintenance or if your district has received permits to perform repairs or maintenance, we would like to hear from YOU.

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- The Bois dc Sioux WD reported that sellers of North Ottawa Township/Redpath Township have contact them and have scheduled a tentative closing dale of June I. 1996. Finances arc in order. BdSWD Board has taken steps to accommodate closing in order to expedite as quickly as possible.
- The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the District has made the final order for Clay CD 50. This is the main channel for the City of Dilworth. Right-of-way easements are being negotiated with the landowners along the Hawley diversion project.
- The Red Lake WD reported the Board was requested and has approved assistance to the Joint Powers Board on Beaver Damage Control in implementing the program for 1996. This area include;
 17 counties and the Red Lake Nation. Beaver Bounty Program - \$25.00 for each beaver: shared

cost=county. 20%: township. 20%: WD. 10%. Executive Director authorized to pursue proposal to find someone to document benefits and cost of impoundments and impoundment operations for past Hoods. <u>Motion</u> by Manager Ross. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Nelson. <u>Carried.</u>

- The Roseau River WD reported they have more water now than during the original '96 flood.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported the highest stage ever recorded at Warren, Minnesota, due to the heavy rains. Soils data is not yet available for the Angus-Oslo #4 project.
- **The Sand Hill** WD plan to appeal the decision of Judge on ditch hearing. There is much local support for the Beltrami Diversion after the flood.

Dan Thul reported on the meeting with Commissioner's Office in Bemidji. Don Ogaard and other RRWMB members, as well as Wild Rice WD members, were present. Discussion included future working relationships between the Board and the DNR. A committee will be formed to lay out a procedure for early coordination and participation on future Red Board/WD projects. Dan has signed up for the erosion control workshop to be held June 10-14.

Funding Requests:	Red Lake Watershed District - Parnell Impoundment:		
	Total cost	\$2,300,000.00	
	RRWMB (85%)	\$ 1.950.000.00	

Upon <u>Motion</u> by Manager Nelson. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Ross to contribute 85% or \$ 1.900.000.00 to the Parnell Impoundment, duly <u>Carried</u>.

<u>Clearwater River Low Flow Monitoring</u>, previously committed: funded \$50,000 in 1995 asking for \$50,000 in 1996 will ask for \$50,000 in 1997

On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Ross. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Christenson to pay the committed \$50,000 for 1996. <u>Carried</u>.

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TIC Report by Steve Mikkelson: Basin planning meeting, newspaper article passed out.

Don Ogaard. Executive Director, reported on the Red River Basin Advisory Board Meeting. BWSR grant funding and matching funds. Total BWSR Grant is \$45,000.00. RRWMB share is \$22,500.00. They need the \$22,500.00 up front. On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Ross. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Erickson to authorize the expenditure of \$22,500.00 up front money for the BWSR grant of \$45,000.00, duly <u>Carried</u>.

(May 8th meeting in Bemidji. Appointed group to committee: Charles Anderson. Don Ogaard, John Finney. Motion by Manager Chrislenson. Seconded by Manager Moen to confirm the appointments, duly Carried.

(Add Language)

Marsh Creek #6: On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Christenson. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Moen to support the Wild Rice WD for legal council. <u>Carried</u>.

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25	Red Lake	50
45	Sand Hill	25
25	Middle River/Snake River	35
25	Buffalo-Red River	40
25	TOTAL	295
	45 25 25	 45 Sand Hill 45 Middle River/Snake River 25 Buffalo-Red River 25 TOTAL

The Board reviewed a funding request by USGS for a project to compile, summarize, and publish streamflow characteristics for all active and inactive USGS gaging stations in the Red River of the North Basin downstream of Halstad. On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Ross. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Christenson to support funding and authorize the Executive Director to send a letter accepting USCS proposal, duly <u>Carried</u>.

The proposed breakdown of funding is:	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	2-Year
Red River Watershed Management Board Red River Joint Water Resource Board U.S. Geological Survey	<u>1996</u> \$9.000.00 \$9.000.00 <u>\$18.000.00</u> \$36,000.00	<u>1997</u> \$7.750.00 \$7,750.00 <u>\$15.500.00</u> \$31,000.00	<u>Total</u> \$16,750.00 \$16,750.00 <u>\$33,500.00</u> \$67,000.00

MPCA has received funding to augment its ambient water quality monitoring network. Where should stations by located? Suggestions received include (I) Red Lake River at Crookston. (2) Wild Rice River at Hendrum. (3) Ottertail River below Orwell Dam. (4) Roseau River at Caribou. On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Ross, <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Moen for the Executive Director to consult with technical members and for them to decide where, duly <u>Carried</u>.

The North Dakota/Minnesota summer tour will be in the Bois de Sioux-Lake Traverse area on July 12. 1996

On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Erickson. <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Moen to pay the insurance premium of \$3,190.00 to the Ticder Insurance Company. <u>Carried.</u>

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Chairman Osowski reported that he will be attending a COE technical committee meeting on the UNET Rive Model Study for the Ag. dike reaches near Oslo.

The next meeting will be held at the Wild Rice WD Office. Ada. MN. on June 18. 1996. at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

E. Harley Younggren