RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING JUNE 18, 1996 WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, June 18, 1996, 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 Sanford Moen

Farrell Erickson Gerhard Ross Ralph Christenson Curtis Nelson Harley Younggren John Finney

Dan Wilkens

Other present were: Don Ogaard, Executive Director

Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD Mark Deutschman, Engineer, HDR Engineering Charles Anderson, Engineer, JOR Engineering

James Richardson, Engineer, N3VSU

Julie Goehring, TIC Steve Mikkelson, TIC

Robert Wright, Wild Rice Watershed District Melaina Thorson, student, Fertile High School

Wayne Goecken, Agassiz Environmental Learning Center

Minutes of the May 21,1996, meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. <u>Motion</u> by Manager Erickson, <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Christenson, <u>Carried.</u>

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

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

Since Manager Wilkens had to leave early, he asked if item #10 on the agenda could be moved up. It was so allowed. The item is a proposal on joint funding of a legal challenge. After discussion there was a Motion by Manager Finney, Seconded by Manager Younggren to authorize Dorsey and Whitney law firm to enter a "Friend of the Court" (Amicus brief) on behalf of the Sand Hill Watershed District in the matter of Beiswenger et. al. vs Sand Hill Watershed District. This court case involves an appeal of the Sand Hill Watershed District decision on a drainage ditch petition, duly Carried.

District Reports:

- The Two Rivers WD reported they are still checking out damage; 20 percent of the floodwater is coming from the Roseau River watershed.
- The Wild Rice WD managers authorized submittal of a BWSR Challenge Grant Application for funding of its Water Quality Assessment for the Wild Rice/Marsh River Project. The Managers

request participation in the amount of \$25,000 from the Red River Watershed Management Board. On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Nelson, <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Ross to authorize expenditures of \$25,000 which will equal the previous level of support authorized for the water quality project.

The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the District has made the final order for Clay CD 50, the main channel for the City of Dilworth. Final orders for the other Moorhead-Dilworth projects are being held until a formal agreement is made with Burlington Northern Railroad. Right-of-way easements are being negotiated with the landowners along the Hawley diversion project.

Dr. J. L. Richardsen, Engineer at NDSU and advisor and consultant for the Buffalo-Red River WD, presented a project concerning groundwater hydrology and seepage of altered wetlands. On <u>Motion</u> by Manager Finney, <u>Seconded</u> by Manager Moen to accept the proposal as presented with funding as follows, duly <u>Carried</u>.

Funding RRWMB	\$ 7,600.00
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	7,600.00
USFWS	7.600.00
Total	\$22,800.00

- The Red Lake WD reported the District has been working on the land purchase for the Parnell Impoundment Project No. 81. The District will be requesting funds, in the estimated amount of \$750,000, for start-up on the Parnell Project to cover preliminary and final Engineer's Reports and land acquisition. They will also be requesting funds for the Good Lake Project.
- The Roseau River WD reported it is still flooding and they are still gathering information.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported there has been no change in the status of the Angus Oslo Site #4 project. The preparation of the Engineer's Report is in progress, and is expected to be completed by about July 1st.
- The Sand Hill WD report included a presentation by Melaina Thorson and Wayne Goeken on Sand Hill water quality testing results and National Science Fair Trip.
- The Joe River WD reported siltation problems.

TIC Report by Steve Mikkelson: Basin planning effort on the valley. Computer is in place and being used.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director, reported on the Marsh Creek situation and on his visit with Ron Nargang.

Mark Deutschman presented a letter closing their contract for work on the EIS. No future invoices after June 15, 1996. Mark thanked the Board for using HDR Engineering for the EIS process.

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Final costs for services are:

\$592,106.13
138,853.76
69,105.06
46,369.70
72,372.20
134,473.95
51,477.16
\$1,104,757.96

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at the Roseau River WD office in the City Hall, Roseau, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
E. Harley Younggren