



REVIEW
AND NEWS
OF THE
CONFERENCE

Red River Watershed Management Board Annual Conference Highlights

Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

This year the EQB toured flood projects in Moorhead the morning of March 21, 2018. The EQB also held their regular monthly meeting during the conference and several presentations were given regarding the 1998 Flood Mediation Agreement and flood projects that have been constructed in the Minnesota portion of the Red River Basin.

Banquet

Former Senator Roger Moe was the keynote speaker at the banquet that was held the first evening of the conference. Senator Moe discussed historical aspects of the RRWMB, the Mediation Agreement and flooding in the Red River Basin. Don Ogaard was also recognized during the banquet and his family was in attendance.

20th Annual Joint Conference
Red River Watershed Management Board
And
Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group
March 21-22, 2018 – Courtyard by Marriott, Moorhead

"Past, Present, and Future of Watershed Management in the Red River Basin"

The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) and Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) recently held their 20th Annual Joint Conference on March 21 and 22, 2018. Approximately 175 individuals registered for the event, which was held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Moorhead. Below are some highlights from the conference.

Event Highlights

Flood Mediation Agreement This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Agreement.

RRWMB Strategic Plan The last day of the conference included a facilitated discussion with at least 90 people that were placed into small groups to obtain input into the RRWMB's strategic plan. This input will provide some insight to the RRWMB as it develops its strategic plan in the coming months.

Pre-conference Session A technical session was held the day before the conference began. Topics included an overview of USGS Red River stream-gaging, crop water needs in the Red River Basin and managing for extremes, water quality benefits of monitoring a flood storage impoundment, rapid floristic quality assessment of flood impoundments, and 4R phosphorus management in the Red River Basin.

Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Meeting Red River Basin SWCDs met the morning of March 21, 2018 at the conference center. The SWCDs discussed several technical and programmatic issues and shared information about drainage, buffers, and other current issues being faced by SWCDs.

KFGO Radio Show The Joel Heitkamp show was broadcast from the conference and RRWMB Managers, partners, and staff participated in the radio show. This was a good opportunity for the RRWMB and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group members to discuss flood issues and current activities.

2019 Event It is anticipated that the annual event will be held the third week of March 2019. More information will be forthcoming as the planning committee develops next years conference.