

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
March 9, 1978? Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, MN

The meeting of the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board was held on March 9, 1978 at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN.

President Ogaard called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Clifford Trangsrud	Harley Younggren
Olaf Soine	Roger Ward	Iner Quern

Absent: Dan Wilkens

Two members from the Buffalo-Red River Watershed were in attendance.

The minutes of the January 17, 1978 meeting were read. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes.

Review of the projects: Harley Younggren reported that the plans for the impoundment area in his district are progressing. The Department of Natural Resources are reviewing the plans and more information will be available in the near future.

Olaf Soine presented the Baird-Beyer project in the Red Lake Watershed and stated funding is being organized. The request of \$50,000 from the State A.S.C.S. will be acted on sometime in April. The Red Lake Watershed District has pledged to help fund this project and the amount will be determined after April 1. Progress to date was given and the following action was taken:

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the Baird-Beyer Project be moved to Step 3 of the Project Evaluation manual.

The Middle River-Snake River District did not have a progress report.

Don Ogaard reported that the Meshaug Project will be built in 1978. The Twin Valley Lake Project is having trouble securing land rights, and may have to go to condemnation proceedings. Lake Ida Project will be active this year. Felton Ditch impoundment is in the engineering stage and there may be construction in 1978.

The possibilities of hiring outside engineering was discussed and Don Ogaard stated the Soil Conservation Service will sign these plans. This would make them eligible for S.C.S. funding.

Don Ogaard discussed the possibility of floods this coming spring along the Red River and its tributaries and stated there will be flooding this spring. He stated that the Wild Rice Watershed has a large snowfall this season and this will contribute to flooding.

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Don Ogaard reported that legislation effecting Watershed Districts was proceeding well. A law giving the Watersheds authority to enforce their rules and regulations is "being written. Any violation of the rules and regulations will be charged a misdemeanor. Two new funds for projects are being set up.

A motion was made by Olaf Soine, seconded by Iner Quern and duly passed to pay the low bid of Brandner Printing - \$135*8? - for printing of the annual report and resolution forms.

Treasurer Roger Ward gave a financial report dated March 2, 19?8. A motion was made by Clifford Trangsrud and seconded by Olaf Soine and duly passed that the Treasure! report, labeled Exhibit A, be approved and made part of these minutes.

A motion was made and duly passed to adjourn the business meeting.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Al Hoffman, Business Agency, Inc., Minneapolis, and his Associates who discussed insurance needs for the Watershed Districts. Each Watershed District received a packet of insurance information to study and report back to their board members. Watershed Districts can secure more information and insurance coverage from the Business Agency, Inc.

Seven local Watershed Districts were represented at this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Olaf G. Soine
Secretary