

# LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA 56716

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**Clifford Trangsrud**, Badger, Manager  
**Daniel Wilkens**, Fertile, Manager  
**Harley Younggren**, Hallock, Manager

## Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
July 25, 1978

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on July 25, 1978 at 7:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota.

The following members were present: Don Ogaard, Olaf Soine, Roger Ward, Clifford Trangsrud, Daniel Wilkins and Harley Younggren. Also present were Engineers Charles Anderson, Ron Adrian and a representative from Houston Engineering.  
Absent: Iner Quern.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The minutes of the April 25, 1978 meeting were approved with the following corrections: delete items 1 & 2 from paragraph 8  
paragraph 6, a violation of any District rule or rules is a misdemeanor

Treasurer Roger Ward gave a financial report which is given in Exhibit A. Manager Younggren moved and Manager Trangsrud seconded and duly passed to accept the treasurer's report as given.

Treasurer Ward discussed the varied options for investing money and suggested that more money could be earned now because of a change in interest rates. Manager Wilkens moved and Manager Soine seconded and duly passed that \$300,069 be invested for 90 days at the Northwest Bank, Hallock, Minnesota at the highest available interest rate.

Project review: Manager Soine stated that the Baird-Beyer is all ready for construction as soon as the engineering plans are available from the S.C.S. office in Omaha, Nebraska.

Engineer Anderson presented a report and discussed the Elm Lake project. The D.N.R. is cooperating with this project. It has a 3.6 square mile area completely surrounded by 10 miles of dike. The dikes will be raised to hold an additional one foot of storage. The D.N.R. is constructing a new inlet to provide for a more uniform flow into this area. The cost is estimated at \$91,000 and the cost of the new inlet is approximately \$30,000. If funds are available this project could be finished this fall.

Two Rivers Watershed has no active project. Roseau

Roseau Watershed has no definite project at this time.

Sand Hill Watershed is hung up on land acquisition, but will decide what action to take at their next Board meeting.

The Wild Rice Watershed presented the following projects:

Lake Ida is a dike-type storage plan to hold 300-350 acre ft during flood stage and 100 acre ft permanent pool. It has a drainage area of 5.5 sq mile. Total cost is estimated at \$36,000 and 20% of the cost has been pledged by the Wild Rice Watershed.

Becker County Retention project:

This is a 3-dams project and the first 2 retention dams are being planned in the first stage of development. The third dam is a future project. The estimated cost of the first two is \$600,000. Part of the cost will be paid by assessment.

Action taken by the Board on the above projects:

A motion was made by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Soine and duly passed to pledge one-half of the estimated cost of \$91,000 for the Elm Lake project in the Red Lake Watershed District.

A motion was made by Manager Soine, seconded by Manager Trangsrud and duly passed that the Board pledge one-half of the estimated cost of \$36,000 of Lake Ida project in Wild Rice Watershed.

A motion was made by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Trangsrud and duly passed that the Board pledge \$100,000 to the Becker County Retention project in Wild Rice Watershed.

A bill of \$27.04 for 200 letterheads from Brandner Printing which was paid by Manager Soine was presented for payment.

A motion by Manager Younggren, seconded by Manager Soine and duly passed to pay the bill of \$27.04.

A motion was made by Manager Soine, seconded by Manager Wilkens and duly passed to send out Resolution to local Watershed Districts requesting that the 2-mill le for 1979 be made as indicated in the Joint Powers Agreement.

Treasurer Ward asked the Board's opinion about securing from the county auditors the amount of the 1-mill levy in each county for the Lower Red River Watershed. This will provide the amount of revenue expected to the amount received from each county. The Board agreed with Treasurer Ward.

The following table gives the amount of monies pledged and estimated cost of projects:

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>AMOUNT PLEDGED</u>
Mashaug Creek	\$120,000	\$ 11,250
Baird-Beyer	120,000	22,500
Elm Lake	121,000	45,000
Lake Ida	36,000	18,000
Becker County Ret.	600,000	100,000
		<u>\$196,750</u>

The following table gives the revenue expected versus the collected revenue.:

<u>WATERSHED</u>	<u>EXPECTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT COLLECTED</u>
Middle R.-Snake R.	\$ 36,000	\$ 40,122.55
Joe River	7,118	7,131.00
Red Lake	150,000	157,620.30
Roseau	10,000	11,500.04
Sand Hill	16,949	16,673.62
Two Rivers	20,000	19,465.03
Wild Rice	75,000	67,383.73
		\$319,896.27 7/25/78

In a discussion about the amount of a bond for the treasurer, Manager Ogaard stated that Business Agency, Inc. quoted a premium of \$980/year for a bond of \$200,000. Ogaard stated that new figures are being studied and will be available in the future. The other managers are covered in this plan.

Manager Soine moved, Manager Younggren seconded and duly passed that the treasurer be bonded for \$200,000.

A motion was made, seconded and duly passed to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Olaf C. Soine, Secretary

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