

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA 56716

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Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
April 17, 1979; Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, MN

The meeting was called to order by President Don Ogaard at 1:35 p.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, Crookston, MN. The following members were present:

Don Ogaard
Iner Quern
Olaf C. Soine
Roger Ward

Daniel Wilkens
Harley Younggren
John Lofton, alternate for
Clifford Trangsrud

The minutes of the January 16, 1979 meeting were approved.

President Ogaard stated that the proposed \$1,000,000 appropriation from the Legislature has advanced through all Legislative committees but has not been approved at this time. Included is a new position in the Department of Natural Resources beginning July 1, 1979 to work full time with the Lower Red River Watershed and the seven local watersheds to help expedite watershed projects.

Treasurer Roger Ward gave the financial report as given on Exhibit A and hereto attached and made a part hereof by reference.

Manager Quern motioned, Manager Wilkens seconded and duly passed to accept the treasurer's report.

The Sand Hill Watershed made an error and overpaid the Lower Red River Watershed Treasurer \$2,581.57. Manager Wilkens motioned, Manager Quern seconded and duly passed to return \$2,581.57 overpayment to the Sand Hill Watershed Treasurer.

The Board discussed the time and method of payments to individual member watersheds for project contraction. When a project has moved up through the proper channel and the low bid has been accepted, then the local watershed board can request the Lower Red River Watershed Board to transfer the appropriate payment.

The following progress reports were given by each watershed:

Red Lake Watershed: Baird-Beyer Dam, construction will begin this spring with completion in 90 days. Permit application was made last fall, but permit has not been received. Amount pledged \$41,676.00 by Lower Red River Watershed.

Lost River Impoundment: A joint project with Department of Natural Resources and they completed most of their work last fall. Bids have been let and will be opened in a few days.

Amount pledged by Lower Red River Watershed - \$45,500.00

Knutson and Thibert is a joint project with the Red Lake County S.C.S. and bids are being let at the present time.

Amount pledged by the Lower Red River Watershed Board, Thibert Dam \$255.00, Knutson Dam \$3,500.00.

Odney Float is a multipurpose dam with a projected cost of \$20,000. \$7,500 has been pledged by the A.S.C.S. and West Polk County S.C.S.

Amount pledged by Lower Red River Watershed is \$2,692.50.

The Moose River project is becoming active again and plans will be forthcoming.

Roseau River Watershed: This project is still active but there are no complete engineering plans at the present time.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed: No projects at the present time. Joe

River Watershed: No projects at the present time.

Two Rivers Watershed: The Nereson project is still active, but the L.C.M.R. funds were withdrawn. The county engineer has left and no replacement has been made. The S.C.S. has prepared plans but they appear to be high. The estimated cost is \$395,500.00 and \$140,000.00 has been pledged; by Roseau County \$10,000, D.N.R. \$60,000 and Two Rivers Watershed Board \$40,000. The flood storage capacity is 2,050 acre ft. and is located on D.N.R. land.

There is a possible project at Karlstad where approximately 1,700 acre ft. of flood water could be stored on Twin Lakes, but no active planning has been done.

Sand Hill Watershed: Engineering plans are complete for the Sand Hill project which has an estimated cost of \$324,485.00 and \$120,000.00 has been pledged by the State and road and bridge fund. This project has a storage capacity of 3,797 acre ft.

At the present time the Sand Hill Board is waiting for the Viewer's Report.

Manager Ward motioned, Manager Quern seconded and duly passed that the Lower Red River Watershed Board pledge \$204,485.00 to the Sand Hill Watershed Board depending on contract prices and contingent upon State funding.

Wild Rice Watershed: Manager Ogaard stated that the Wild Rice Watershed has several projects that will be presented at the next board meeting in May. The Flom project is still active.

Manager Quern motioned, Manager Wilkens seconded and duly passed to grant \$18,000.00 to the Lake Ida project in the Wild Rice Watershed as of April 30, 1979.

Manager Wilkens motioned, Manager Quern seconded and duly passed to grant the Red Lake Watershed Board \$41,676.00 for the Baird-Beyer project as of April 30, 1979.

The local watersheds shall send a letter to the Lower Red River Watershed requesting the above funds.

The next board meeting in May will depend on weather and field conditions and will be arranged by telephone.

Manager Wilkens motioned, Manager Younggren seconded and duly passed to accept the 1979 Annual Report.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Olaf C. Soine", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Olaf C. Soine
Secretary