

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
December 13, 1977; Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, MN

The December meeting of the Lower Red River Watershed Board of Managers was called to order by President Don Ogaard at 2:10 p.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, Crookston, MN. The following members were present:

Don Ogaard	Roger Ward
Arnold Larson	Dan Wilkens
Olaf Soine	Harley Younggren
Clifford Trangsrud	

Absent: none

An invitation was extended to the seven watersheds to attend this meeting and 17 board members and 5 engineers were present according to the attached attendance sheet.

President Don Ogaard welcomed the group and stated the reason for the meeting was to get a better understanding of the purpose and aims of the Lower Red River Board of Managers, to set some goals and to get a better understanding of the problems of the Watershed.

The minutes of the September 19 meeting were read and amended. A motion to accept the minutes was approved.

Roger Ward gave the treasurers report which is attached. He briefly discussed the mix up of funds between the counties, the local watersheds and the Lower Red River Watershed. He stated that the arrangements have been worked out and most of the funds have been received.

A question; will all funds be turned over by December 31? Roger Ward wasn't sure if this could be accomplished.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the treasurer's report be approved.

Olaf Soine reported on the meeting with Red Lake and Polk County Commissioners about activities of the Lower Red River Board. A question was asked if only 20% of a counties' levy could be spent outside the county. It was stated that no restriction of this nature was in the Joint Powers Agreement.

Don Ogaard opened the meeting for general discussion and stated that the Lower Red River Board should work on problems of the tributaries and try to correct them first. Also, try to control the water problems of these tributaries. We should work closely with

county and township boards in bridge replacement projects. This is a good place for flood retention structures. The Soil Conservation Service has cost-sharing projects that are available and should be investigated. Another source of funds is the L.C.M.R. set up by the Minnesota Legislature. He urged the local watersheds to explore all possible sources of funding.

The secretary gave a summary of the projects that have passed the first step in the Evaluation Manual:

Two Rivers Watershed, a proposed water retention on DNR land with 3,000 acre ft. of storage.

Roseau River Watershed has a proposed water retention of 8,000 acre ft. of storage on DNR land.

The Red Lake Watershed has a proposed project on the headwaters of the Moose River with 23,000 acre ft. of storage. A second project, the Baird-Beyer Dam on a tributary of the Black River would have 330 acre ft. of storage. A third project, the Schindler Dam, has a 1300 acre ft. storage.

The Wild Rice Watershed has two projects, the Lake Ida earthen dam retention is on DNR land and has 355 acre ft. of storage. The second project, the Kenneth Olson has a potential storage of 1400 acre ft. of water.

The Sand Hill River Watershed is working on a project on the Sand Hill River. They are securing land rights at the present time.

The Meshaug project in the Wild Rice Watershed came up for discussion. If future projects of this nature arise, it was the concensus of the group that a meeting of all local watersheds be called.

It was suggested that local landowners could be organized to help initiate and fund projects.

Don Ogaard asked the group to come back to the annual meeting in January 1978 if they had any changes, additions or corrections to rules and regulations to suggest.

The following suggestions were offered:

Should a certain percentage of revenue be set aside for small projects like the Meshaug project? Should manual be changed, added to, or revised?

What are possibilities of funding projects with county and township officers?

Have each Lower Red River board member furnish a copy of the minutes to the local board members.

Send minutes to county auditors.

Establish a closing date each year for accepting projects.

Dan Wilkens suggested that some formula or guideline be worked out to help board members evaluate projects. He mentioned the formula Engineer Charles Anderson has developed to evaluate projects.

Robert Museha stated that acre ft. of storage could be used but it was difficult to try to use figures in such a formula. He would work with the engineers to try and come up with a method of evaluation.

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Charles Anderson stated that Chapter 112 asks for a cost-benefit ratio. He said some basis for funding should be determined. He said engineers could optimize figures and come up with some guidelines.

A question; who owns the project that a local watershed board initiates and completes? No answer was given.

The Middle River-Snake River and Roseau River Board Members term of office expire January 1, 1978.

Don Ogaard appointed the chairman, secretary and treasurer of Middle River-Snake River Watershed to serve on the auditing committee with Treasurer Roger Ward.

Annual report is required and Olaf Soine and Roger Ward were asked to prepare this report.

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A motion was made, seconded and passed that the following checks be paid:

Olaf Soine-	mileage meeting	\$	supplies	\$306.85
Arnold Larson--	" "	"	"	110.50
Don Ogaard-	" "	"	"	183.50
Clifford Trangsrud-	" "	"	"	68.00
Daniel Wilkens-	" "	"	"	120.60
Roger Ward-	" "	"	"	186.00
Harley Younggren-	" "	"	"	59.00
Gaffaney's-	filing cabinet			364.58

Treasurer's report is attached

The next meeting was scheduled for January 17, 1978 at 2 p.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, Crookston.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted

Olaf C. Soine
Secretary

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