

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

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Meeting
Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Regency Inn, East Grand Forks, Minnesota

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on January 18, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. at the Regency Inn, East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Calvin Kolling
Roger Ward	Dan Wilkens
Clifford Trangsrud	Harley Younggren
Iner Quern	

Also present were:

Ron Adrian; Engineer - Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Charles Anderson; Engineer - Red Lake Watershed District
Dan Thul; Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Lawrence Woodbury; Engineer - Houston Engineering
Skip McCombs; McCombs-Knutson Associates, Inc.
Arnold Person; Red Lake Watershed District
Harold Finney; Joe River Watershed District
Alvin Wiese; Joe River Watershed District
Otto Anderson; Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Minutes of the December 13, 1983 meeting were read and approved.

The annual Auditors report as of December 31st 1983 prepared by Holcomb-Knudson Inc. and presented by Manager Ward was accepted as read.

The following officers were duly elected for 1984:

President	-----	Don Ogaard
Vice President	--	Iner Quern
Treasurer	-----	Roger Ward
Secretary	-----	Harley Younggren

The Red Lake Watershed District reported that Mr. Calvin Kolling of Gully, Minnesota is replacing Mr. Arnold Person as their delegate to the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board.

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Chairman Ogaard reported that the Legislature is starting later than originally thought, so it may be possible to have a dinner meeting with the Legislators after all. After discussion it was decided to try to meet with them on February 10th or 11th at noon or evening at the Northland Lodge in Crookston, Minnesota.

A discussion was held as to the continuence of Mr. Dan Thuls¹ position as coordinate of the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board. Mr. Thul indicated that he is in erested in continuing at the position. Upon motion by Manager Kolling, seconded by Manager Quern, to enter into an agreement with the State of Minnesota on Mr. Thuls¹ position, duly carried.

Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer for the Sand-HITl Watershed District reported on the Winger Dam. He said that he had been in contact with the Corp. of Engineers and several divisions within the Dept. of Natural Resources. The Corp. of Engineers said they could not participate because of their regulations.

Within the Dept. of Natural Resources, the Wildlife Division would support the project. The Fisheries Division would not oppose the project, but would probably say no to the question, "Would it support fish"? The Dam Safety Division said it would have to be classified a hazard 1 dam and would require a class 1 dam because it is a State Highway.

Manager Wilkens asked if the project should be pursued further or dropped? He said that it would be of no value to the Sand Hill Watershed District.

Because of the timing of the water flowing from the Sand Hill Watershed District in relationship to the flooding on the Red River and because of the potential of 6,700 to 9»000 acre feet of storage the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board has previously agreed to fund engineering studies for the Winger Dam.

After further discussion a motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Kolling to pursue, at least until after we have met with the Legislators in February, duly carried.

Mr. Skip McCombs of McCombs-Knutson Associates Inc. was in attendance to discuss the final report with the Engineers and he had more information available on the billings. Being time was a limiting factor it was agreed that he would leave the information on the billings and meet with the Engineers next week on the final report to make the changes they feel are necessary to make it acceptable.

Upon motion by Manager Kolling, seconded by Manager Quern, the following bills were ordered paid.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District	
U.S.G.S. Gage at Argyle	
L.R.R.W.M.B. share -----	\$2,334.00
L.C.M.R. share -----	2,332.00
Regency Inn - Joint meeting room and meals -----	266.20

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The next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., the morning of the dinner with the Legislators.

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

A joint meeting with the North Dakota Joint Water Resource Boards followed a noon meal. The North Dakota group reviewed some current projects and Dan Thul explained some of the contents of the preliminary report prepared by McCombs-Knutson Associate Inc..

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Younggren,
Secretary