

# *Lower Red River Watershed Management Board*

CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA 56716

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## Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
Northland Lodge, Crookston, MN.

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on February 11, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. at the Northland Lodge, Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

## Members present were:

Roger Ward	Arnold Person
Dan Wilkens	Otto Anderson
Don Ogaard	Harley Younggren

## Also present were:

Dan Thul; Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board  
Paul Brekken; Red Lake Watershed District  
Ron Adrian; Engineer - Middle River-Snake River Watershed District  
George Thompson; Public Relations - Lower Red River Watershed Mgt. Board  
Lawrence Woodbury; Engineer - Houston Engineering  
Robert Mouscha; Engineer - Houston Engineering  
Gayle Frazer; Engineer - Houston Engineering  
Roland Gullickson; Sand Hill Watershed District  
Robert Wolf; Minnesota Dept. of Transportation  
George Walk; Minnesota Dept. of Transportation  
James Chisholm; Wild Rice Watershed District  
Roger Hanson; Sand Hill Watershed District  
Francis Lavoie; Sand Hill Watershed District  
Leroy Stumph; Senator - State of Minnesota  
Wallace Sparby; Representative - State of Minnesota

Roger Moe; Senator - State of Minnesota

Minutes of the January 18, 1984 meeting were read and approved. The

Treasurers report as of February 11, 1984 was approved as read.

The annual report as prepared by Dan Thul was approved as presented. It was decided that 500 copies should be printed for distribution.

Upon motion by Manager Anderson, seconded by Manager Person to pay the last half of Dan Thuls salary, \$19,250.00 to the State of Minnesota, duly carried.

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Project Reports:

Mashaug Greek #10

The bids will be let by Norman County on February 22, 1984 on the Mashaug Greek #10 Project. The Minnesota Department of Transportation requires that all of the construction funds be in St. Paul after the bid letting and before the contract is awarded. It was decided that we will have to meet again after the bids are opened and the amount of funding needed will be known.

Original Funding:

Highway Department -----	\$113,500.00
L.C.M.R. -----	58,500.00
Wild Rice Watershed District -----	15,000.00
Lower Red River Watershed Management Board -	30,000.00
	217,000.00

Estimated cost of the project now-----\$ 293,418.00

Funding now:

Highway Department -----	\$133,188.00
L.C.M.R. -----	58,500.00
Wild Rice Watershed District -----	15,000.00
Lower Red River Watershed Management Board -	30,000.00
	236,888.00

The unfunded balance is \$56,530.00

Dan Thul reported on the meeting that the engineers had on the McGombs-Knutson Associates, Inc. report. It had been agreed at the meeting that if the economic study, regression analysis and the travel time map were not improved it would be best not to include them in the final report. He also gave us an update on the billings.

Monies expended to date -----	\$241,653.23
Billings not paid -----	<u>50,364.19</u>
	292,017.42

It was decided to discuss this item further at our next meeting.

The meeting was then recessed for lunch with our area legislators who were in attendance.

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After lunch, Dan Thul gave a slide presentation on what has been accomplished by the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board since its inception and also some of the things they would like to do in the future.

Roland Gullickson of the Sand Hill Watershed District then reported on the history and the solid local support that they have for the Winger Dam on Highway #59 by Winger, Minnesota.

Robert Mouscha, Engineer for Houston Engineering, then presented preliminary data and projected costs on the proposed project.

The preliminary cost estimate was:

Roadwork-----	\$ 648,560.00
Spillway Structure -----	743,380.00
Dam Embankment -----	1,419,550.00
Reservoir Preparation -----	<u>590,810.00</u>
Total construction costs ---	3,402,300.00
Legal and Administrative -----	170,110.00
Engineering -----	340,230.00
Contingencies-----	680,460.00
Right of Way-----	275,000.00
Total costs -----	4,868,100.00

Possible funding available:

Minnesota Department of Transportation -	\$ 800,000.00
Lower Red River Watershed Management Board	500,000.00
	1,300,000.00

It was felt that direct funding from the State would be needed to get the project off the ground.

Robert Wolf, representing the Minnesota Department of Transportation stated that if some optimism could be generated for funding of the project they could delay the building of the bridge on Highway #59.

Senator Moe, Senator Stumpf and Representative Sparby discussed possible ways that the legislature could become involved in the project. First of all they indicated that the mood of the legislature at this time is more on tax cuts than on spending. However, they did suggest some possibilities of acquiring funding:

1. General appropriation for the Dept. of Natural Resources
2. Another program through L.G.M.R.
3. Capitol bonding budget
4. Regular bonding

They indicated that they would look into the various possibilities and let us know in the near future what their findings were.

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Upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Wilkens and duly carried the following bills were ordered paid:

Business Agency - Umbrella Insurance-----	\$400.00
Business Agency - General Liability -----	459.00
Holcomb-Knudson, Inc. - Audit -----	823.27
Northland Lodge - Meeting Room & Dinner -----	99.00

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 9, 1984 at 9:30 a.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harley Younggren, Secretary