

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

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Meeting

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

April 19, 1984; Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN.

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on April 19, 1984, at 9:30 a.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota., Crookston, MN.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Also present were:

Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer - Houston Engineering
Henry Vasek - Middle River - Snake River Watershed
Otto Anderson - Middle River - Snake River Watershed
Dan Thul, Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Charles Anderson, Engineer - Red Lake Watershed
Viet Ngo, Engineer - McCombs - Knutson and Assoc.

Skip McCombs - McCombs - Knutson and Assoc.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was read and approved.

The Chairman reported on the progress of funding for the Winger Dam. He stated the State had rassed a bonding bill of which the Winger Dam was included in the amount of \$2,120,000.00, of which the Lower Red would be obligated to 40% or \$848,000.00 over a ten year period. He also said Senator Moe had received a commitment for D.O.T. for \$1,000,000.00. Total funding available to date would be:

State of Minnesota Bond	\$2,120,000.00
40/S to be paid by Lower Red	
D.O.T.	1,000,000.00
Sand Hill Water District	<u>100.000.00</u>
Total	3,220,000.00

The estimated cost of the project is \$4,182,000.00 with a contingency of \$686,000.00, Using the figure of \$4,182,000.00, we would be short by \$1,648,000.00. A discussion

was held as to other possible types of funding, such as Ducks Unlimited and the Wildlife Division of D.N.R.

Dan Thul, Coordinator for the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board gave a report on what he thought we have gained by having the McCombs-Knutson report.

1. A different type of evaluation on project can be made now.
2. It can be used as a tool to gain support from local, state and federal agencies. It can be used as an educational tool.
3. It defines goals and objectives; such as a goal to lower the high flow at Emerson by 20,000 c.a.s.
- k. It is a base for expansion and future development,
5. It helps with coordination with North Dakota.
- 6, It is an educational document for people within the valley.

Chairman Ogaard reported on the McCombs - Knutson billings.

Unbilled and billed total	140,000.00
Lower Red river Watershed Management Board offer for settlement	58,300.00

He stated the new offer from McCombs - Knutson for settlement is paying \$70,000.00 now and if finding the report beneficial in 18 months possibly paying another \$30,000.00.

Viet Ngo, Engineer for McCombs-Knutson and Assoc. updated the Board on the status of the report.

1. The changes suggested for the final report have been reviewed.
2. Stream gaging is being completed,
3. The report will be published in its final form and will be available in May h-. The Data Base Report has been completed and distributed.

Skip McCombs of McCombs - Knutson and Assoc. stated that his firm has \$140,000.00 in the report, of which \$70,000.00 is basic labor costs. He stated he hoped to recieve \$70,000.00 now; his basic labor costs, and then after using the report for 18 months and find it beneficial, consider paying some more, so they can get some costs out of it.

A discussion was held as to the storage of the material. Housing it in Bemidji would be no problem. It was also suggested that the Data Base System be housed at the University of Minnesota because of the computers available there.

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Kolling to pay McCombs-Knutson and Assoc. \$70,000.00 for the report and the Board to review in 18 months its' usability and further payment, plus \$8,990.00 for Phase IV (Stream Gaging System) duly carried.

A motion by Manager Quern to order 500 copies of the final report was seconded by Manager Ward and duly passed.

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The summer tour, hosting North Dakota, which will be held in July, was discussed. It was decided the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and Dan Thul, would organize the tour.

It was agreed we would provide articles for a news letter published by the International Coalition for Land and Water Stewardship in the Red River Drainage Basin. Dan Thul and Chairman Ogaard will provide the information.

Upon motion by Manager Kolling, seconded by Manager Quern, to pay McCombs - Knutson and Assoc. \$78,990.00 duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Younggren, Secretary