

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board

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Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Agricultural Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on May 28, 1985 at 9:30 a.m. at the Agricultural Research Center, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Dan Wilkens
Calvin Kolling	Roger Ward
Iner Quern	William Zeigler
Vernon Erickson	Harley Younggren

Also present were:

Dan Thul; Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Lawrence Woodbury; Engineer - Houston Engineering
Ron Adrian; Engineer - Middle River - Snake River Watershed District
Henry Vasek; Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

The minutes of the March 28, 1985 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report as of May 28, 1985 was read and approved.

Chairman Ogaard reported that the mitigation plan has been altered for the Twin Valley Dam in the Wild Rice Watershed District. The acreage required has been lowered from over 2,000 acres to 1,600 acres. If further considerations are favorable, constructs could begin in 1988. The Wild Rice Watershed District would like a letter from the L.R.R.W.M.B. approving the mitigation compensation and supporting the Twin Valley Dam. Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Ward to authorize such a letter duly passed.

Project Reports:

Red Lake Watershed District

Elm Lake Project

Ducks Unlimited is expending some funds for an engineering survey on the practability of developing the Elm Creek site. They expect the engineers report to be completed soon and if practable, will have cost estimates then.

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Sand Hill Watershed District

Winger Dam "Project

The State of Minnesota has increased their commitment another \$500,000.00 through the Department of Transportation. The estimated cost of the Winger Dam Project is \$5,892,035.00. With all committed funds now totaling \$5,014,675.00, it leaves a balance needed in funding of \$876,360.00.

There also was some concern expressed on the outlet structure on the Sand Hill Lake. It may cause a problem later on.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

It was reported that a Ducks Unlimited project has been completed by Lake Park.

Roseau River Watershed District

In the attempt to upgrade the wildlife pools in the Watershed, it was found that the discharge timing was wrong on the first plan. They hope to have the plans reworked in time for the next meeting. Ducks Unlimited is also involved in this project.

Dan Thul, Coordinator for the L.R.R.W.M.B. reported that he and Omar Rood, Engineer for the Two Rivers Watershed District and the Bounty Engineer from Roseau County are working on a plan to improve the function of the Nereson Project in Roseau County. Plans should be completed when additional surveying has been completed.

He had. shown the slide presentation of the McCombs-Knutson Report to the Red Lake County Board of Commissioners.

He is acting as a representative for the State of Minnesota in the dike dispute between Minnesota and North Dakota.

He has talked to people in the Winger area who are against the Winger Dam Project in the Sand Hill Watershed District.

He is also updating a L.C.M.R. report.

Chairman Ogaard reported that liability insurance for the L.R.R.W.M.B. of Managers is still pending.

Mr. Thul also reported that the U.S.G.S. gage station in the Sand Hill Watershed District at Climax would need additional funding of \$1,800.00 or a total of \$3,800.00 to be shared by the Sand Hill Watershed District and the L.R.R.W.M.B.. Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Kolling to authorize an additional \$900.00 as the L.R.R.W.M.B.s' share, duly carried.

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A discussion was also held as to payment of the local districts share of the stream gages. Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Erickson the local Watershed Districts will pay their share of the stream gages directly to the L.R.R.W.M.B. and then the L.R.R.W.M.B. will in turn pay the full amount, duly carried.

Manager Ward asked the Districts what funding would be required in the next 90 days. Manager Rolling stated that he would send an estimate to the Treasurer of the Red Lat Watersheds' needs after talking to their Office Manager and Engineer. Manager Erickson of the Roseau River Watershed District said they may need \$90,000.00, but wasn't sure because plans are not definite yet.

Manager Ward also stated that the .7 mil levy in 1984 should raise \$735,000.00 and the .8 mil levy in 1985 should raise \$842,000.00.

Upon motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Wilkens, and duly passed the following bill was ordered paid:

Sand Hill Watershed District - Engineering - Winger Dam ----- \$47,611.44

Chairman Ogaard said that the annual summer tour with the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board will be held on July 10, 1985.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Harley Younggren, Secretary