

Lower Red River Watershed Management' Board

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Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota
September 10, 1985

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on September 10, 1985, at 9:30 A.M. at the Agricultural Research Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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| Don Ogaard | Vernon Erickson |
| Roger Ward | Arnold Person |
| Dan wilkiris | |

Also present were:

Dan Thul; Coordinator - Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
Lowell Enerson; Administrator - Red Lake WSD
Lawrence Woodbury; Engineer - Houston Engineering
Mike Niebaur; West Polk SWCD

The minutes of the July 23, 1985, meeting were read and approved.

Mike Niebaur from the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District was present to discuss plans to repair the Audney Flatt Dam and to request cost share money from the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board. The dam washed out due to heavy rains in the spring of 1983. The project failed at the emergency spillway causing the project to be non-functionable for flood water retention at this time. The plans developed calls for moving the emergency spillway to the north end where soils are better. In addition more riprap will be added for protection. The planned repair will provide approximately 100 acre-ft. of flood storage which is the same as before the washout. The proposed cost breakdown for the repair is as follows:

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| \$28,000 | - | ASCS |
| \$10,000 | - | SWCD |
| <u>\$10,000</u> | - | Red Lake WSD & LRRWMB |
| \$48,000 | - | Total |

The Red Lake Watershed District requested that the LRRWMB fund 50% of the \$10,000 requested. A motion by Manager Wilkins, seconded by Manager Person to fund 50% of the Local Watershed District share up to \$5,000, duly carried.

The Treasurer's Report as of September 10, 1985 was read and approved. Discussion on interest rates on investments followed.

Lowell Enerson brought up for discussion an issue involving Watershed Districts which have State Consolidated Conservation lands within their boundaries. The Department of Natural Resources is in the process of developing rules and regulations in determining benefits from drainage systems to state owned lands within Consolidated Conservation land areas. Discussion of problems with state lands paying assessments to ditch systems followed. A meeting will be held in Thief River Falls with the DNR and affected Water: Districts.

*" Manager Ogaard received a letter from the Southwest Viewers Association which is interested in fostering a state-wide group. Their interest is that Viewers' approach to determining benefits and damages is not uniform and they propose seminars and exchange of ideas to provide uniformity. Manager Ogaard asked if the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board should sponsor a meeting on the subject within the Red River Valley. The Board agreed to do so in December at Crookston. The chairman will follow-up.

Coordination of the EIS process was discussed for the Winger Dam project. The ease options for the Winger Dam expire this fall with about a 60-70% chance the project will be built. The WSD opted to allow the options to run out rather than pay approximately \$200,000 for the easement at this time.

Requests to the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board to participate in funding of continuous recording stream flow stations was discussed. George Carlson, U. S Geological Survey, had prepared costs associated with maintaining stations within the Val and letters had been sent to each WSD asking if they were interested in participating on a 50% cost share basis with the LRRWMB. All stations were agreed to with the exception of the Sprague Creek station near Sprague, Manitoba. This station has no federal sponsor interested and needs to be repaired. Because of the high costs and lack of federal cost share the Roseau River WSD has chosen not to fund this gage but will seek federal interest for next year. The total local costs of funding ten continuous stations for the 1986 water year is \$23,690 of which 50% or \$11,845 is the LRRWMB's previously obligated share.

The Red Lake Watershed District presented pay request #13 for the Moose River Pro The project is 54.5% complete. The amounts requested are \$48,891.32 from the LRRWME and \$73,337.72 from the State of Minnesota.

Upon motion by Manager Wilkins, seconded by Manager Erickson for the LRRWMB to pay \$48,891.32 on pay request #13 and to adopt a resolution requesting \$73,337.72 on pay request #13 from the State of Minnesota, duly carried. Separate checks will be issued since the balance in the checking account will not cover both amounts at this time.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Wilkins, and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
