

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
November 21, 1989

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on November 21, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. at Brown Hall, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Dan Wilkens
Richard Bowen	Roger Ward
Iner Quern	Arnold Person
Curtis Nelson	Harley Younggren

Others present were:

Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Ron Osowski, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Dan Thul, LRRWMB Coordinator
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Joe Spaeth, Wild Rice Watershed District
Sanford Moen, Wild Rice Watershed District
Jon Roeschlein, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Paul Brekken, Red Lake Watershed District
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Lowell Enerson, Red Lake Watershed District
Warren Seykora, Wild Rice Watershed District
Henry Lundberg, Jr., Wild Rice Watershed District
James Nelson, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Erickson, Bois de Sioux Watershed District

Minutes of the October 31, 1989 were read and approved.

The Treasurers report as of November 21, 1989 was accepted as read.

The Chairman expressed the need to improve on the boards evaluation on future projects due to the number of projects being presented and the money available. He also addressed the need of an administrator to have continuity for the board and to apply for available additional funding and to carry out the day to day functions of the LRRWMB. He also stated that we should band together in thought and action, so that the future of the LRRWMB will continue to be an organization that will fulfill the intent of the Joint Powers Agreement.

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District Reports on Activities:

Wild Rice Watershed District

The District is completing disaster emergency work caused by erosion upstream and siltation downstream.

Roseau River Watershed District

Have removed two abandoned bridges that have caused log jams and stream bank erosion.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Have completed two ring dikes.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

Are redetermining benefits on nine ditch systems in the District. They are cleaning and snagging on the Red River in the Fargo-Moorhead area in cooperation with the Corp. of Engineers, the two cities and the Watershed District.

The Dale Retention Site would have a Class I Dam and there is a concern of a potential downstream flood hazard to the city of Hawley, so there could be a problem getting approval from Dam Safety.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Water Quality won't have any determination until next spring. They have completed the third round of water samples.

Joe River Watershed District

Will wait until spring to start ring dike construction.

Red Lake Watershed District

The Pine Lake Project is under construction. Stage I on Good Lake has been completed. Have made a second application on the Clean Water Partnership Grant, which is lower than the first application. Cleaning up dump sites in the district looks like it will become a reality.

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

Have approved a preliminary overall plan and are working on Rules and Regulations for the District.

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Two Rivers Watershed District

Will hold an information meeting on the Juneberry Ridge Project on December 6, 1989. They are also looking into farmstead diking or dike improvement along the Red River.

Financial Requests:

Red Lake Watershed District

Elm Lake Restoration

State of Minnesota	\$ 6,358.85
LRRWMB	4,239.19

Upon motion by Manager Quern, seconded by Manager Bowen to pay the State of Minnesota share or \$6,358.85 and the LRRWMB share or \$4,239.19 for the Elm Lake Restoration Project, duly carried.

Two Rivers Watershed District

Juneberry Ridge Study

State of Minnesota	\$16,197.53
LRRWMB	20,230.32

Upon motion by Manager Bowen, seconded by Manager Quern to pay the State of Minnesota share or \$16,197.53 and the LRRWMB share or \$20,230.32 for the Juneberry Ridge Study, duly carried.

A discussion was held on the, "Mission Statement", for the LRRWMB. It was decided that it should be brought up to all local Districts and then brought to a special meeting in January to deal with the subject. Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Bowen to look at the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Mission Statement and the Joint Powers Agreement that set up the LRRWMB, duly carried.

A discussion was then held on guidelines for project development. Should a guideline be further developed in writing to decide if a project should receive funding from the LRRWMB or not. Does the project have just local benefits or benefits for the main stem of the Red River? Perhaps we should just fund the projects that have main stem benefits? Who would qualify to determine where the benefits lie? Perhaps the Technical Committee could draw up some kind of criteria that could be followed? It was decided that a committee of members, three or more, be named and with the Technical Committee make a decision on a timetable and direction. Upon motion by Manager

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Wilkins, seconded by Manager Nelson to name Dan Wilkins, Ron Osowski, Richard Bowen, Curtis Nelson and Arnold Person to a committee to provide guidelines for project development and to provide uniform project financing criteria for the LRRWMB, with the LRRWMB providing funding for the committee meetings, duly carried.

A discussion was also held on developing of office agreement criteria. Upon motion by Manager Wilkins, seconded by Manager Nelson to form a three member committee consisting of Dan Wilkins, Curtis Nelson and Harley Younggren to look into site selection, job description and the screening of possible employees and develop recommendations for the LRRWMB, with funds for the meetings being furnished by the LRRWMB, duly carried.

Winter Show booth participation was discussed. Upon motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Quern to participate with the SWCD in a booth and to have daily drawings of six potted trees and to post the winners daily, duly carried.

Upon motion, second and duly carried, the following bills were ordered paid:

Business Agency-General Casualty Insurance	\$	500.00
Red Lake Watershed District-Elm Creek Restoration		
State Share		6,358.85
LRRWMB Share		4,239.19
Two Rivers Watershed District		
Juneberry Ridge Study-State Share		16.197.53
LRRWMB Share		20,230.32

The next meeting will be held on December 19, 1989 at Crookston.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Younggren, Secretary