

LOWER RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting:

Lower Red River Watershed Management Board
December 19, 1989

The Lower Red River Watershed Management Board met on December 19, 1989, at 9:00 a.m. at the Seminar Room, U. of M., Crookston, Minn.

President Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Dan Wilkens	Gene Ueland
Roger Ward	Ron Osowski
Don Ogaard	Arnold Person
Curtis Nelson	Richard Bowen

Others present were:

Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Ron Adrian, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Paul Brekken, Red Lake Watershed District
John Finney, Joe River Watershed District
Richard Kuzel, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Jerome Potucek, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Tom Yutrzenka, Middle River-Snake River Watershed District
Lance Yohe, The International Coalition

Dennis Parkinson, The International Coalition

Minutes of the November 21, 1989 meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report as of December 19, 1989 was accepted as read.

The Chairman asked about the joint meeting that we usually have with the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board in January. He suggested a topic of Canadian participation in U.S. activities, with the sub-topics being:

1. What are you doing now?
2. What would you like to have us do?
3. How can we cooperate with each other?

Lance Yohe was going to call some Canadian friends and; see what he could come up with. A suggested meeting date was January 16, 1990, with the meeting place being in Grand Forks, ND at whatever location is available.

The annual report will be prepared by Dan Thul and Don Ogaard.

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Lance Yohe of the International Coalition reminded the Board that membership for 1989 and 1990 have not been committed. After discussion, Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Osowski to become a member of The International Coalition for the years 1989 and 1990 at \$500.00 per year, duly carried.

He also asked for support by resolution to endorse two funding applications to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources by The International Coalition. One grant request is for funding of a cooperative program with the Red Lake Watershed District, U. of M., Crookston, Minnesota and The International Coalition to relate Land Use/ Water Quality on the Clearwater River. The other grant application is for providing education services to Counties, Watershed Districts and Soil and Water Conservation Districts for use of the Geographic Information System (GIS) developed during the water planning process. Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Bowen to adopt the Resolution, duly carried.

Dan Thul reported that the cooperative stream gage payments are due for the period October 1, 1989 to September 31, 1989. He also discussed the obligated fund balance of the LRRWMB as of December, 1989. Upon motion by Manager Bowen, seconded by Manager Osowski for those projects now in a hold position, namely the Karlstad Project, Wild Rice #37 and Hay Creek #6 be dropped for now and if the projects become active again, they may be re-submitted to the Board, duly carried.

He reported that the Technical Committee met on December 8, 1989 at Moorhead, Minnesota discussing the TIC project through LCMR. The purpose of the Project is to develop the linkage between the Geographic Information System (GIS) and a standard watershed model. The Technical Committee received work that has been done to evaluate the potential flow reduction benefits of various projects. Technical criteria for evaluating proposed projects was discussed. One method is referred to as the Star Value. It could be a good tool that would define LRRWMB funding up front to achieve maximum mainstream benefits

District Activities Report:

Wild Rice Watershed District

The District is involved with the Corp. of Engineers on cleaning and snagging on the Wild Rice River. On the series of eight 3ams, two of the proposed dams will be gated and the dams that were completed this year could be gated. The Becker Dams may be gated too, be possibly tried for one year.

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Two Rivers Watershed District

An information meeting was held on December 6, 1989 and it was well received.

Buffalo-Red River Watershed District

On Buffalo River Site #1 (formerly Donley #9) easement options are being secured and an information meeting went well. On Stinking Lake they are working on two dams. An information meeting on Deerhorn Creek #22 is scheduled in January. They are also working on the Overall Plan.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

Two more Townships approved ring diking. They are having trouble selling Ditch #75 to the local people, they feel it is to expensive.

Red Lake Watershed District

The first bid letting on Good Lake could not be accepted because of a bonding problem. The second bid letting has been accepted.

Funding Requests:

Wild Rice Watershed District

Olson Agassiz #13 Reconstruction

LRRWMB \$ 20,000.00

Sundal Township #34

LRRWMB \$152,217.50

Marsh Creek #36

LRRWMB \$ 75,660.44

Upon motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Bowen to pay \$20,000.00 on Olson Agassiz #13, \$152,217.50 ,on Sundal Township #35 and \$75,660.44 on Marsh Creek #36 and have the Wild Rice Watershed District pay back the \$150,000.00 that was advanced on the original Project #11, which includes Sundal Township #35 and Marsh Creek #36, duly carried.

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A discussion was held on setting hourly wage rates for work done other than at regular meetings. On motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Osowski to set an hourly wage rate of \$15.00, plus travel and other expenses incurred, duly carried.

Dan Wilkens reported that he will have a committee meeting at Thief River Falls with local Legislators to get parts of the law changed in the next session.

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

Don Ogaard	\$	615.00
Harley Younggren		417.20
Dan Wilkens		591.20
Curtis Nelson		440.40
Roger Ward		510.00
. Ron Osowski		120.00
Arnold Person		414.40
Richard Bowen		490.80
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Wild Rice Watershed District:		
Olson Agassiz #13		20,000.00
Sundal Township #35		152,217.50
Marsh Creek #36		75,660.44
The International Coalition - Membership		1,000.00
Middle River-Snake River Watershed District		
Ron Adrian		458.85
U.S. Geological Survey - Gages		50,500.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Harley Younggren, Secretary