

RED RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
FEBRUARY 18, 1992

The Red River Water Management Board met on Tuesday, February 18, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at the First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Curtis Nelson
Arnold Person	Robert Severson
Dan Wilkens	Roger Ward
Ron Osowski	Harley Younggren

Others present were:

Dan Thul - Red River Coordinator
Gene Ueland - Wild Rice Watershed District
Richard Kuzel - Middle River - Snake River WSD
James Johnson - Middle River - Snake River WSD
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River WSD
Jerome Potucek - Middle River - Snake River WSD
Steve Mikkleson, The International Coalition
Jon Roeschlein, Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake WSD
Omar Rood - J.O.R. Engineering

Russell Sander, Red Lake Watershed District

Minutes of the January 15, 1992 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurers report was approved as presented.

The Red Lake Watershed District proposed a change in the prizes to be given away at the Winter Shows from trees to five rain gauges and four Radon kits. An amendment to the original motion in the minutes of January 15, 1992 to change the prizes, was agreed upon by the makers of the motion.

A discussion was held on the meeting with the County Auditors in Bemidji on January 28, 1992. It was decided at the meeting to try and change the law to use the previous years Taxable Market Value and Tax Capacity as the basis for the levy. A standardized request form to be used by Watershed Districts to Auditors would be adopted.

Don informed the Board that he is expecting a letter from the Department of Revenue which will clarify the issue. He was told that they must use tax capacity for the current year for everything. Future levies must be made in dollars rather than as a percent of market value.

Steve Mikkleson from The International Coalition distributed copies of the latest Messenger to those in attendance. He said that he had visited several local newspaper editors in the region and had good

receptions with the one on one approach. He also said that George Orning, who is working on the G.I.S. project would like to receive the Watershed Districts Overall Plans.

The need for developing a system of mitigation banking similar to what MNDOT has for their projects was discussed. The Board in cooperation with the 15 county group and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts should pursue options for a Red River Basin Banking System. A working group is being formed with two county commissioners and two SWCD representatives already volunteering to work on the system. The WSDs and the DNR would round out the working group. Don Ogaard and Dan Thul will pursue options and formulate the working group.

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize obtaining folders for the March Conference in Thief River Falls, duly carried.

Dan Thul Report

Dan reported on a regional meeting within the DNR to develop strategies for improving working relationships with the DNR. Norm Moody, Local Government Liaison for the Commissioner's office is coordinating the effort. Dan requested a committee from the Board be chosen to meet with DNR representatives to develop a plan which would resolve conflicts as well as develop long term partnerships. Don Ogaard, Dan Wilkens, and Arnold Person were approved by the Board to meet with DNR Representatives.

District Accounting

Could a computer program be developed that each Watershed District could use? It was suggested that Dan Wilkens meet with the Wild Rice Watershed District bookkeeper to see if they could work out a basic system for all Districts to use. Then they would meet with the RRWMB for rejection or approval.

District Reports

Wild Rice Watershed District

Showed slides of areas on the Wild Rice River that need debris clean out and repair and other areas that have been cleaned and repaired. Don reported that the Corps, of Engineers has a new policy which excludes the use of Agricultural damages in their cost/benefit analysis. This could have major ramifications for future Corps, work in the valley.

Red Lake Watershed District

The District reported that they have made no progress on the Maple Lake Project meeting with the MPCA and the DNR. The District thanked the Personnel who participated in the Red River Valley Shows. Lowell Enerson was appointed to the regional advisory board for the Sentence to Serve project.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Had received letter from Merlyn Wesloh that they would help with evaluating potential mitigation sites submitted by the District for the Winger Dam.

Have received \$1,500.00 grant for river cleanup.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Have finished the Warren to Alvarado river cleanup.

Marshall County (\$14,000) and Polk County (\$4,000) have each received a stream maintenance grant from the State through the DNR Division of Waters for \$18,000. These grants were submitted in cooperation with the Watershed Districts.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

The wetland Ecologist the District hired for the Buffalo River Flood Control Site #1 has forwarded his methodology for evaluating wetland impacts and proposed mitigation to the DNR, Corps, of Engineers, EPA, and the U.S.F. & W.S. for comments.

Roseau River Watershed District

They are to meet with the Corp. of Engineers on the Duxby segment. They are also pursuing other portions of the original "Corps. Project" for feasibility.

Two Rivers Watershed District

Have completed the purchase of the Stoeckman land.

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

They need someone to author the bill to get the Bois de Sioux Watershed District into the RRWMB. Any help that the member Districts could give the Bois de Sioux Watershed District would be appreciated.

The March Conference will be held on March 12, 13, 1992 at the Best Western Inn, Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 1992 at 9:30 a.m.
at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Upon motion, seconded, and duly carried, the following bills were
ordered paid.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Internal Revenue Service	SS and Medicare	374.26
Northern State Bank	Purchased CD.	95,600.00
First State Bank Ada	Purchased CD.	95,465.00
Citizens State Bank	Purchased CD.	95,557.00
F. N. Bank McIntosh	Purchased CD.	95,600.00
Town Square	Noon Meal	125.00
Roger Ward	M and M	79.17
Harley Younggren	M and M and M	266.31
Robert Severson	M and M	97.87
Ronald Osowski	M and M	60.47
Arnold Person	M and M	80.27
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	865.60
Donald Ogaard	M and M and M	169.79
Curtis Nelson	M and M	73.67
Westward Ho Motel	Meeting Expense	91.77
Garden Valley Telephone	Phone Bill	186.92
Business Agency Inc.	General Liability	1,864.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren