

RED RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD
MARCH 17, 1992

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on Tuesday, March 17, 1992 at 9:30 a. at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Other present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Brian Dwight, B.W.S.R. Board Representative
Floyd Jorgenson, S.W.C.D. Director, Area I
Jon Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux W.D.
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice W.D.
George Orning, T.I.C.
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering

Minutes of the February 18, 1992 meeting were read and approved with a correction - the Middle River-Snake River Watershed District report. Ron Adrian is to send a corrected report.

On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Severson to accept the Treasurer's report from January 1, 1992, to February 17, 1992 as presented at the February 18, 1992 meeting, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Ward, seconded by Manager Osowski to approve the current report as presented, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Nelson to have the accounting firm of Conrad Dahl, C.P.A. of Hallock, Minnesota do a compilation report for the RRWMB and to have Managers Ogaard, Wilkens, Ward and Younggren meet with the auditors to discuss the type of audit and bonding on Monday, March 23, 1992, at 1:00 p.m. duly carried.

A discussion was held on a uniform accounting system for all districts. On motion Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Nelson to have persons from each Watershed District who are involved with the accounting to attend a meeting with a representative of the Intergovernmental Information Systems Advisory Council to see what system could be developed that would be beneficial to all districts, duly carried. A tentative meeting would be scheduled on March 31 or April 1, 1992 at Bemidji.

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The March Conference evaluation was once again very positive. The most popular suggestion for next years conference was environmental laws.

Dan Thul Report

Dan reported that a working group has been identified through two meetings with Norm Moody; one with DNR personnel and one with the RRWMB committee. The initial group would have one representative from each Watershed and one representative from each DNR section. (Wildlife, Waters, Fish, Ecological Services, Administration, Forestry, Minerals, and Enforcement) trimming down working group may occur after the first few meetings once the direction and objectives of the group have been defined. The tentative objectives are to: Improve awareness and understanding of each others interests and goals; Identify general issues and concerns to be addressed over the long term; Identify specific issues and concerns to be addressed over the short term; and develop solutions through communication, trust, and partnerships.

Dan reported that the Division of Waters has been instructed to develop a "draft permit" for the Winger Dam Project. Issues to be addressed in the draft permit include wetland mitigation, final operation, dam safety, shoreland zoning, floodplain zoning, upland mitigation, NOHW level determination, MPCA coordination, and satisfaction of EQB rules.

Bill Doyle of the W.E. Doyle Equipment Company presented a VCR tape on a snow blow and brush cutter mounted on a regular tractor with back hoe application. A hydraulic motor operates a snow blower that would clean out a ribbon 30" deep and 30" wide in ditch system that would facilitate earlier opening for spring water runoff. The brush cutter was another head that would replace the snow blower.

Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C. representative said that the water supply study has been completed and will talk to respondents in early May. They have a Land Use update the G.I.S. training schedule will be out next week. They have 8,000 individual memberships.

District Reports

Wild Rice Watershed District

Have sent letters out to owners of land along three ditch systems asking them restore the buffer area.

Red Lake Watershed District

The Board recommended that the RRWMB participate in the operation of a Winter Shows booth in years to come as a public relation tool. The Board reported t Projects have not progressed since the last RRWMB meeting.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

The methodology for determining impacts to wetlands within the Buffalo River Flood Control Site No. 1 has been forwarded to the DNR, Corps, of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. No comments have been received to date.

Engineers are continuing work on the Deerhorn Creek Detention project which includes a protected watercourse and Wilkin County Ditch No. 42.

The final details of the DNR agreement for the Stinking Lake Detention project are being worked out and is expected to be finalized shortly.

The District is planning to re-establish a buffer strip on Clay County Ditch 1 10 this spring.

Roseau River Watershed District

They met with the Corps, of Engineers and asked about the old Roseau River Project. They would like to see them do something north of the City of Roseau and in the Roseau River Lake bottom area.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Started cleaning the Snake River with a state grant of \$14,000.00, but water in the river stopped them. They will start again next fall.

Two Rivers Watershed District

It was stated that they still could store 50,000 acre feet of water on Juneberry.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ward to reimburse the Two Rivers Watershed District on the Juneberry Project in the following manner, duly carried.

State F.D.R.	\$15,405.00
R.R.W.M.B.	7,702.50
	\$23,107.50

On motion by Manager Person, seconded by Manager Osowski to reimburse the Two Rivers Watershed District on the Nereson Project in the following manner, duly carried.

State F.D.R.	\$ 9,927.50
R.R.W.M.B.	7,445.62
	\$17,373.12

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On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Ward for the R.R.W.M.B. to pay the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District for expenses to date of \$1,638.88 for the previously approved UNET Survey, duly carried.

The Board discussed the public notice received by the Sand Hill Watershed District from the Corps, of Engineers on the Winger Dam. A motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize a reply to the public notice, to be signed by all the Watershed Districts in the RRWMB and to be directed to the Corps, of Engineers, duly carried.

Bills approved as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Macs Cafe	Noon Meal	\$90.00
First State Bank Fertile	Purchased CD.	98,307.57
Roger Ward	M and M	119.05
Robert Severson	M and M	106.12
Harley Younggren	M and M and M	278.54
Ronald Osowski	M and M	245.50
Arnold Person	M and M	272.70
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	620.38
Donald Ogaard	M and M and M	305.10
Curtis Nelson	M and M	79.17
Floyd Jorgenson	Conference Presentation	94.55
Donald Martodam	Conference Presentation	149.50
GVTC	Phone Bill	55.38
Mascom Marketing	Fax Service	16.00
Diversified Printers	Folders for Conference	280.00
Red Lake W.D.	Winter Shows Prizes	200.00
T.I.C.	Membership Dues	500.00
T.I.C.	Land Use Training 3rd	3000.00
Middle River Snake River	UNET Study of the Red	1638.88
Middle River Snake River	Ring Dikes	34,976.12
Two Rivers W.D.	Juneberry	23,107.50
Two Rivers W.D.	Nereson	17,373.12
State of Minnesota	Dan Thul Contract	15,750.00

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at Callaway, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren