

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD  
APRIL 24, 1992 MEETING  
9:30 A.M. AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, CALLAWAY, MN

The RRWMB met on Friday, April 24, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center, Callaway, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Robert Severson	Roger Ward
Dan Wilkens	Gerhard Ross
Curtis Nelsen	Ron Osowski
Don Ogaard	Harley Younggren

Other present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Steve Mikklesen, T.I.C.  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WSD  
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District  
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering  
Bruce Albright, Administrator, Buffalo-Red River WSD  
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District  
Bill Steffl, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District  
Aubry Thomas, Buffalo-Red River Watershed District  
Jorome Potucek, Middle River-Snake River WSD

Minutes of the March 17, 1992 meeting were read and approved. Received the corrected Middle River-Snake River Watershed District, March 17, 1992 report from Ron Adrian.

The Treasurer's report as of April 20, 1992 was approved as presented.

#### Dan Thul Report

Dan reported that \$300,000 was appropriated for the State Flood Damage Reduction cost share program (FDR) to the Good Lake Project in the Red Lake Watershed District. Only one other project statewide was funded.

Dan informed the Board that the Division of Fish and Wildlife has recommended that an Environmental Impact Statement be prepared for Flood Control projects in the Red River Valley and the Minnesota River Valley. A departmental working group has been formed to define issues and concerns.

Dan informed the Board that the DNR is willing to meet with the WSD representatives to improve working relationships and resolve conflicts and issues. Dan will pursue setting up the meeting.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ward for members of the RRWMB to attend a coordinating meeting with DNR section personnel on either May 1, 1992 or May 7, 1992 at Fertile, Minnesota, duly carried.

Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C. representative presented copies of letters of support for the Winger Dam that were sent to the Corps, of Engineers. George Orning will be at the next meeting to report on the Wetlands Project. He also reported that the T.I.C. Wetlands Task Force will be meeting in Morden, Manitoba on June 18 - 19, 1992. A discussion was held as to whether we should hold the annual joint North Dakota/Minnesota summer tour, in conjunction with the task force meeting. On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Wilkens for the RRWMB to host the North Dakota/Minnesota joint summer tour at Morden, Manitoba on June 18 - 19, 1992 and to pay our fair share of the expenses, duly carried.

### District Reports

#### Wild Rice Watershed District

The soils report for Project #11, Site #6 was very favorable. The soils report for Project #39 at the BN railroad grade showed poor soils were used to construct the grade. Plans are proceeding with MN/DOT for an additional site on highway #200 upstream of the Railroad grade about three miles.

The District purchased a video-TV combination and slide projector for educational use. Pheasants have been released on Project #35. The request for an increase in the administrative levy from \$125,000 to \$200,000 for funding the local cost share of Corps, of Engineers 205 projects was passed by the Legislature this session.

#### Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

Dr. Clambey, ecologist, has finished his ecological assessment of the Buffalo River Flood Control Site No. 1. The Managers are reviewing the document. The District held an informational meeting with landowners on improvements to Clay Co. ditch No. 65 in conjunction with the regrading of Clay Co. Highway 26. The District has committed \$25,000 for an erosion control project on the Buffalo River. A BWSR Special Project grant has been applied for. The total project cost equals \$89,700. A potential project is under investigation in Hamden Township which could store up to 5,000 A.F.

#### Two Rivers Watershed District

Reported the current status of the Juneberry Project to the Kittson County Board of Commissioners.

### Roseau River Watershed District

Met with DNR at Bemidji on Palmville and the Roseau River Lake Bottom. The go-ahead was given on the Palmville project which is a coop, project with DNR, Section of Wildlife. State FDR cost share money will be sought from the 1992-3 legislative session.

The Roseau River Lake Bottom has received support from the DNR. Land aquisition, however, is a problem for DNR, Section of Wildlife, at this time. The Corps, of Engineers is finalizing computer runs of the area and upstream reaches of the Roseau River.

### Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Are acquiring land for the March Impoundment Project. Also revising the overall plan.

### Red Lake Watershed District

Gerhard Ross is replacing Arnold Person as the Red Lake Watershed District representative on the RRWMB.

After discussion, a motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Severson to support Rudee Anderson, Greenbush, Minnesota as representative of the Watershed Districts on the Northwest Regional Development Commission. Duly carried.

A discussion was held on the status of the Four County Ground Water Study. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Wilkens for the Chairman to meet with Doug Oman of Crookston, Minnesota, who is Chairman of the Four County Ground Water study to clarify issues and problems, duly carried.

A discussion was held on the March 17, 1992 minutes in regard to the Winter Shows booth. The RRWMB was requested to participate in the operation of a Winter Shows booth as a public relation tool. It is the consensus of the RRWMB to not support the booth at the Winter Shows because the public relations is more for the Red Lake Watershed District than any other district.

On motion by Manager Severson, seconded by Manager Wilkens to not support the booth at the Winter Shows, duly carried.

### Joe River Watershed District

The Board toured the Noyes Dike in March and found the project in good repair.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Corp. of Engineers Permit notice comments were recieved as well as a letter from MPCA on the Winger Dam project. The opposition to the Lake option is great.

The annual report will be distributed at the next meeting. Five Hundred copies will be printed.

The Chairman is organizing a two day tour for the Corp. of Engineers of completed and proposed projects for water management in the Red River of the North area. On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Nelson to authorize the two day tour for the Corp. of Engineers, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson to authorize an expenditure for a \$50.00 gift certificate and a plaque for retiring Board members, duly carried. Arnold Person will be the first recipient.

After lunch a tour of a proposed flood detention structure, Project #9 in the Callaway area was conducted.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
IRS	S.S. and Med.	576.94
Lindsays Cafe	Noon Meal	115.00
Roger Ward	M and M	56.07
Robert Severson	M and M	122.62
Harley Younggren	M and M and M	2 76.79
Ronald Osowski	M and M	123.17
Gerhard Ross	M and M	90.17
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	1170.89
Donald Ogaard	M and M and M	269.66
Curtis Nelson	M and M	68.17
The International Coalition	Info Pkg. 2nd Quart. Pay.	10,000.00
Conrad Dahl, CPA	Annual Audit	935.85
Best Western TRF	Annual Conference	2,601.93
G V T C	Phone Bill	127.16

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1992 at 9:30 a.m., Warren, Minnesota.

There being no further business after the tour, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren