

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 16, 1992.

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, June 16, 1992 at 9:30 a.m. at the First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Roger Ward	•	Roland Gullekson
Gerhard Ross		Ron Osowski
Curtis Nelson		Don Ogaard
Robert Severson		Harley Younggren

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
George Orning, T.I.C.  
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.  
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers Watershed District  
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering  
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District  
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering  
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake Watershed District  
Richard Kuzel, Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Minutes of the April 24, 1992 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented for review, with no action taken, due to the absence of Treasurer Dan Wilkens.

George Orning, T.I.C. representative reported that he has been working with the Wild Rice Watershed District as-a pilot using the G.I.S. His goal is to make available all data within the G.I.S. to all Watershed Districts and counties by September. This data consists of the 1979 LMIC data, updates made during the county water planning effort, the newly updated land use data, the Watershed boundary maps, and the National Wetlands/Protected Waters Inventory presently being digitized.

In addition, his long term goals include making EPPL 7 more user friendly, providing a technical person to provide assistance to watershed districts and counties in accessing the G.I.S., develop and implement training for users, and develop techniques and programs to utilize data for decisions.

George reported on the National Wetlands Inventory digitization effort funded by LCMR. He felt that much effort was going into the digitizing without much thought on how the digitized data would be used. The T.I.C. Wetlands task force has been looking at differences in wetland policy and how different policies impact the Valley. Twelve different, wetland values have been identified

including agriculture. The 2000 plus classes in the Cowardin System utilized by the Federal Agencies has been grouped into 26 simplified classes.

Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C. representative reported on the Wetlands Task Force meeting that will be held in Morden, Manitoba on June 18th and 19th in conjunction with the North Dakota/Minnesota annual summer tour.

#### Dan Thul Report

Dan reported that he participated in the Wetland Conservation Act Training, the Red River Water Resources Council meeting, the Red River Technical Committee meeting on the "UNET" computer model development, a regional DNR meeting on the Parnell Project, and in the Corps, of Engineers tour of the Valley hosted by the Board.

Dan Thul presented a billing from Dan Wilkens on cost share payments due for U.S.G.S. stream gages that have been paid by the R.R.W.M.B. On motion by Manager Gullekson, seconded by Manager Severson for the participating Districts to pay their share to the R.R.W.M.B. for the period from October 1, 1990 to September 30, 1992, duly carried.

Dan Thul's new position description was discussed. He would still be the R.R.W.M.B. coordinator, but would also be the Area I Hydrologist with DNR. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Osowski to support the initiative at 30% cost share with the R.R.W.M.B. and 70% with the Minnesota DNR and to enter into a salary agreement with the State DNR at \$19,200.00 the first year, duly carried.

#### District Reports

##### Wild Rice Watershed District -

Held annual meeting in May.

Printed their rules, by-laws, and policy statement.

Had to acquire another 28 acres on Project #11 to fit the design.

##### Two Rivers Watershed District -

Presented an amendment to the operation and maintenance agreement on the Nereson Project. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Severson to adopt a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the R.R.W.M.B. to sign the Amendment to the Agreement, duly carried.

The Engineer is also looking along the South Branch of the Two Rivers for storage areas.

.Toe River Watershed District -

Inspected the Noyes dike and it looks good. They are also finishing up on three ring dikes not completed last fall.

Red Lake Watershed District -

The District reported that the Minnesota Conservation Corps, has a crew of approximately 20 workers cleaning up all identified garbage sites along the rivers.

The District has been given the go ahead to receive bids for Stage Two of the Good Lake Project. An additional \$300,000 (State FDR funding will be under contract by the end of July.

The Corps, rip-rap project on the Red Lake River South of Thief River Falls should be under construction by September 1992. The rip-rap project in Thief River Falls at Centennial Park will begin construction on June 22, 1992. The last four miles of the Burnham Creek Channel Improvement Project will begin construction by August, 1992.

Also presented a pay request on the Good Lake Floodwater Detention Structure. The cost share:

State of Minnesota		\$250,000.00
R.R.W.M.B.	-	166,665.00
		\$416,665.00

Upon motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Osowski for the R.R.W.M.B. to pay their share of \$166,665.00 on the Good Lake Project after receiving copies of the contract and signatures by the State of Minnesota and Dan Thul, duly carried.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District -

The District reported that a meeting has been arranged for June 23, 1992 for the Buffalo River Flood Control Site No.1. The ecological assessment and recommendations prepared by Dr. Gary Clambey will be presented to the DNR, MPCA, USFWS, and COE.

The Deerhorn Creek Detention dam is under review to possibly lower the dam to reduce costs and eliminate landowner concerns. A preliminary study is being prepared which explores the possibility of a detention site in Hamden Township near Hawley, Minnesota.

Roseau River Watershed District -

Having beaver problems.

SAND HILL WATERSHED DISTRICT

Going ahead on the Ogaard Project.

Having beaver "problems" on the Bear Park Dam.

MIDDLE RIVER - SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

The District has completed one ring dike in Higdem Township and has begun construction on the remaining ones. The hearing for the repair of Judicial Ditch #1 has been scheduled for August 21, 1992.

The Chairman reported on the Corp. of Engineers tour. He felt they had a very good response. After discussion, a motion by Manager Gullekson, seconded by Manager Nelson to continue sponsoring the education process, including tours similar to the Corp. of Engineers tour for E.P.A., DNR, etc., duly carried.

The R.R.W.M.B. annual reports were distributed to member District;

On motion, seconded, and duly carried, the following bills were ordered paid:

Roger Ward	M and M	\$ 82.47
Robert Severson	M and M	\$ 93.47
Harley Younggren	M and M	\$107.76
Rudee Anderson	M and M and M	\$100.78
Ron Osowski	M and M	\$135.25
Gerhard Ross	M and M	\$124.25
Roland Gullekson	M and M	\$ 80.27
Daniel Wilkens	M and M and M	\$198.06
Donald Ogaard	M and M and M	\$559.37
Curtis Nelson	M and M and M	\$233.08
Marcussen Accounting	Bookkeeping-consulting	\$110.00
Warroad Pioneer	500 Annual Reports	\$302.46
G V T C	Telephone Bill	\$ 69.18
Arnold Person	Gift Certificate	\$ 50.00
I.R.S.	Soc. Sec. and Med.	\$232.60

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

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Harley Younggren, Secretary