

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1992
OFFICES OF HOUSTON ENGINEERING, FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the July 21, 1992 meeting were read and approved with the following corrections: The Citizens State Bank of Roseau was approved at the last meeting as an additional depository for RRWMB funds. Motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Ward to approve the minutes as amended, passed.

Members present were:

Richard Kuzel
Roger Ward
Dan Wilkens

Gerhard Ross
Curtis Nelson
Don Ogaard

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Lawrence Woodbury, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Omar Rood, Engineer, J.O.R. Engineering

The Treasurers report was approved as read - motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ward.

Steve Mikkleson, The International Coalition representative, explained he has been visiting each Watershed District and will be at the MR-SRWSD next Monday and at the Joe River WSD the 24th. The International Coalition has been busy getting ready for their annual conference.

Dan Thul informed the Board he had attended the EPPL 7 users meeting sponsored by TIC and recommended WSD staff participation at the next meeting scheduled for October 27th. Dan also stated that the MPCA and DNR were preparing a joint letter to the Red Lake WSD opposing the Maple Lake Project as proposed.

Omar Rood explained what a "Progromatic EIS" is and how it would apply to the Red River Valley floodwater retention projects. A lengthy discussion followed in preparation for the afternoon meeting with North Dakota and the Corps, of Engineers.

Member District Reports

Roseau River

The Roseau River Board is purchasing 900 acres for a new project - Lost River Project. This project is located NE of Roseau and a Step I submittal is planned for the next meeting.

Red Lake Watershed District

The dedication of Centennial Park, RLWD Project No. 89 was held on August 26, 1992, at the project site on the Red Lake River.

RLWD Project No. 43B, Burnham Creek - SCS project - Construction started September 1, 1992.

RLWD Project No. 86, Rocksbury Section 20 Erosion Site - Corps of Engineers project. Construction should begin by September 15, 1992.

The Red Lake WSD Board has passed a resolution requesting that expanding the scope of RRWMB funding to include other initiatives be discussed at the March Managers Conference. It was agreed that each District would identify different proposals and alternatives to consider at the next and future meetings.

The Red Lake Board reported that the MPCA approved the work plan for the Clearwater River clean water study. They (MPCA) recommended expanding the scope of the study from 18 to 23 sample sites. An additional \$18,151.50 was requested from the RRWMB bringing their cost share total to \$43,151.50. The Red Lake WSD share also will equal \$43,151.50.

Motion made by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Kuzel, and approved to increase the RRWMB share to \$43,151.50. Lowell agreed to provide timely progress reports to the Board.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

The MRSRWSD Board requested cost share payment from the Board for \$1,862.92 for 1/2 the costs incurred for additional survey information approved by the Board for the UNET computer program under development by the Corps of Engineers.

Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ross and approved to reimburse the MRSRWSD \$1,862.92 for the UNET survey work.

Sand Hill WSD

Rolland Gullekson took Norm Moody, DNR Commissioners office, on a tour of the Winger Dam site and the Wild Rice WSD project #35.

The Winger Dam Project was discussed. The RRWMB will support other options for the Winger Dam Project as long as the proposed floodwater retention benefits are retained or enhanced.

Wild Rice Watershed District

The Project 35 site has received inflow from the recent rains and "looks good". The District has made a film of the area.

Two Rivers Watershed District

The contractor moved into the Nereson Sub-impoundment and worked for two weeks until the rains came!

Buffalo-Red River WSD

Buffalo River Flood Control Site No. 1 - As a result of concerns by the Corps of Engineers, MPCA and the USFWS, the operation plan has been modified so that the gates will not be operated for floods less than a 5-year event. Mitigation lands are being investigated. Easements will be sought for the upstream buffer strips which are necessary for the mitigation plan as proposed by Dr. Gary Clambey, the watershed's consulting ecologist.

Hamden Township Detention - A preliminary engineering study has been conducted which explored the possibility of a detention site in Hamden Township near Hawley, MN. The site would involve a chain of small lakes and the replacement of a deteriorating township road bridge. The site has a drainage area of 23 square miles and could provide 4000 acre-feet of gated storage with a dam having a height of 25 feet.

Buffalo River Erosion - The District has committed \$25,000 for an erosion control project on the Buffalo River. A BWSR Special Project grant application has been applied for through the Clay County SWCD. This demonstration project will consist of rock riprap, multi-block (made from used tires), willow posts, and grass seeding. A written agreement is being reviewed which will clarify the responsibilities of the agencies and landowners involved with regards to construction, operation and financing.

After discussion on the billing submitted by TIC for the joint tour in Morden Manitoba, a motion was made by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson, and approved to pay the full amount of \$1,487.13 unless the North Dakota Joint Board specifically offers to pay \$400.00.

By motion of Manager Kuzel, seconded by Manager Ward, and approved the following bills were ordered to be paid:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Purchase CD-CSB Roseau	\$700,000.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Wire Fee	15.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Noon Meal at Fargo Airport	100.00
Barnstormer Restaurant	Meetings and Mileage	134.72
Roger Ward	Meetings and Mileage	47.82
Richard Kuzel	Meetings and Mileage	86.02
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	553.30
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage	73.67
Donald Ogaard	Meetings and Mileage	66.52
Curtis Nelson	Phone Bill	68.54
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	UNET Survey	1,862.92
Middle River-Snake WD	Project 82-Clearwater Non-Point Study	25,000.00
Red Lake Watershed District	GIS Land Use Training Workshop	3,000.00
The International Coalition	MN-ND Joint Summer Tour	1,487.13
The International Coalition First State Bank of Fertile	Purchase CD-FANB Crookston	1,200,000.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Wire Fee	15.00
Internal Revenue Service	Social Security and Medicare	462.24

The next meeting will be held on October 20, 1992, at 9:30 a.m., in Fertile, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren