

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 1993  
WESTWARD HO MOTEL, GRAND FORKS, ND

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, January 12, 1993, at 9:00 a.m. at the Westward Ho Motel, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Rudee Anderson	Roger Ward
Don Ogaard	, Gerhard Ross
Dan Wilkens	Curtis Nelson
Ron Osowski	

Others present were:

Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.  
Richard Kuzel, Middle River - Snake River W.D.  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.  
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Bruce Albright, Buffalo - Red River Watershed District  
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District  
Aubrey Thomas, Buffalo - Red River Watershed District  
Gene Ueland, Wild Rice Watershed District  
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering  
John Finney, Joe River Watershed District  
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering  
Jerome Potucek, Middle River - Snake River WSD

Minutes of the December 15, 1992 meeting were read and approved with minor changes.

The Treasurers report was approved as read.

Election of Officers:

Chairman - Manager Ward nominated Don Ogaard, Manager Ross moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Osowski, duly carried.

Vice-Chairman - Manager Nelson nominated Ron Osowski, Manager Wilkens moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Nelson, duly carried.

Secretary - Manager Ross nominated Harley Younggren, Manager Nelson moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Ward, duly carried.

Treasurer - Manager Anderson nominated Dan Wilkens, Manager Nelson moved to cease and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Ward, duly carried.

Don Ogaard reported that after January 1, 1994, he will no longer accept the chairman position.

T.I.C. Report - Steve Mikkleson

Steve reported that the "Leadership" training was successful, the outline on ethics was requested to be distributed, the EPPL 7 user group workshop is scheduled for next Thursday and Friday in Alexandria, and that the Agendas for the Special Focus meeting have been sent out to all WSD Managers.

Dan Thul Report

Dan reported that at the last Red River Water Resources Council Meeting a resolution was passed by the Council to Support the need for the Corps, of Engineers to provide for Local, Regional, and State Interests in the Environmental Assessment of Flood Control Impoundments in the Red River Valley.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has initiated the development of a Manual for Watershed Districts for Impoundment Proposals. The original Draft designed around the Winger Dam Issues and tried to include "all concerns". In a meeting with the involved State agencies it was tentatively agreed to pursue a joint manual including DNR, MPCA, and BWSR interests with Federal input also.

Corps, of Engineers

A letter has been received from the Corps, of Engineers advising the Board that they are "holding in abeyance all currently pending Department of the Army permit applications in the State of Minnesota for the construction of flood control projects within the Red River of the North Watershed." The letter states that "a comprehensive environmental assessment (EA) must be prepared to address the cumulative impacts of all inter-related projects." "An EIS will be required" if the Corps, finds that "permit actions for flood control projects will have significant impacts, individually or cumulatively, on the quality of the human environment."

By motion of Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Wilkens, Chairman Ogaard is to prepare and send out a letter to the Corps, of Engineers offering cooperation of the Board to move forward with outlining the process of the Environmental Assessment with local, Regional, and State involvement. The letter is to recognize the information to be developed will be valuable to the Board's cause and as such the Board is willing to cooperate and offer assistance.

It was agreed that the Executive Committee will act as a focus group towards this effort and involvement.

The March Manager's Conference was discussed. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Nelson and passed the Board decided to hold the March Conference. It was agreed to have the executive Committee develop Conference Agenda and details.

The Middle River - Snake River WSD requested the Board's future consideration on a request they received from the City of Alvarado for cost share funding for local responsibility on the Corps. Flood levee. More detailed information will be presented in February.

Stream gage billing from the USGS for reading of gages from October, 1991 through September, 1992 has been received. Dan Thul will provide letters to the participating Watershed Districts informing them of their obligations under this contract and requesting payment.

The following bills were approved for payment:

ITEM

	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Roger Ward	Meetings & Mileage	\$ 84.68
Rudee Anderson	Meetings & Mileage	93.48
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage	55.81
Gerhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	61.58
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	535.66
Donald Ogaard	Meetings & Mileage	273.25
Curtis Nelson	Meetings & Mileage	69.83
Garden Valley Tele. Co.	Phone Bill	65.13
Dept. of Interior - USGS	Operation of 9 Stream Gaging Station	29,160.00
The International Coalition	Information Package - 1st Quart, payment	10,000.00
Internal Revenue Service	Social Security and Medicare	355.74
Northland Inn	January Managers Conf.	706.53

The next meeting is scheduled for the 16th of February at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District office in Ada, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren