

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 1993
WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, August 17, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District office, Ada, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Farrell Erickson
John Finney	Richard Kuzel
Dan Wilkens	Harley Younggren
Gerhard Ross	

Others present were:

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

Minutes of the July 13, 1993 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Finney, carried.

The Treasurers report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Younggren, seconded by Manager Ross, carried.

Dan Thul reported that members of the EA scoping committee representing the DNR were in the Regional office discussing and updating Regional personnel on the EA process. The Red River Water Resources Council has published a booklet entitled "A River Runs North". The Council is putting together a position statement on the EA process. Dai is participating on the Hydrology/Hydraulics work group working on the Environmental Assessment.

District Reports

Wild Rice Watershed District

Had major flooding in the eastern part of the watershed district. In the southern region everything worked well. Ten thousand acres of crop was lost along the main stem of the Wild Rice River.

Red Lake Watershed District

The easements have been completed for our Project No. 84, Red Lake River Riprap - Cemetery Site, St. Hilaire.

The District received requests for three petitions to establish new legal ditches within the Red Lake Watershed District.

They have been working with the township associations and chairmen of the counties to assess the cost of beaver damages and beaver control within our watershed district. They are trying to develop a process to reduce the beaver damages and costs to local units of government.

They received funding of \$10,000 from the L.B. Hartz Foundation on a riprap project below the dam. No. 97, Red Lake River East Bank Project.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Have escaped serious flooding in the district. Submitted request for RRWMB, cost share, for diking at Alvarado (\$4,250).

Roseau River Watershed District

Held the hearing on the Agricultural dike rules and it went well. Will apply for permits on the Norland Project this fall.

Joe River Watershed District

The project has functioned very well during the high water this summer. Received 12-14 inches of rain.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Greg Anderson is working on the Wetland Drainage Project which will attempt to identify restorable Wetlands. Doug Thomas from BWSR is scheduled to come up and incorporate EPPL 7 program to the Project.

Two River Watershed District

Nereson is still very wet.

Flooding in the district was the most serious in eastern portion and moderate along the three branches and the Red River.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

Construction has been delayed on ditch No. 65 approximately one month due to flooding on this 8-mile long ditch improvement just north of Moorhead.

Construction was over 90% complete prior to flooding on the Buffalo River Erosion demonstration project for river bank protection. The flooding has delayed project completion. The project at this time appears to be intact, however, it is too early to tell due to the high water.

Approximately 5 to 8 inches of rain fell on the main branch of the Buffalo River on July 16. This was followed by about 4 to 5 inches on July 25. There were numerous road washouts, extensive crop damage and severe erosion. The District

is expecting several petitions for ditch improvements. The Buffalo River broke out its banks near Glyndon and caused some residential flooding. A meeting will be held tomorrow with agencies and residents to rectify this problem.

Stinking Lake Detention rose about ten feet and filled to its full gated capacity. The project captured about 3.5 inches of runoff.

The International Coalition Progress Report

The annual conference will be held in Winnipeg, Canada on November 17-19, 1993.

A motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Wilkens to provide transportation to and from the Twin Cities for environmental groups to take a tour similar to the Corps, of Engineers tour, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Kuzel the following bills were ordered paid.

NAME	ITEM	AMOUNT
Lana Jo's	Noon Meal at Ada	90.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	112.18
Farrel Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	119.88
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	167.34
Richard Kuzel	Meetings and Mileage	53.06
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	460.87
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	843.95
Donald Ogaard	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	2,605.14
HDR	EA invoice #164-07017	41,360.26
Loyd Gilbert and Assoc.	EA invoice #02015	4,234.93
Evergreen Eating Emporium	EA tour 55 box lunches at Agassiz Refuge	343.75
Town House EGF	EA meeting room	21.20
Red River Trails	EA Tour Bus	1,498.90
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	200.91
Middle River Snake River WD	Cost Share of Alvarado Dike	4,250.00
Middle River Snake River WD	Expenses for June 28-29 scoping meeting for Ron Osowski	292.37

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District office at Warren, Minnesota.

The Roseau River Watershed District would like to have the October meeting held at their office.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren