

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 1993
MIDDLE RIVER - SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, WARREN, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, September 21, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District office. Warren, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Don Ogaard	Farrell Erickson
John Finney	Curtis Nelson
Dan Wilkens	Harley Younggren
Gerhard Ross	Ron Osowski

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Mark Deutschman, HDR Engineering
Cmar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers Watershed District
Verner Arveson, Red Lake Watershed District
Brent Johnson, Engineer, Red Lake Watershed District
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C.
Jerome Potucek, Middle River - Snake River Watershed District
Jeff LeDoux - Engineer, Houston Engineering

Minutes of the August 17, 1993 meeting were read and approved. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Finney, carried.

The Treasurers report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Erickson, carried.

Mark Deutschman, H.D.R. Engineering, E.A. progress report.

A steering committee was formed to establish policy and to direct the development of the Environmental Assessment. The Committee set up five work groups, with the Chairman of each group making up the task force. The work groups will prepare the technical papers for the Assessment. The Task Force will review technical papers.

C.O.E. will hold public hearings in Moorhead on October 4, 1993 and at Thief River Falls on October 5, 1993. He urged good attendance at the hearings.

The scoping document will be prepared after the hearings specifically identifying the issues to be addressed in the assessment.

Bob Whiting, C.O.E. would like 1992 annual reports from each district for his information.

- Final "approved" document scheduled for December, 1995.

Dan Thul reported that unauthorized agricultural diking occurred along the Red River during the summer floods. The diking is in Violation of the Interstate compact and State regulations. Two restoration orders and two requests for permits will be set out as a result. Dan also reported that he is a member of the Hydrology/Hydraulics Work group working on the Environmental Assessment. The group has met twice and has a strong chairman - Barry Butterfield.

District Reports

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

Rainfalls have delayed the Clay County Ditch No. 65 project approximately one month.

Engineer's are analyzing the downstream impacts of Deerhorn Creek Detention project.

Prior to flooding the construction on the Buffalo River Erosion project was 90% completed. Since the flooding about 90% of the willow plantings and grass seeding have drowned resulting in a need to reseed and replant. Bank erosion was minimal. ,

Overall 10 year plan outline was approved by BWSR. A draft plan is being written. Watershed maps have been received from TIC.

1993 Flood damages are minor in Clay and Wilkin Counties and moderate in Becker County. There has been an increase in permits for private agricultural drainage

Red Lake Watershed District

Work continues on Good Lake Project No. 67.

City of Thief River Falls will be receiving their permit on the drawdown of the Thief River Dam.

In the process of doing an Engineer's Report on bank stabilization on both Red Lake and Red River banks. This is a cooperative effort with City of East Grand Forks.

Two River Watershed District

Nereson is still wet.

Roseau River Watershed District

Would like to host the October 19, 1993 RRWMB meeting, then review the Norland Project and perhaps other points of interest in the district.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Have received petitions for outlet improvements.

Have beaver dam problems - \$3,000 spent this summer.

Joe River Watershed District

Fall ditch cleaning is on hold because of wetness.

Wild Rice Watershed District

Corp. of Engineers Public Law #84 - 99 addressing disaster sites along the Wild Rice River.

Erosion - major problem

Sedimentation - another problem

With the benefits of projects completed, there was minimum flood damage in the Felton, Borup area.

The International Coalition Progress Report

The boundaries of six Watershed Districts have been completed. Hope to have the other three Watershed District boundaries completed in two weeks.

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Wilkens to take out a full page ad on the annual T.I.C. conference program at Winnipeg, duly carried.

Policy Committee

The committee is developing a policy outline and discussed the idea of having a professional writer to write the policy manual.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson to consider proposals for consultant to write the policy manual, duly carried.

Executive Director Position

The position would be filled on a contract basis and would have the following responsibilities:

Carry out direction of the Board,

Maintain an office,

Prepare agendas,

Function with the districts by meeting with each district every other month

Follow through with the Environmental Assessment process.

Will write up job description for our next meeting. Suggested \$24,000.00 annual contract amount plus mileage and expenses.

On motion by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Erickson to create a chief administrator position as of January 1, 1994, carried by a vote of seven for a one against.

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	EA room reservations	\$ 25.00
Northwest Technical College		
Renee's Catering	EA tour meal	85.00
Best Western	EA tour meal	70.00
Town Square	EA tour meal	60.00
T-Bird	EA tour	100.00
Town Square	Noon Meal	125.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	76.43
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	90.73
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	122.75
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	120.40
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	463.53
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	1,042.72
Donald Ogaard	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	1,143.29
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	146.25
Lindquist and Vennum	EA Invoice #97369	18,181.10
Loyd Gilbert	EA Invoice #02018	4,084.31
HDR	EA Invoice #164-07137	41,196.45
Red River Trails Inc.	EA Tour Bus	810.00
Holiday Inn	EA Tour-Meeting Room	70.00
Inacom Gonnputer Center	Computer Equipment	8,443.31
Smith Office Equip. Inc.	Computer Equipment	1,841.06
Middle River Snake River	Ron Adrian - Policy Committee	295.56
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone Bill	152.98
Mac's Cafe	2 Noon meals for Policy Committee	45.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc. Sec. and Medicare	1,332.42

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Roseau River Watershed District office at Roseau, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren