

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 1993  
FERTILE, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on November 16, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Chairman Don Ogaard called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.  
Sanford Moen - Wild Rice Watershed District  
Rick St. Germain - Houston Engineering  
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District  
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.

Minutes of the September 21, 1993 meeting were read and approved. Motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Osowski to accept minutes as read. Carried.

The Treasurers report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Ross to accept Treasurer's report. Carried.

Manager Ross reported that the Policy Committee had met on October 20, 1993 and had talked to Dr. Youngquist and Dr. Woodbury about writing Policy Plan. Dr. Youngquist declined, so they asked Dr. Woodbury to attend the November 16, 1993 meeting. Dr. Woodbury attended the meeting and said that he could have a first draft available at the January Board meeting. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson to authorize Dr. Larry Woodbury as the Plan Writer, duly carried.

Royal Jaros, representative from I.D.S., gave an investment analysis to the Board. The report was well received, but questions about legality and how it would be received by our auditor came up. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Osowski to pursue a legal opinion from Lindquist & Vennum, duly carried.

Dan Thul reported that State and Federal agencies had pooled together to address Flood damage mitigation and disaster assistance grant requests. All requests were divided up and reviewed by four committees. The committee for Mitigation and Flood Control has prioritized acquisition and relocation projects.

Dan will attend Hydrology and Hydraulics work group tomorrow in Grand Forks and will be a panel presenter at the T.I.C. conference in Winnipeg on Thursday and Friday.

### District Reports

#### Wild Rice Watershed District

The chairman stepped down and Vice President Osowski chaired the meeting. Project #11 was presented for Step II approval. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Don Ogaard to accept Project #11 for Step II approval, duly carried.

#### Sand Hill Watershed District

Working with Riprap on Sand Hill River.

Roland Gullekson plans to retire from the Watershed Board in 1994. A replacement on the M.A.W.D. Board will be needed.

Working on overall plan. Buffalo-Red

#### River Watershed District

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

The BRRWD held two meetings with landowners and agencies this Fall to discuss the damage and possible solutions to two breakout sites on the Buffalo River. These breakouts ran cross country through ag land and a residential development causing severe erosion, crop damage, road damage and personal property losses. Following the meetings, the dikes were rebuilt to their historical level and reinforced with rock riprap. The dikes will be vegetated in the spring.

An aerial survey has revealed that 30-40 relatively large log jams exist from the outlet of the Buffalo River to Hawley, MN. The BRRWD has applied to the Soil Conservation Service for federal assistance under the Emergency Watershed Protection program to perform clearing and snagging on this reach of the river.

#### Red Lake Watershed District

The Board continues to assist in the organization of a sound beaver control system among local units of government, with assistance from the state. The meetings that have been held have been very interesting and productive.

The Board received and are working on one ditch improvement petition and two petitions to establish former SCS group ditches as legal ditches.

Most of the streambank, riprap, cost-sharing funds are being carried over until next year due to high water levels in our watershed district.

#### Roseau River Watershed District

Will be holding public meetings on the Norland Project.

Beaver problems.

#### Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Repairs have been completed on ditch systems and a petition for improvement has been received for County Ditch #39.

They have a beaver bounty in the Middle River - Snake River Watershed District of \$35.00 each. Lowell Enerson, Administrator of the Red Lake Watershed District said that they have been holding meetings on the problem of beaver control. They are working with six counties now with bounties running from \$15.00 to \$35.00 per beaver. They are suggesting a \$40.00 bounty and would like to have a statewide policy.

#### H.D.R. Report

The Public Information/Communications plan by Susan Gilbert was discussed. The Board would like an outline on what she plans to do. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Osowski for Susan Gilbert to provide an estimate of the additional items not being provided for now in her proposal. Duly carried.

The Independent Contractor's Service Agreement with Don Ogaard as Executive Director will start on January 1, 1994.

Don Ogaard will be off the BWSR Board on January 1, 1994. Gerhard Ross and Dan Wilkens said that they would accept appointments to the BWSR Board. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Erickson for the RRWMB to send a letter to the Governor that we need more Northwestern Minnesota representation and have two very capable persons willing to serve on the BWSR Board. Duly carried.

The need of a G.I.S. coordinator was discussed. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Osowski to authorize the chairman and one other to be appointed to appraise needs and if deemed feasible hire a G.I.S. coordinator on a two month trial basis, duly carried.

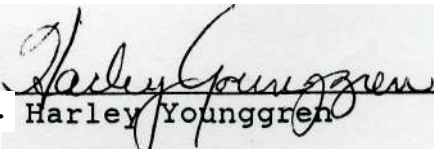
The RRWMB will host the joint meeting of the RRWMB and the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board in East Grand Forks on January 12, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. Suggested program was E.A. update, Good Lake Project and the English Coulee Diversion.

Bills submitted for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Mac <sup>1</sup> s Cafe	Noon Meal	81.00
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	102.83
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	160.85
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	92.93
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	152.10
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	413.40
Donald Ogaard	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	1,133.72
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	136.90
Loyd Gilbert	EA invoice #02022	2,507.71
Lindquist and Venum	EA invoice #99432	3,353.15
HDR	EA invoice #164-07365	51,094.70
Garden Valley Tele. Co.	Phone Bill	76.95

The next meeting will be held at the Wild Rice Watershed District office on December 21, 1993 at 9:30 a.m. in Ada, Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

  
E. Harley Younggren