

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 1993
ADA, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, December 21, 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:

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

Others present were:

Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Karla Parkinson, T.I.C.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Sanford Moen, Wild Rice Watershed District
Roland Gullekson, Sand Hill Watershed District
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Richard Kuzel, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Joe Spaeth, Wild Rice Watershed District
Warren Seykora, Wild Rice Watershed District
Robert Wright, Wild Rice Watershed District
James Wagner, Wild Rice Watershed District
George Gilbertson, Wild Rice Watershed District
Henry Lundberg, Jr., Wild Rice Watershed District
Mark Larson, Edward Jones Co.
Royal Jaros, I.D.S. Financial Services
Steve Yockey, I.D.S. Financial Services

Minutes of the November 16, 1993 meeting were read and approved.
Motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Wilkens, carried.

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

On motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Osowski to review and pay bills, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Nelson to contact the State Auditor to see if a five year audit is required, if so get three proposals from qualified watershed auditors and have it done, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Ross to send Manager Wilkens to C.T.A.S. training at Brainerd on December 29, 1993, duly carried.

District Reports

Red Lake Watershed District

Activities of the Red Lake Watershed District during the past month have mainly been working on a petition to improve a ditch system and petitions to establish former SCS ditches as legal ditch systems.

They had their mid-term audit by MPCA staff on their Clearwater Nonpoint Study.

They opened bids for the inlet ditch on the Good Lake Project. They are now in the process of awarding the jobs to the two lowest bidders.

They would like to invite the RRWMB to hold their February 15, 1994 meeting at the Garden Valley video conference center at Erskine. They will provide us with a demonstration on the video conference and we are free to remain there the entire day to conduct your meeting.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District

Angus Oslo #4 is progressing - no permits needed from the Corps.

Bank stabilization for the City of Warren is underway - State DNR cost share dollars have been appropriated.

Roseau River Co. Watershed District

Public meetings on Norland requested by Commissioners, went over very well.

Joe River Watershed District

"Quiet as usual".

Sand Hill Watershed District

They are sharing a Beaver bounty with three townships and would like to come up with some kind of Coop, agreement.

They are requesting funding for a winter shows booth for the Environmental Learning Center that is agricultural oriented from Watersheds, S.C.S, EPA, beet or grain growers, chemical companies or whoever is interested. On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Wilkens to grant \$1,500.00 from the RRWMB for the booth, duly carried.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

Construction is nearly complete on the Clay County Ditch No. 65 ditch improvement just north of Moorhead. Some minor grading, seeding and clean-up will be completed this Spring.

An improvement petition was filed by landowners for improvement of Clay County Ditch No. 2. The field work was completed and is being drafted for the preliminary plans.

A meeting with the township and county is planned for early January on the Deerhorn Creek Detention.

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 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. The BRRWD was awarded approximately \$150,000 for this work.

Two Rivers Watershed District

Are renewing a joint Powers Agreement on the Nereson Project between the State of Minnesota, RRWMB, Two Rivers Watershed District and Roseau County.

Are cleaning and snagging on parts of the Two River.

Wild Rice Watershed District

Are looking into assisting land owners along river to move structures from the floodplain. FDR Grant with State DNR has been approved. Jerry Bennett is the new administrator.

The International Coalition Report

Karla Parkinson of T.I.C. presented the Red River Basin information package for renewal.

Red River Messenger -	\$2,400.00 X 12 months =	\$28,800.00
Media Utilization -	\$ 600,00 x 12 months =	\$ 7,000.00
Administrative Overhead		\$ 4,000.00
		\$40,000.00

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Erickson to accept the T.I.C. Information Package with an E.A. update from Susan Gilbert to be included and to be reviewed after each quarter, duly carried.

Mark Larsen from Grand Forks representing Edward D. Jones and Co. presented their investment opportunities to the Board.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Ross to authorize signing of the Executive Director Contract with Don Ogaard, duly carried.

On motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Nelson to leave the bonds on each member at \$1,000.00 and to change the Treasurers bond from \$200,000.00 to \$100,000.00 on the Treasurer and \$100,000.00 on the Chairman, being they both have to sign the checks, duly carried.

The annual joint ND/MN winter meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn in East Grand Forks on January 12, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. Topics on the agenda will be a speaker from the Geologic Water Survey, giving a report on the National Water Quality Basin Study.

Proposals for public relations and further work on the G.I.S. were received from Marilyn Englund and Houston Engineering. On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Wilkens to accept Houston Engineerings proposal for G.I.S. and bulletin board services, with the process to be reviewed after six months, duly carried.

Royal Jaros and Steve Yockey of I.D.S. Financial services presented their vehicle for investment, the I.D.S. Federal Income Fund. Others have asked to make presentations, but the question arises as to their capability to handle our type of funds. Don Ogaard and Dan Wilkens were asked to prepare a letter explaining the requirements needed to handle the funds and after the various institutions review the letter, see if they are still interested. If so we will meet at the Comfort Inn in East Grand Forks the day before the joint meeting on January 11, 1994 at 10:00 a.m.

A draft outline for the March Conference was passed out and reviewed.

Dan Thul updated the Board on his activities with the Hydrology/Hydraulics work group. A map of the dams located in the Minnesota Portion of the valley was passed out. A lively discussion on the Environmental Assessment process followed. Manager Ross passed out minutes from the Policy Committee meeting held on December 9, 1993. The Committee has made revisions to the Policy Manual and is preparing to distribute a draft at the January regular meeting.

Bills submitted for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Bob's Cafe	Noon Meal in Ada	145.00
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	112.18
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	117.68
Harley Younggren	Meetings, Mileage and Misc.	170.68
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	92.93
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	130.85
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings, Mileage and Misc.	538.95
Donald Ogaard	Meetings, Mileage and Misc.	1,006.01
Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage	141.03
MRSR WD	Policy Comm. Meeting-Ron Adrian	296.10
T.I.C.	Data Transfer-Marilyn Englund	550.00
A Touch of Magic	MN/ND Joint Con. Deposit	174.96
State of Minnesota	Dan Thul Contract	10,050.00
Dept. of Interior-USGS	Stream Gaging Contract	30,130.00
Garden Valley Tele. Co.	Phone Bill	131.12
Lloyd Gilbert Assoc.	EA Invoice #02024	3,749.46
Lindquist and Vennum	EA Invoice #100947	4,118.55
HDR	EA Invoice #164-07474	75,176.96

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Comfort Inn in East Grand Forks, Minnesota.

Upon motion by Manager Osowski, seconded by Manager Nelson and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Harley Younggren, Secretary