

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
JULY 19, 1994
FIRST AMERICAN BANK, WARREN, MINNESOTA

The Red River Watershed Management Board met on Tuesday, July 19, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. at the First American Bank, Warren, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Dan Wilkens	Sanford Moen
John Finney	Gerhard Ross
Curtis Nelson	Ron Osowski
Farrell Erickson	Harley Younggren
Ralph Christensen	

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois De Sioux WSD
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River WSD
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Julie Goehring, The International Coalition
Steve Mikklesen, The International Coalition
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Kim Hockstedler, L.W.C.P. Marshall County

Minutes of the June 21, 1994 meeting were read and approved. Motion by Manager Finney, seconded by Manager Ross, carried.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Erickson to change the cut off date on the Treasurer report to the end of each month, duly carried.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc.Sec. and Medicare Deposit	140.68
Town Square	Noon Meal	12 0.06
John Finney	Meetings and Mileage	78.66
Farrell Erickson	Meetings and Mileage	89.10
Harley Younggren	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	143.38
Ron Osowski	Meetings and Mileage	128.31
Gerhard Ross	Meetings and Mileage	124.25
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	297.22
Sanford Moen	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	89.10

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(bills continued)

Curtis Nelson	Meetings and Mileage and Misc.	69.09
Ralph Christensen	Meetings and Mileage	153.48
Don Ogaard	E. D. Services and Misc.	2,621.83
Mascom Inc.	Fax	16.00
State of Minn.	Dan Thul contract	10,500.00
Triangle Transportation Co.In	Bus Tour with North Dakota	510.72
Houston Engineering	Policy Manua^l	11,179.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Phone bill	73.18
Loyd Gilbert	EA Invoice #02043	1,230.25
Red Lake WD	Good Lake Proj.#67 Pay Req.#5	174,972.30
Red Lake WD	Policy Manual	1,526.03

On motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Moen to pay per diem and expenses for regular meetings and special meetings or functions authorized by the Board, duly carried.

A discussion was held on the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project in the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District as to the amount of financial assistance the RRWMB should provide.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson that the RRWMB would be receptive to a request from the BRRWD for financial assistance on the Deerhorn Creek Flood Control Project not to exceed 20% of the total cost, duly carried.

District Reports

Joe River WD

Wet - waiting for something to happen.

Middle River - Snake River WD

The Tabor area has been hit hard with rain, hail and wind. They are* meeting on Watershed Ditch #5 today.

Sand Hill WD

Have not finished rip rap yet due to high water.

The Environmental Resource Group will tour the Sand Hill area on August 13th and 14th.

Buffalo Red WD

Hamden Slough National Wildlife Refuge - A hearing was held on June 29, 1994 at which the majority of the audience was against the project (constructing a series of six wetland restorations on Becker County Ditch No. 15). The Engineer's Report concluded that flows immediately downstream from the project will be reduced and flood volumes will be increased as a result of the project.

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Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project - An informational meeting was held on July 14, 1994. The project consists of building dikes along nine miles of a protected watercourse in northern Wilken County. No opposition was voiced at the meeting.

Roseau River WD

Agricultural diked storage - two Watershed District permits were issued for field dikes under new rules. Gates not yet installed because of the Corps abeyance.

Bois de Sioux WD (investigate)

Starting to acquire land for detention areas. Having trouble with P.C.A. on Lake Traverse.

Wild Rice WSD

USACE PL84-99 Levee Rehabilitation Project - A contract to repair damaged levees on the Wild Rice River has been awarded.

Wetland Banking Program - A field review of four potential wetland restoration sites in Norman Co. has been completed. The Technical Evaluation Panel will be giving comments and estimates on potential banking credits.

Red Lake WSD

Completed meetings with townships in six county area and began beaver control program July 1.

Interest has intensified for impoundments and drainage projects due to excessive rain.

Submitting payment request for Good Lake. Also submitting a pay request for staff time to assist with preparation of the Policy Manual.

Administrative Law Judge hearing for Maple Lake is August 23, 1994.

Two Rivers WSD

Ditch #8 - In June the District began cleaning the first two and 1/2 miles going west of U.S. Highway #59.

Nereson - site is still wet but is drying. MNDNR applied for a Corps' permit extension. Decision should be in August.

Dan Thul Report

Dan gave a brief summary of the final tour by the Hydrology and Hydraulic Work Group.

Lindquest-Vennum Report

A letter to Don Ogaard from Mary McConnell was passed out. She met with the COE and Mark Deutschman on July 8 to discuss board projects which do not need permits or are eligible for a nationwide permit.

The COE looks at the following factors favorably;

1. Only a small amount of wetland is impacted
2. The wetland impacted is already degraded
3. A small amount of inundation (one to two feet) in a seasonally flooded basin
4. Maximum 3 0-day inundation
5. Majority of inundation is in the spring
6. Inundation does not overtop the wetland plants

The key question that will arise in the next several weeks will focus primarily on how the alternatives are analyzed and whether they are analyzed to the same degree as the proposed projects.

HDR Report

A letter to Don Ogaard from Mark Deutschman was passed out. Mark reported that Mr. Gary Nelson of the COE continues to have bi-weekly "co-chair" meetings. The work groups are estimated to be two months behind schedule except for the Hydrology and Hydraulics group. The final scoping document has yet to be issued. Based on discussions with the COE, the following projects are most likely to be allowed to go forward immediately:

Project Name	Reason
Angus-Oslo No. 4	Nationwide Permit
Snake River No. 2	Nationwide Permit
March Impoundment	Probable Nationwide Permit
Agricultural Diked Storage I, II	No permit
Ogaard Wildlife	Nationwide Permit
Parnell	Possible Nationwide (move north dike)
Polonia	Paul Richert to review
Norland	Frequency Curves Submitted - Paul Richert to review
Marsh Creek No. 8	Frequency Curves Needed - Paul Richert to review

The following is a summary of project costs. These costs include HDR labor and expenses and watershed district or subconsultant expenses invoiced to date. Services are being provided on a per diem basis.

Consultant/Watershed District	Labor + Expenses(\$)
HDR Engineering	375,347.22
Middle-River-Snake River	29,180.84
JOR Engineering	36,171.14
Houston Engineering	25,079.00
Widseth, Smith, Nolting	29,328.31
Red Lake Watershed District	23,715.06
Watts and Associates	87,768.65
Total	<u>606,590.22</u>

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson for the RRWMB to financially support local Watershed Districts or a combination of Watershed Districts if they choose to challenge a permit determination made by the COE. . . . ; j 7

The levy for 1995 was discussed. On motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Ross to set the 1995 levy at 75% of the allowable maximum set by law. Carried by a vote of seven for and two against. The allowable maximum is .0004836.

It was noted that the summer tour was enjoyed by all of those attending.

The 1995 March Conference was set in March 16-17, 1995 at the Best Western. Thief River Falls, Minnesota, with a Board meeting set at 9:00 a.m. on March 16, 1995. The format committee consists of John Finney, Brian Dwight, Ron Osowski and Sanford Moen.

The International Coalition Report

Steve Mikklesen reported that Paul Sumala is the Interim Executive Director.

On motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Nelson to support Robert Wright from the Wild Rice WSD for the MAWD position vacated by Roland Gullekson, duly carried.

The 1993 annual reports were distributed.

The next meeting will be held on August 16, 1994 at 9:30 A.M. at the Sand Hill Watershed District office, Fertile, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren