

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 1994
SAND HILL WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, FERTILE, MINNESOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, December 20, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sand Hill Watershed District Office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River W. D.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Rick St. Germain, Houston Engineering
Steve Mikkelson, T.I.C.
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
Robert Wright, Wild Rice Watershed District

Minutes of the November 15, 1994 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Finney, 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 review and pay bills, carried.

Billings paid:

Name	Item	
First State Bank- Fertile	Soc Sec & Med Deposit	
John Finney	Meetings & Mileage	115.78
Farrell Erickson	Meetings & Mileage	105.92
Harley Younggren	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	182.21
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	277.13
Gerhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	60.68
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	283.33
Sanford Moen	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	131.37

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Curtis Nelson	Meetings & Mileage	80.98
Loyd-Gilbert Associates	E.A. Invoice #002051	2,964.16
Lindquist and Vennum	E.A. Invoice #113690-0327	1,828.34
H D R Engineering	E.A. Invoice #164-08812	12,644.92
JOR Engineering	Wetland Restoration Comm.	1,138.34
The International Coalition State of Minnesota	Conference Registration	12.00
Garden Valley Telephone Co.	Dan Thul Contract	10,500.00
Freshwater Foundation	Phone bill	57.28
ICS Agency Inc.	Nat't. Water Policy Proj.	5,000.00
U.S. Link	Public Officials Bond	750.00
Red Lake Watershed District	Long Distance	2.58
	Clearwater Non-point Study	5,151.50

On motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Moen to pay \$5,000.00 to the Fresh Water Foundation as previously pledged, duly carried.

District Reports - Watershed reports were given to the Board. Following are some of the highlights directly related to the Board's involvement.

Two Rivers Watershed District

A landowner met with the Board to discuss flooding problems and possible future alternatives along Lateral 1, State Ditch No. 95. (The Juneberry Project was designed to eliminate these problems). Ditch improvement, diking, and impoundment options were discussed.

Permit renewal for the Nereson Sub-impoundment held up by the Corps, of Engineers - if not renewed, will have to terminate contract for work.

Sand Hill Watershed District

Conducted a tour of Sand Hill Projects. Toured the proposed Maple Creek, Ditch 9 and 6 project which extends from a few miles NW of Fertile to Climax. At Climax the group looked at the Golf Course sloughing of the banks by the club house and looked at the cities bike path that involved two river crossings that were installed with too small culverts in the Texas crossings. Continued to the proposed drainage project west of Beltrami and looked at the Flood water diversion project that is being proposed which involves diverting the

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water east of the town by the sub-station south and then west into the Sand Hill River.

Roseau River Watershed District -

The Roseau River Wildlife Management Area project had flood control benefits built into its last modification. MnDNR's manager met with the board in December as required by the operating plan (as he does every year). The excellent existing working relationship speaks for the desirability of joint projects with MnDNR.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

The Preliminary Engineer's Report for the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flood Control Project was filed with the District on December 12, 1994. The project consists of 6.5 mile levee system along a DNR protected watercourse and a 2.5 mile ditch improvement. Total estimated costs are \$1.1 million.

Wild Rice Watershed District

A number of concerns were expressed by landowners along the Marsh River at an informational meeting held by the Board on December 9, 1994, to discuss a U.S.A.C.E. proposal to study the feasibility of restoring the historic flow diversion on the Marsh River. A decision on whether or not to proceed with the study is anticipated to be made by the Board at its January regular meeting.

The Board reported that options have been acquired to purchase 80 acres for Wetland Banking at a rate of \$500 per acre. Surveys were authorized to determine the potential for banking credits.

Middle River-Snake River Watershed District

The Board is still awaiting a written response from the ASC concerning the effect the construction of Angus Oslo Site #4 will have on the lands in CRP program. In December 1994, the Board plans to initiate this project by resolution.

Red Lake Watershed District

Have received approval for Phase I of our Clearwater Nonpoint Study and have submitted our grant application for Phase II. Have oral interview

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today, December 20, with the MN Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul.

Have some minor work items on our Good Lake, which we will be working on completing throughout the winter.

Bois De Sioux Watershed District

The Tintah Slough Impoundment Study is almost complete. Charlie Anderson is printing the final copy. Final pay request was held up due to that final writing phase and billing. Copies will be available in the near future.

Joe River Watershed District

Meeting with municipality of Franklin to see if together they can control beavers. Having problems with water in yards along the border.

Chairman Osowski reported that the Joint Powers Study Group will meet on December 21, 1994 at Grand Forks. The purpose of the meeting is to review the North Dakota State Water Commission's reconnaissance level study of Agricultural dikes to provide 25 year protection.

Dan Thul Report

Dan reported that the Hydrology and Hydraulics work group are looking at providing a flow chart/Risk Analysis that would "raise red flags" and define data needs to review proposed projects. Dan reported he is still waiting to hear from the U.S. Geological Survey on costs to restore gage stations dropped in the Roseau River Watershed District.

Don Ogaard. Executive Director Report

Don reported on "Area 2" activities. They are a similar Board in the Southern part of Minnesota formed under a Joint Powers Agreement between 10 counties. They are doing their first environmental review of a floodwater retention project. All previous projects were completed under a nationwide permit No. 26 since they were SCS designed road dams.

A letter from legal council Mary McConnell was reviewed.

A letter form Mark Deutschman updating the EIS status was reviewed. Mark reported that: The COE is continuing to move toward the goal of completing a draft EIS for internal circulation and review sometime during January 1995.

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Don Buckout of the MNDNR is now coordinating the effort. There is still a delay because of the lack of land use data. There has been no resolution of this problem after repeated attempts on the part of Rick St. Germain. There has been no movement of COE permits. Paul Richert described the status of decisions as follows:

Norland - Concern about the dam height and a wetland in the eastern portion of the site. Considering appealing to SCS on prior converted determination.

Klondike I, Klondike II, Palonia - Prior converted determinations formally appealed to SCS.

Marsh Creek No. 6 - Review of data submitted by Houston Engineering unfinished. No date of completion set.

Marsh Creek No. 8 - Review of data submitted by Houston Engineering unfinished. No date of completion set.

March Impoundment - Needs design plan to ensure operation at frequency for 10 yr. event and greater.

Parnell - needs plan view showing new dike location.

Ogaard Wildlife - No progress on review.

There is yet to be discussion about how Tier II will work. It seems unlikely *thst discussion will* be soon, considering the work load at the COE and MnDNK to complete the draft EIS. Table showing invoiced totals to date:

<u>District/Consultant</u>	<u>Invoiced Totals</u> <u>___ to Date ___</u>
MRSR Watershed District	\$ 54,850
JOR Engineering	45,170
Houston Engineering	86,891
Widseth, Smith, Nolting	40,278
Red Lake Watershed District	32,193
Watts and Associates	108,933
HDR Engineering	466,601
Expenditures	834,917
Approved Contract Total	893,200

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Steve Mikkelson of the T.I.C. reported that the Red River Basin information package was up for renewal. On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Younggren to renew the contract at \$40,000.00 annually, duly carried.

Omar Rood of the Wetlands Committee reported on its progress. He has received comments from Charles Anderson and they are using the Wetlands Restoration Guide as a reference document. A motion was made by Manager Ross and Manager Erickson seconded the motion, to incorporate comments received into a final draft document and to send out to State and Federal agencies for review.

The Minnesota/North Dakota joint annual meeting will be held on January 11, 1994 at the Westward Ho Motel in Grand Forks, ND. The RRWMB meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the joint meeting will begin at noon.

After discussion, a motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Finney to hire Rebecca Comstock as our legal council, duly carried. Don Ogaard, our executive director will negotiate the contract.

Comments on the first Newsletter were favorable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren