

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 11, 1995
WESTWARD HO MOTEL, GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, January 11, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. at the Westward Ho Motel, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River W. D.
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers W. D.
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Kelman Kvien, Roseau River W. D.
Steve Mikkelson, T.I.C.
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.
Thomas Yutryenka, Middle River-Snake River W. D.
Jeff Le Doux, Houston Engineering

Minutes of the December 20, 1994 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Erickson, seconded by Manager Ross, carried.

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

On motion by Manager Moen, seconded by Manager Ross to review and pay bills, carried.

Billings paid:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services & Misc.	\$ 2,163.00
First State Bank of Fertile	Soc. Sec. & Med. Deposit	130.00
John Finney	Meetings & Mileage	97.22
Farrell Erickson	Meetings & Mileage	108.24
Harley Younggren	Meetings & Mileage & Misc.	169.30
Ron Osowski	Meetings & Mileage	135.85

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	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gerhard Ross	Meetings & Mileage	61.84
Daniel Wilkens	Meetings & Mileage	\$ 470.10
Sanford Moen	Meetings & Mileage	57.78
Curtis Nelson	Meetings & Mileage	109.98
Donald Ogaard	E.D. Services & Misc.	2,389.27
The International Coalition	Info. pack. First Payment	10,000.00
HDR	EA Invoice 164-08673	24,868.61
Lindquist and Vennum	EA Invoice 115806-0327	1,840.40
Loyd Gilbert	EA Invoice 02052	1,428.03
JOR Engineering	Wetland Restoration Comm.	591.32
Mac's Cafe	Noon Meal	102.00
Garden Valley Tele. Co.	Phone Bill	155.70

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

The Roseau River Watershed District reported they are disappointed with the Corps, of Engineer's position on the Norland Project. The Corps, of Engineers has refused to release this project from Abeyance.

The Buffalo - Red River Watershed District reported that a meeting has been scheduled for January 13, 1995, to review the Deerhorn Creek Basin Flooc Control Project with the Wilkin County Highway Engineer and the DNR Ares Hydrologist.

The Wild Rice Watershed District reported that since the informational] meeting held on December 9, 1994, the District has seen an increase ir citizen participation and involvement regarding the proposed restoration oi the Marsh River Diversion Study. A tour of the proposed study area waf conducted by the Board of Managers on December 28th. A decision on whether or not to proceed with the Corps, of Engineers Feasibility Study will] likely be made by the Board at their January regular meeting.

The Middle River - Snake River Watershed District reported that the} received a response from the ASC concerning the effect the construction oi ^_^ Angus Oslo Site #4 will have on the lands in CRP program. This response was in the form of a copy of a paragraph of the rules. This response didn't clarify the situation. In December the Board adopted a resolutior initiating this project. A hearing is scheduled for March 1995.

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The Red lake Watershed District reported that the Administrating, law Judge's decision on the Maple Lake Project has been appealed. The basis for the appeal is whether or not the Watershed District has the legal right to condemn State land for Projects other than legal ditches.

Don Ogaard. Executive Director Report

Rebecca Comstock is our new legal counsel.

Steve Eggers has been assigned permit and regulatory responsibility within the Corps, of Engineers.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Erickson to authorize Don Ogaard to send a letter to the C.O.E. on Klondike II, duly carried.

Steve Mikkleson, T.I.C. had current copies of their newsletter for distribution.

Election of Officers

Chairman - Manager Finney nominated Ron Osowski. Manager Moen moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Nelson, carried.

Vice Chairman - Manager Ross nominated John Finney. Manager Nelson moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Erickson, carried.

Secretary - Manager Finney nominated Harley Younggren. Manager Erickson moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Wilkens, carried.

Treasurer - Manager Moen nominated Dan Wilkens. Manager Nelson moved to cease nominations and to cast a unanimous vote, seconded by Manager Finney, carried.

The following items were approved and entered into the record on motion by Manager Wilkens and seconded by Manager Erickson.

Mileage will be at the maximum allowed by IRS^ Board members. Compensation will be at the rate of \$20.00 per hour up to the maximum allowed by state law. Our official depository will be the First State Bank of Fertile. The following institutions are approved investment depositories:

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N.W. State Bank of Hallock
First Bank Systems of Minneapolis
First National Bank of McIntosh
Northern State Bank of Gonvick
Red River Valley Shows Inc.
First State Bank of Fertile
State Bank of Fargo
Crookston National Bank
Karlstad State Bank
Farmers State Bank of Winger
Agassiz Federal Credit Union
Rural American Bank of Ada

Our Auditing Firm is Dahl, Hatton, Muir, and Reese
Our Engineering Firm is HDR
Our Legal Council is Rebecca Comstock of the firm of Dorsey and
Whitney.

Ron Osowski reported on a meeting he attended with the Joint Powers Group in Grand Forks in December. They would like support from the RRWMB to help pass legislation for \$500,000 to \$1,300,000 to fund the completion of their study from Grand Forks to the Canadian Border.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Finney to support the concept of requesting study funds for the reach from Grand Forks to the Canadian Border, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District office, Ada, Minnesota.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

After lunch a joint meeting with the North Dakota Joint Water Resources Board was held.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren