

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING
JUNE 5, 1995
WILKIN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BRECKENRIDGE, MINNESOTA

The R.R.W.M.B. met on Tuesday, June 5, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Community Room, Wilkin County Courthouse, Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

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Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
Julie Goehring, The International Coalition
Steve Mikkleson, The International Coalition
John Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux W. D.
Charles Anderson, Engineer, Widseth, Smith, & Nolting
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River - Snake River W.D.
Lowell Enerson, Administrator, Red Lake W.D.
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
Omar Rood, J.O.R. Engineering
Ray Bonn, M.A.W.D. Representative
Vernon Johnson, President, M.A.W.D.
David Fink, Red lake W.D.

Minutes of the April 18, 1995 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. Motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Moen, carried.

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

District Reports

Two Rivers - On inspection of the Klondike II Project, two culverts were found.

On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Moen and carried to support and send out to Member Districts a resolution for their review and adoption (in compliance with Section VII, subdivision 12 of the Joint Powers Agreement). The proposed member resolutions would authorize the RRWMB to expend funds to provide legal assistance to individual member district's legal consultant for the litigation of decisions of State of Minnesota and/or United States Government agencies relative to the permitting of projects that are being held in abeyance until the completion of the EIS.

Wild Rice Watershed District - Fish migration problems related to the Heiberg Dam was a topic of discussion with visitors from the MDNR, the Mahnomen and Norman County SWCD's, City of Twin Valley and other interested landowners that were in attendance at the Board's May regular meeting. Managers commented that at the time of construction, a mechanism for fish migration was suggested, but wasn't incorporated into the dam because of concerns by the DNR over the migration of rough-fish to upstream lakes. Representatives at the meeting noted that since that time the DNR's philosophy has changed. Managers expressed support for improving fish migration, but did note that

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the dam serves as an important ice control purpose and the District would not suggest removal of the structure. The DNR agreed to look into a possible design concept and potential funding sources to enhance the current structure for fish migration.

Three Managers were sworn in for new three year terms; Joe Spaeth of Mahanomen, Sanford Moen of Gary and newly appointed Manager, Nathan Redland of Halstad.

Roseau River Watershed District - Norland Project wetland restoration credits are being pursued. A meeting is scheduled with BWSR and COE.

Buffalo - Red Watershed District - following up on the numerous ditch projects this year. The District determined that an EIS was not necessary for the Deerhorn Creek Project.

Red Lake Watershed District - Successful in the legislative language on easements for all watershed district projects, which will be very helpful for all watershed projects in the state.

Received word that Governor Carlson vetoed our beaver funding, so following June 30, 1995, there will be no Beaver Damage Control Program.

Middle River - Snake River Watershed District - After considerable delay and statements by representatives of the Corps that the proposed low head dams in Warren were being held in abeyance, the District was notified that the proposed low head dams on the Snake River in Warren are covered under a nationwide permit. Depending on the availability of funding we expect to proceed with this project this summer.

The Board adopted a resolution to initiate the proposed March Impoundment as a project. A consulting firm was retained to prepare the Engineers Report. A hearing on this resolution is expected to be scheduled later this summer.

A hearing on the resolution to establish the Angus Oslo Site #4 as a project was held in March. The Board directed that the Engineers report be prepared. To expedite this project a Consultant was retained.

Sand Hill Watershed District - Helping to organize summer M.A.W.D. tour with Wild Rice W.D. and working on rip-rap project in the Sand Hill River.

Dan Thul Report - Dan passed out information sheets on controlling Beaver and on Red River Catfish fishery.

Don Ocraard Report - Don reported that he and Ron Osowski met with the COE and DNR in St. Paul and that the DNR suggested that the EIS Technical Reports be reviewed by "Peer" groups before finalization. The COE reluctantly support this action. The RRWMB will pick their representatives to this group and identified Mark Deutschman and Alex Klaus to represent them.

Steve Mikkelsen - T.I.C. Report - handed out a memo outlining a meeting scheduled for the 13, 1995 in Grand Forks of the International Red River Pollution Board.

Buffalo - Red River Watershed District

E.D.A. Projects in Moorhead, Dilworth and Hawley: Total cost \$3,613,390.00

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Proposed Project cost sharing:

E.D.A. Grant	\$2,582,400
RRWMB	206,195
Buffalo - Red River W.D.	206,195
L.G.A. (Cities)	<u>618,595</u>
	\$3,613,385

On motion by Manager Nelson, seconded by Manager Erickson for the RRWMB to participate in the Buffalo - Red River E.D.A. projects in the amount of \$206,195.00, duly carried.

Wild Rice Watershed District

Project #11, Site #6 - On motion by Manager Wilkens, seconded by Manager Moen to support whatever legal action necessary to move the project forward, duly carried.

Red lake Watershed District

Water Quality Program

Funding Requests	Request RRWMB
95-96 - 116,166	95 50,000
96-97 - 99,667	96 50,000
97-98 - 73,167	97 50,000
289,000	150,000

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Erickson to support the first year's (1995) request of \$50,000.00, duly carried.

Ray Bonn, M.A.W.D. Representative reported on the legislative session and the itinerary for the M.A.W.D. summer tour.

On motion by Manager Ross, seconded by Manager Nelson to raise per diem from \$50.00 to \$55.00 as recommended by the State, duly carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District office, Ada, Minnesota.

The RRWMB toured the proposed Tintah Slough Project in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren