

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 1996  
WILD RICE WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE, ADA, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, February 20, 1996 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada Minnesota

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director  
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Julie Goehring, T.I.C.  
Steve Mikkelson, T.I.C.  
Charles Anderson, Engineer, J.O.R. Engineering  
Robert Wright, Wild Rice WD  
Rick St. Germaine, Engineer, Houston Engineering  
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD

Minutes of the January 16, 1996 meeting were read and approved. **Motion** by Manager Erickson; **Seconded** by Manager Finney; **Carried**.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read. **Motion** by Manager Nelson; **Seconded** by Manager Moen; **Carried**.

A **Motion** by Manager Finney; **Seconded** by Manager Moen; to approve and pay bills, **Carried**.

**Motion** by Manager Moen; **Seconded** by Manager Erickson to send a letter of recommendation to the Governor for the re-appointment of Barbara Cobb to the BWSR board, **Carried**

### **District Reports**

The Wild Rice WD board reported that a meeting was held with agencies on February 12, 1996 to begin the process of setting goals and establishing first phase components for the Dahlen Coulee Case Study which will address natural watercourse maintenance. Another meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 22, 1996 to discuss procedural development for the study process.

The Red Lake WD board reported they are working with the MN Department of Natural Resources and the legislative body in the Governor's office for state funding for flood mitigation for the Parnell Impoundment Project #81. Also, the Beaver Damage Control Program funding is moving through the

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legislative process. They are working with the Governor's office to avoid another veto for this very valuable project.

The Sand Hill WD reported that at their January meeting they asked Houston Engineering to prepare a step one submittal for two projects in their district; the Beltrami flood control project and the Ogaard flood control project. The Beltrami flood control project consists of channel work to route water into the Sand Hill River before it can flood Beltrami. The Ogaard project is a dam on a drainage system that would hold back flood waters and have a wildlife pool.

Their administrative assistant started work Monday, February 19. The district will now have regular office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Lawrence Woodbury has been in contact with the COE on the Sand Hill Ditch. The project has some major problems with erosion especially in the upper reaches. The district has been trying to get the COE to look at some remedies but to no avail. Recently the banks have slid by the railroad bridge at Beltrami on highway #9. The COE has recently responded they would like to de-authorize the project. This would let the system go to nature.

The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the district is submitting a proposal to LCMR to model wetland seepage in the Hamden Slough area. Dr. Jim Richardson of North Dakota State University will be conducting the study.

They reported on the Step II proposal for the E.D. A. projects in Moorhead, Dilworth, and Hawley. It includes five flood control projects:

1. Hawley Flood Control Ditch
2. Improvement of Clay CD #50 - concrete liner
3. Improvement of Clay CD #4i - concrete liner
4. Establishment of lateral 2 to Clay CD #41
5. Improvement and extension of lateral #1 to Clay CD #41

Total cost (all five projects)	\$4,321,460
E.D.A. grant *	2,582,400
Local share	1,739,060
Buffalo Red WD - 20% of local share	347,815
RRWMB - 20% of local share	347,815
Local government units (cities, townships, etc)	
60% of local share	1,043,430

**Motion** by Manager Finney; **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens; to accept the Step II for the E.D.A. projects in the Buffalo-Red River WD, duly **Carried**.

The Two Rivers WD reported they are working on an overall plan.

The Bois de Sioux WD reported their high priority for the past month was to secure the property for sale in North Ottawa Township, Grant County. In dealing with the landowner, they were able to agree on the following terms:

Purchase price: \$1,985,445.00 (\$945 per acre)  
Down payment: 496,361.25 (25%)  
Contract for deed: 5 years, 5 equal payments on principle with interest calculated on balance each year, due March 15 of each year.  
Interest rate: 7%  
Rental contract: Currently in place for 2 years at \$80.00 per acre.

The purchase agreement has been signed by both parties. Expected closing on or before March 1. They have changed the name to the North Ottawa Project.

They have quite a turnover on their board, therefore they would like a tour of completed projects during runoff so that new members could observe operations.

**Motion** by Manager Ross; **Seconded** by Manager Moen; to authorize payment of the amounts as explained in Bois de Sioux WD report, duly Carried.

Middle River-Snake River WD reported the preparation of the Engineers Report is in progress for the Angus Oslo Site #4. Midwest testing has been retained to do the soils work. The soil investigations have been started but are being delayed by the deep snow and recurring drifting of snow. The soil investigations should be completed in about one month.

Dan Thul reported he has been responding to the E.I.S. report comments. He noted that the new hydrologist in Thief River Falls would be Cliff Bentley.

T.I.C. reported on the summit in Grand Forks.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director referred to the administrative assistant hired by Dan Wilkens for the Sand Hill WD. The RRWMB approved her assistance to Dan Wilkens for treasury work at 1.3 X the hourly rate of payment.

Error and omissions insurance was discussed. Don will apply for and submit the application. We will review it at the next monthly meeting.

**Motion** by Manager Ross; **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens; to authorize another \$50,000.00 to the E.I.S. budget, Carried.

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**Motion** by Manager Wilkens; **Seconded** by Manager Nelson; for our Executive Director to keep meeting with US Fish and Wildlife Service, duly **Carried**.

**Motion** by Manager Wilkens; **Seconded** by Manager Moen; for Don Ogaard to be a part of Protected Waters maintenance committee (Dalen Coulee Case study in the Wild Rice WD), duly **Carried**.

**Motion** by Manager Wilkens; **Seconded** by Manager Younggren; to proceed with making a video out of the slide show that Dan Thul presented of the timing analysis, **Carried**.

The next meeting will be held the March conference. There

being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren