

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 1996  
BEST WESTERN INN, THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA

The RRWMB met on Thursday, March 21, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Inn, Thief River Falls, MN.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

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

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director  
Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator  
Charles Anderson, Engineer, J.O.R.  
Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston  
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD  
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD  
Leonard Moe, Red Lake WD  
Rudee Anderson, Two Rivers WD

Minutes of the February 20, 1996 meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. **Motion** by Manager Erickson; **Seconded** by Manager Nelson; **Carried**.

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

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

### **District Reports**

The Two Rivers WD reported they are working on an overall plan and culvert sizing and are preparing to monitor expected floods.

The Wild Rice WD managers reported they completed modeling of the Wild Rice River Basin at their March 13 regular meeting. The model will assist the Board with the evaluation of future flood control projects being proposed in the Basin. The study is estimated to cost approximately \$75,000.

The Bois de Sioux WD reported the spring flood period is proceeding better than expected; most areas reached their peaks during the week of March 11. They also distributed their annual report.

The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the Red River has already peaked in Wahpeton with no major flooding problems. They also reported final hearings were held on the Moorhead and Dilworth Projects

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on March 6 and 7, 1996. A hearing for the Hawley Project has been scheduled for April 18, 1996.

The Sand Hill WD reported they are pleased with the secretarial services.

The Joe River WD reported April 2 is John Finney's birthday! They also distributed their annual report.

The Red Lake WD reported they have been to St. Paul lobbying for WCA changes, beaver money, and Parnell Impoundment funding.

The Roseau River WD reported they have initiated stream gaging plans and are involved with the Roseau River planning effort.

The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that preparation for Angus Oslo Site #4 of the Engineer's Report is in progress. The Engineer's Report is expected to be completed by about July 1.

Dan Thul reported Nate Dalager will be the new hydrologist in Thief River Falls, starting April 8. He also expressed support for the Angus Oslo Site #4 and Parnell FDR bonding.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director reported on the insurance request; he stated he's not heard anything back yet. The interim planning group met March 20, 1996 at Grand Forks. He suggested updating the filming of flooding in the valley area and documentation of current events and projects. He stated there are two issues which should be done professionally: 1. Filming for the video, 2. Production of a brochure on what the RRWMB does.

On **Motion** by Manager Ross; **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens to produce both projects with a \$15,000.00 limitation for the video; **Carried**.

The Sand Hill Watershed requested funding for sending a teacher and student to Tuscon, Arizona for the "River Watch" competition.

On **Motion** by manager Ross; **Seconded** by Manager Christenson; to support the teacher and student in the amount of \$1,500.00, **Carried**

Mark Deutschman, in a letter, reported the primary activity through February consisted of revising spreadsheets being used by Mr. Dan Thul. These spreadsheets included one describing low flows on a monthly basis at various locations within the Red River Basin and peak flow reduction summary tables. No progress has been made on Tier II. The Writing Committee is about three weeks away from completing their response to DEIS comments. The FEIS will be circulated for review, then the COE and MN DNR will issue their Record of Decision.

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The Budget Costs are as follows:

Watershed District/Consultant	Invoiced Totals to date	Period covered by last Invoice
MRSR Watershed District	\$69,140	30-NOV-95
JOR Engineering	68,949	24-FEB-96
Houston Engineering	138,854	31-DEC-96
Widseth, Smith, Nolting	51,477	31-MAY-95
Red Lake Watershed District	45,709	31-DEC-95
Watts and Associates	134,474	28-FEB-95
HDR Engineering	584,874	29-FEB-96
Estimated expenditures	\$ 1,093,477	
Approved Contract Total	\$ 1,143,200	

Chairman Ron Osowski updated the Board on recent activities on the Red River Diking Agreement.

The next meeting will be held April 16, 1996 at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

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E. Harley Younggren