

RRWMB MEETING

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- The Bois de Sioux WD reported that sellers of North Ottawa Township/Redpath Township have contact them and have scheduled a tentative closing date of June 1, 1996. Finances are in order. BdSWD Board has taken steps to accommodate closing in order to expedite as quickly as possible.
- The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the District has made the final order for Clay CD 50. This is the main channel for the City of Dilworth. Right-of-way easements are being negotiated with the landowners along the Hawley diversion project.
- The Red Lake WD reported the Board was requested and has approved assistance to the Joint Powers Board on Beaver Damage Control in implementing the program for 1996. This area includes:
17 counties and the Red Lake Nation. Beaver Bounty Program - \$25.00 for each beaver: shared cost=county. 20%: township. 20%: WD. 10%. Executive Director authorized to pursue proposal to find someone to document benefits and cost of impoundments and impoundment operations for past floods. **Motion** by Manager Ross. **Seconded** by Manager Nelson. **Carried.**
- The Roseau River WD reported they have more water now than during the original '96 flood.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported the highest stage ever recorded at Warren, Minnesota, due to the heavy rains. Soils data is not yet available for the Angus-Oslo #4 project.
- **The Sand Hill** WD plan to appeal the decision of Judge on ditch hearing. There is much local support for the Beltrami Diversion after the flood.

Dan Thul reported on the meeting with Commissioner's Office in Bemidji. Don Ogaard and other RRWMB members, as well as Wild Rice WD members, were present. Discussion included future working relationships between the Board and the DNR. A committee will be formed to lay out a procedure for early coordination and participation on future Red Board/WD projects. Dan has signed up for the erosion control workshop to be held June 10-14.

Funding Requests: Red Lake Watershed District - Parnell Impoundment:
Total cost \$2,300,000.00
RRWMB (85%) \$ 1,950,000.00

Upon **Motion** by Manager Nelson. **Seconded** by Manager Ross to contribute 85% or \$ 1,900,000.00 to the Parnell Impoundment, duly **Carried.**

Clearwater River Low Flow Monitoring, previously committed:
funded \$50,000 in 1995 asking for \$50,000 in 1996 will ask for
\$50,000 in 1997

On **Motion** by Manager Ross. **Seconded** by Manager Christenson to pay the committed \$50,000 for 1996. **Carried.**

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TIC Report by Steve Mikkelson: Basin planning meeting, newspaper article passed out.

Don Ogaard, Executive Director, reported on the Red River Basin Advisory Board Meeting. BWSR grant funding and matching funds. Total BWSR Grant is \$45,000.00. RRWMB share is \$22,500.00. They need the \$22,500.00 up front. On Motion by Manager Ross. Seconded by Manager Erickson to authorize the expenditure of \$22,500.00 up front money for the BWSR grant of \$45,000.00, duly Carried.

(May 8th meeting in Bemidji. Appointed group to committee: Charles Anderson, Don Ogaard, John Finney. Motion by Manager Christenson. Seconded by Manager Moen to confirm the appointments, duly Carried.

(Add Language)

Marsh Creek #6: On Motion by Manager Christenson. Seconded by Manager Moen to support the Wild Rice WD for legal council. Carried.

Distribute Annual Reports:

Bois de Sioux	25	Red Lake	50
Wild Rice	45	Sand Hill	25
Roseau	25	Middle River/Snake River	35
Two Rivers	25	Buffalo-Red River	40
Joe River	25	TOTAL	295

The Board reviewed a funding request by USGS for a project to compile, summarize, and publish streamflow characteristics for all active and inactive USGS gaging stations in the Red River of the North Basin downstream of Halstad. On Motion by Manager Ross. Seconded by Manager Christenson to support funding and authorize the Executive Director to send a letter accepting USGS proposal, duly Carried.

The proposed breakdown of funding is:

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	2-Year
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Total</u>
Red River Watershed Management Board	\$9,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$16,750.00
Red River Joint Water Resource Board	\$9,000.00	\$7,750.00	\$16,750.00
U.S. Geological Survey	<u>\$18,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,500.00</u>	<u>\$33,500.00</u>
	\$36,000.00	\$31,000.00	\$67,000.00

MPCA has received funding to augment its ambient water quality monitoring network. Where should stations be located? Suggestions received include (1) Red Lake River at Crookston. (2) Wild Rice River at Hendrum. (3) Ottertail River below Orwell Dam. (4) Roseau River at Caribou. On Motion by Manager Ross, Seconded by Manager Moen for the Executive Director to consult with technical members and for them to decide where, duly Carried.

The North Dakota/Minnesota summer tour will be in the Bois de Sioux-Lake Traverse area on July 12, 1996

On Motion by Manager Erickson. Seconded by Manager Moen to pay the insurance premium of \$3,190.00 to the Tidder Insurance Company. Carried.

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Chairman Osowski reported that he will be attending a COE technical committee meeting on the UNET River Model Study for the Ag. dike reaches near Oslo.

The next meeting will be held at the Wild Rice WD Office. Ada. MN. on June 18. 1996. at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted.

E. Harley Younggren