

- The Red Lake WD Managers have made an agreement on purchasing Section 3 in Parnell Township for our Parnell Impoundment Project, which is 2/3 of the land needed for the project. They are submitting a request to the RRWMB for funding for this project, in the amount of \$588,088.92. The District also requested start-up funding for the second year of their water quality projects, in the amount of \$12,500.00.
- The Roseau River WD is participating on a recently formed Flood Control Committee. The committee intends to develop an overall plan for reducing flooding within the City of Roseau and other areas within the Watershed. Gaging stations have been monitored during the Spring runoff and later rainfalls. Their Engineer, Charles Anderson, presented a preliminary analysis of this year's flooding. The District also reported that the Draxby Levee Project worked very well this Spring.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that as a result of the flooding in April and May, they, along with the City Council for the City of Warren, requested that the Natural Resources Conservation Service (SCS) do a study of flood control measures for the Snake River under Public Law 566. In 1988, for a previous PL-566 application the Soil Conservation Service had proposed an off channel storage site approximately 12 miles east of Warren and a diversion around Warren. The requested study is basically a resumption of the previous proposal.
- The Joe River WD held their summer tour. They issued a permit to clean a ditch to a group of farmers who, because of religious beliefs, cannot sign a petition.
- The Bois de Sioux WD is scheduled to close on the land purchase for the North Ottawa Project on Friday, July 19, 1996. After the closing, the District intends to develop a plan of action to be reviewed and revised as much as necessary in the next few board meetings. The District has moved their office to the old Bank Building, 1002 Broadway. The District also reported that Senator Pressler is again planning to introduce a bill to hold maximum flood water levels on Lake Traverse to elevation 977.0. The present easement level is 981.0 with a wave easement to 983.0. The bill would reduce existing floodwater storage by approximately 88,000 acre feet. A Motion was made by Manager Moen, Seconded by Manager Nelson to authorize Don Ogaard to make appropriate contacts with the COE and Area Representatives to communicate the RRWMB's concern on the potential loss of Floodwater Storage on Lake Traverse, Carried.

Dan Thul reported that he participated in a Roseau Flood Control Committee meeting and sees this as a good opportunity for the DNR and local interests to work together since two previously proposed project include State Wildlife lands. Dan also reported that the DNR Commissioner is revisiting the development of agency rules for determining ditch benefits to state lands in the consolidated conservation area. Dan discussed his involvement in the Veldt Township Protected Waters Violation.

TIC Report: Steve Mikkelson reported on the Basin "Leader's Group" progress. The next meeting of the three work groups and the full group is scheduled for the 24th of June. They are developing work for their next annual conference. Steve is leaving TIC for a public relations position with MPCA in Detroit Lakes. Steve thanks the Board for their support throughout his career with TIC.

Don Ogaard Report: Don attended the Pollution Control Board (division of the International Joint Commission) meeting near Devil's Lake. He gave a presentation on the Red River Basin planning effort and discussed local efforts to deal with the flooding problems. He noted that there was no mechanism to provide local cost share dollars towards a solution at Devil's Lake.

Don reported on the State's Wetland Planning initiative. He gave a slide presentation in St. Cloud on the Red River Hydrology. He discussed some misconceptions the committee members have on the flood control value of wetlands and other related agricultural concerns relating to wetlands.

Don updated the Board on the Sand Hill WD drainage ditch court case. He felt it was a good case relative to procedures, timeliness of appeal, and the adequate number of petitioners.

Tax Levy Set: Motion by Manager Nelson to cut the RRWMB levy to 50 percent of amount allowable by law. The motion failed to receive a second. A Motion by Manager Erickson to leave the levy at present level of 75 percent of amount allowable by law, Seconded by Manager Ross, and Carried on a vote of 5 for the motion and 1 opposed to the motion. Manager Nelson voted against the motion while Managers Osowski, Erickson, Moen, Ross, and Finney voted for the motion.

Red River EIS: The need to have technical and legal consultants review the document was discussed. The concern involves the adequacy of the responses to comments and if there were issues addressed in the final document that were not identified in the draft report. A Motion by Manger Ross, Seconded by Manager Finney, to authorize up to \$30,000 to support a review of the final EIS document by HDR Engineering, Dorsey, and Whitney, and the Individual Member Districts, Carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of calling a special meeting to respond to the review and for the possible need to appeal the document within the 30-day appeal period. A possible location for a special meeting would be the office of the Red Lake WD in Thief River Falls.

The Board discussed the need to reevaluate their mission statement and their direction of future funding assistance. The Project Evaluation Manual works good for impoundment projects but not applicable for other non-floodwater storage type projects. The need to review the Policy Manual was also discussed. The Board agreed to address these needs in November and December.

The Board reviewed the HDR Flood Damage Assessment proposal. Phase I involves a pilot area to determine feasibility and costs of carrying the assessment basin wide. Motion by Manager Nelson, Seconded by Manager Ross to fund the first phase at approximately \$7,700.00, Carried.

The next meeting will be held on August 20, 1996, in Crookston, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

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