

Red River Watershed Management Board

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RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

September 24, 1996

Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada, Minnesota

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, at the Wild Rice Watershed District Office, Ada, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

Sanford Moen	Curtis Nelson
Ron Osowski	Gerhard Ross
Daniel Wilkens	

Others present were:

Don Ogaard, Executive Director
Naomi Jagol, Administrative Assistant, Sand Hill River WD
Jon Roeschlien, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD
Julie Goehring, TIC
Steve Mikkelson, PCA
Charles Anderson, Engineer, JOR Engineering
Ron Adrian, Engineer, Middle River-Snake River WD
Jeff LeDoux, Engineer, Houston Engineering

Minutes of the August 20, 1996, meeting were read and approved with minor corrections. **Motion** by Manager Wilkens, **Seconded** by Manager Moen, **Carried**.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Manager Wilkens and it was approved as read. **Motion** by Manager Nelson, **Seconded** by Manager Ross, **Carried**.

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

District Reports:

- The Wild Rice WD reported that the Managers authorized execution of a project agreement with the Department of Army for levee restoration on the Wild Rice River. Also, the Board of Managers will be assisting Norman County in forming a local task force to address Pre-Flood Planning.
- • The Red Lake WD reported that bids were opened at their last meeting for the Scott Baatz Petition No. 12 and Polk County Ditch Improvement No.s 104, 61, 47, and 94, and Project No. 119. The engineering work is progressing on the Parnell Impoundment Project. The District is in the final stages of negotiating the MPCA loan for the Clearwater River Nonpoint Study.

- The Sand Hill River WD reported that the Project #12, (Co. Ditches #98 & #148) litigation is progressing. The District is in the process of replacing windows and installing a handicapped accessible ramp.
- The Buffalo-Red River WD reported the Economic Development Administration is reviewing plans and specifications for the Moorhead, Dilworth, and Hawley Projects. Right-of-way easements are being negotiated with the landowners along the Hawley Diversion Project.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that as a result of the spring flooding, interest remains high to implement flood control measures on the Snake River particularly in the City of Warren. There has been a change in the status of the Angus Oslo Site #4 Project. A land purchase/land exchange is underway for approximately 160 acres and a land purchase is in the process for approximately 320 acres. When these are completed, the District will own most of the lands required for this project.
- The Bois de Sioux WD reported permit activity has picked up in the last month. Repair work on legal ditch systems is underway as well. The office move went very smooth and they were open for business on September 3, 1996. Phone numbers have stayed the same with the new address being 1002 Broadway.
- The Roseau River WD reported that at the September meeting, the Flood Control Committee reviewed Palmville and Norland relative to this year's floods. It was noted that the gate control structure at Palmville would have handled both April and May floods fairly well. Norland would have handled the April flood quite well but would have had little effect on the second flood except to divert flows to a less populated area.
- The Two Rivers WD reported that work is underway on Nereson Impoundment. An earthwork contractor has moved in and work is progressing well. It is unlikely that work will be completed this year unless the District experiences ideal fall construction conditions.

District's Funding Requests;

1. **Middle River-Snake River WD (Angus Oslo Site #4)** - A request was made that the RRWMB advance 85% of the funds already expended (\$86,984.95) and 85% of the cost of purchasing the additional lands (\$238,000) for a total of **\$324,984.95**. **Motion** by Manager Ross, **Seconded** by Manager Moen, **Carried**
2. **Roseau River WD** - Diked Flood Storage Study Cost Reimbursement Request is as follows:

Cost Share Breakdown:	<u>State of MN</u>	<u>RRWMB</u>	<u>Total Requested</u>
August 1990 through June 1991	\$20,068.71	\$13,379.12	\$33,447.83
July 1991 through June 1992	\$12,180.74	\$8,120.48	\$20,301.22
July 1992 through June 1993	\$3,571.29	\$2,518.24	<u>\$ 6,089.53</u>
Total request			<u>\$59,838.58</u>

Motion by Manager Wilkens, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried**.

3. Two Rivers WD - Nereson Subimpoundment Cost Reimbursement Request is as follows:

Cost Share Breakdown:	<u>State of MN</u>	<u>RRWMB</u>	<u>Total Requested</u>
January 1991 through June 1991	\$ 7,340.00	\$ 5,505.00	\$12,845.00
July 1991 through June 1992	\$21,282.27	\$15,961.70	\$37,243.97
July 1992 through June 1993	\$14,336.55	\$10,752.41	\$25,088.96
July 1993 through June 1994	\$12,020.50	\$ 9,015.37	\$21,035.87
July 1994 through June 1995	\$10,895.00	\$ 8,171.25	<u>\$19,066.25</u>
Total request			<u>\$115,280.05</u>

Juneberry Ridge Study Pay Request is as follows:

Cost Share Breakdown:	<u>State of MN</u>	<u>RRWMB</u>	<u>Total Requested</u>
March 1992 through June 1992	\$ 370.00	\$ 185.00	\$555.00
July 1992 through June 1993	\$70.00	\$ 35.00	\$105.00
July 1993 through June 1994	\$55.00	\$ 27.50	\$82.50
July 1994 through June 1995	\$3,130.00	\$ 1,565.00	<u>\$4,695.00</u>
Total request			<u>\$5,437.50</u>

Grand Total

\$120,717.55

Motion by Manager Ross, **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens, **Carried**.

TIC Report - Julie Goehring

Julie reported on the "Interim Planning Group," indicating that the structure is under development. She also noted that rooms are filling up fast for The International Coalition's 14th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference. The conference will be held November 13 - 15 in Winnipeg, MB. Please make reservations soon if interested.

Ogaard Report -

Don reported on the possibility of applying GIS in the field with the latest technology available, and questioned the ownership of the data. The authenticity of the original data was discussed and if it was located, would it ne verification. It was noted that LIMIC should have the files and Don stated that he would pursue the issue and discuss his findings next month.

A response was received from the COE in regard to the operation of Lake Traverse for Flood Control. Don noted that the response indicated that Lake Traverse was never intended to be a recreational lake and he felt thi comment was fair and forthright.

In order to legally challenge the FEIS under the State of Minnesota rules, it was necessary that the RRWMB have a project within it's member watersheds on file in District Court to be able to fund the challenge if it arises The Wild Rice Watershed District volunteered Project #11, Site #6 and Don noted that the filing was in the process of completion.

A briefing paper was distributed regarding the background, mission, and goals of the Red River Basin Water Planning Group. Don stated that this group would review all previous studies and use them as a basis for a comprehensive plan.

Don passed out two memos from Mark Deutschman on HDR's FEIS comment review and also the monthly project report on flood damage assessment. A proposal would be prepared for next month's board meeting.

In response to board action on potential threat to drainage law, Don noted the need to have a proactive position rather than reacting after the fact. Don suggested facilitating a round table discussion consisting of various associations such as county commissioners, watershed districts, an IPG group, legislators, and a technical committee. It was stated that this should be initiated between the window of post election and before session commences. **Motion** by Manager Wilkens, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried.**

Don stated that he would like to be more involved with the individual district's regular meetings and also suggested that the districts prepare a summary of potential new projects.

A letter was presented from Jay Leitch, Professor at North Dakota State University, regarding the possibility of funding a graduate student to do some wetlands work for the RRWMB. A proposal of roughly \$10,000 was presented. The need to determine the scope of services and range of activities was discussed. It was noted that an invitation to the next board meeting should be sent to Professor Leitch to discuss this idea in detail. **Motion** by Manager Ross, **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens, **Carried.**

Don presented a "Brushwacker" video that demonstrated a piece of equipment used in clearing wooded areas.

Regarding the status of renewing the contract for Dan Thul as the Red River Coordinator, it was decided to evaluate this position at next month's meeting.

A committee consisting of a collaborative of representatives from DNR and the RRWMB was discussed. The members representing the RRWMB currently consist of Charlie Anderson, John Finney, and Don Ogaard. A suggestion of meeting at a neutral location in Bemidji was discussed.

The next meeting will be held on October 22, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. at the Sand Hill River WD office, Fertile, Minnesota.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Harley Younggren
Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol
Administrative Assistant