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RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

December 19, 2000

Sand Hill River Watershed District, Fertile, Minnesota

The RRWMB met on Tuesday, December 19, 2000, at the Sand Hill River Watershed District Office, Fertile, Minnesota.

Chairman Ron Osowski called the meeting to order.

Members present were:

John Finney	Farrell Erickson
Harlan Solberg	Vernon Johnson
Daniel Wilkens	Robert Wright
Curtis Nelson	Jerome Deal

Others present were:

- Don Ogaard, Executive Director
- Naomi Jagol, Administrative Assistant, Sand Hill River WD
- Dick Nelson, Financial Coordinator
- Dan Thul, Red River Coordinator
- Rick St. Germain, Engineer, Houston Engineering
- Ron Adrian, Administrator, Middle River-Snake River WD
- Charlie Anderson, Engineer, JOR Engineering
- Blake Carlson, Engineer, JOR Engineering
- Brent Johnson, Engineer, Houston Engineering
- Rob Sando, Administrator, Roseau River WD
- Dan Money, Administrator, Two Rivers WD
- Jon Roeschlein, Administrator, Bois de Sioux WD
- Jerry Bennett, Administrator, Wild Rice WD
- Jim Moench, Executive Director, Red River Basin Board
- Chuck Fritz, Program Manager, Red River Basin Board
- Brian Dwight, BWSR
- Chuck Spitzack, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Dennis Nikolayson, Red Lake WD
- Roger Love, Red Lake WD
- Leonard Moe, Red Lake WD
- Jeff Lewis, MPCA
- Jim Ziegler, MPCA
- Molly MacGregor, MPCA
- Wayne Goeken, River Watch Coordinator

Manager Solberg requested that the Two Rivers WD Ross 32 Impoundment Project be added to the agenda under item no. 12.

Motion by Manager Erickson to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the November 21, 2000 meeting, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried**. **Motion** by Manager Deal to approve the minutes as written, **Seconded** by Manager Wright, **Carried**.

The Treasurer's report was presented and it was approved as read. **Motion** by Manager Deal, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried**. A one-page handout of monthly bills to be approved was distributed. Dick Nelson inquired about when the salary adjustment that was approved at the previous monthly meeting would take effect. Ogaard responded that the contract with the Financial Coordinator is reviewed annually prior to the anniversary date of 11/15/00. The adjusted rate would take effect on 11/16/00. **Motion** to approve and pay bills by Manager Finney, **Seconded** by Manager Johnson, **Carried**. For further reference, copies of the bills approved are attached hereto in the Treasurer's Report.

Report on Dorsey & Whitney Legal Determination/Recommendation on GEIS Lawsuit

Ogaard referred to a letter received from Dorsey & Whitney that was included with the meeting notices regarding the legal action that was filed by the RRWMB on behalf of the individual watershed districts. He noted that the issue involves the adequacy of the GEIS that was filed relative to its impact on watershed district flood damage reduction initiatives. He added that the lawsuit has not been filed on the federal side and two years remain for the eligibility for filing.

Manager Finney inquired whether the lawsuit was filed in conjunction with the Wild Rice WD's Marsh Creek Project. Ogaard responded that the Marsh Creek Project was one of three projects named in the original litigation.

Ogaard explained that the RRWMB has until September 2002 if it is determined that a federal lawsuit should be filed. He noted that should no action be taken, the eligibility to file on the federal side would expire after September 2002.

Ogaard stated that a bill was received from Dorsey & Whitney in the amount of \$3,432 for the research involved in providing this information. **Motion** by Manager Finney to approve the bill of \$3,432 from Dorsey & Whitney, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried**.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency River Watch Program

Jeff Lewis, Molly MacGregor, and Jim Ziegler from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) discussed a proposal to establish a Red River Water Quality Consortium.

Lewis distributed a plan to expand the current Red River Valley River Watch Program so that it could become a basin wide model for water quality monitoring. The information that could be developed through the model would meet the requirements of the state water quality rules, meet the goals of the Flood Damage Reduction process and help to measure the effectiveness of water management projects. He requested the RRWMB to review the proposal and requested assistance to further refine the proposal.

Ogaard inquired about how the monitoring program would enhance the flood damage reduction initiatives currently underway. Lewis responded that the proposal would provide for additional permanent monitoring

stations to be established which would allow for better identification of problem areas within a watershed district. Lewis further noted that the proposal would also assist in measuring the benefits of specific projects with regard to water quality by providing baseline data.

Ogaard inquired about the request to the RRWMB to provide assistance with staff time. Lewis responded that MacGregor would organize a group to further refine the proposal including representatives from the Wild Rice WD, Red Lake WD, and Dick Nelson-Financial Coordinator, RRWMB. Lewis added that Dick Nelson could provide assistance through his lobbying efforts of the RRWMB.

Dick Nelson noted his concern regarding earmarking funds for the Red River Basin for ring dikes, flood damage reduction initiatives, and water quality programs. He explained that only limited funds are available, and should several proposals be submitted by the Red River Basin to the legislature, trade-offs would occur, with each request possibly receiving limited funds.

Motion by Manager Wilkens for the RRWMB to cooperate with MPCA to further refine the proposal for the Red River Basin Monitoring Project, **Seconded** by Manager Deal, **Carried**.

Project/Program Funding Report

Ogaard distributed handouts regarding potential ring dike construction for 2001, a projected funding requirement analysis for the Red River Basin, and potential and committed funding for projects and programs of the RRWMB.

The handout regarding potential and committed funding for projects and programs of the RRWMB was discussed. Ogaard explained that the following projects and/or programs have been approved for funding by the RRWMB: ring dikes \$250,000; stream gaging \$45,000; wetland monitoring \$11,250; comprehensive watershed management plans \$150,000 (three WD's each year); Red River Basin Board \$100,000; Dalen Coulee \$100,000; Deerhorn Creek \$121,000; PL 566 \$735,000; Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project \$300,000 (Phase I); Thief River FDR Project \$333,000 (Phase I); Lockhart Township Runoff Storage Project \$100,000; Ross #32 Impoundment Project \$200,000 (Land Purchase); Parnell Impoundment \$129,200 (Upgrade/Operating Plan); Marsh Creek Site #6 \$700,000; North Ottawa \$264,257 (Land Payment); Hay Creek \$380,000 (Phase I); and Ogaard Impoundment \$44,000. He noted that the purpose of developing the handout was to determine whether the RRWMB would have sufficient funds on hand to fund the above-mentioned projects and/or programs. The projected funds available for 2001 were estimated to be \$6,500,000, while the projected funds available for 2002 were estimated to be \$4,137,293. He added that the estimates were based on current information available.

The handout regarding potential ring dike construction for 2001 was discussed. Ogaard explained that individual watershed districts were surveyed to determine their construction capability for 2001. He noted that the estimate for the Two Rivers WD should be revised to 7 eligible applicants with a construction capability of \$210,000. The gross expenditure potential was estimated at \$3,210,000 based on a cost of \$30,000 per ring dike. The construction capability for 2001 was estimated at \$1,920,000.

D. Nelson discussed the difficulty in obtaining funding for ring dikes from the legislature. Bennett noted that when conducting appraisals for properties that were flooded out in the Wild Rice WD, houses that were located on farmsteads but not used as farm operations were successful in obtaining appraised values. Bennett further added that farmsteads that included out buildings were difficult to determine appraised values and, therefore, buy outs did not work very well for this type of property. Bennett stated that ring dikes were a more cost effective option for farmsteads.

Fritz stated that D. Nelson needs a mechanism to show there is a social benefit from the construction of ring dikes from an economic standpoint. He suggested that this could be developed similar to utilizing tax dollars with a multiplier effect. He added that this could show a social benefit to the broader population.

The projected funding requirement analysis for the Red River basin was discussed. Ogaard explained that the handout breaks down the WD contribution, the RRWMB commitment, the state commitment, and any federal participation. He noted that the potential exists for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) 206 authorization for environmental enhancements on projects which would reduce the non-federal requirements.

Ogaard distributed a final handout relative to the recommended distribution of the \$5,575,000 to the RRBFDWRWG from the four delegates for the RRWMB. He noted that a unified position is needed from the RRWMB to be presented at the next RRBFDWRWG meeting scheduled for January 10-11, 2001. (See Section D – District’s Funding Requests.)

Manager Deal stated that the RRWMB has made a commitment to build all four of the projects named in the legislation. Manager Finney noted his concern regarding committing funds to a contract when all the funding options have not been identified.

Roeschlein suggested that the board should wait to make their decision until the Step II applications for the four projects have been reviewed. Ogaard concurred with Roeschlein and added that the prioritization worksheets should be reviewed prior to making a decision.

At the conclusion of the presentations of the Step II submittals of the four projects named in the legislation, the following motion was authorized by the board: **Motion** by Manager Erickson that any project that has not awarded a contract for land purchase or construction by May 15, 2002 should forfeit the current funding allocation. The funds forfeited then shall be divided among the projects that have had a contract awarded for land purchase or construction in the same manner as agreed to from the above choices. Any one of the above projects that doesn’t meet the funding requirements above shall be eligible for equal funding from the RRWMB at a future date for the amount equal to that amount transferred to the other projects. **Seconded** by Manager Solberg, **Carried**.

Financial Coordinator Report – Dick Nelson

D. Nelson reported on the future legislative initiatives. He stated that \$6 million dollars of state funds per year should be secured in order to fully utilize the RRWMB funds and keep projects progressing. He noted that he and Don Ogaard would be meeting with leadership from the Senate during the first week in January to discuss how to resolve this problem and progress legislative initiatives.

D. Nelson discussed the North Ottawa Project. He stated that Representative Westrom has requested a House staffer to review the project and has also inquired about the state finance structure of the project. He suggested that members of the Bois de Sioux WD meet with Westrom to address these concerns. He noted that real estate tax payments on projects similar to North Ottawa are beginning to develop into an issue of concern. He added that opposition to projects such as this stem from a loss of tax base to the local government unit. He explained that loss of tax base could be remedied by paying taxes through income producing portions of the project, setting up an endowment fund to pay the taxes, securing permanent easements with the landowners, establishing an operating fund, or through a legislative program (PILT).

Motion by Manager Johnson that the RRWMB authorize the Executive Director to provide cost estimates from legal firms to research the issue of what options could be utilized to prevent a loss of tax base, **Seconded** by Manager Erickson, **Carried**.

D. Nelson also noted that ring dike legislation is currently being developed. He thanked the individual watershed districts for forwarding the necessary information for this initiative.

Annual Report Authorization

Ogaard stated that each year the RRWMB annual report is prepared in cooperation with Dan Thul. He added that the previous annual report was printed in Crookston.

Motion by Manager Erickson to prepare the annual report as was done the previous year, **Seconded** by Manager Deal, **Carried**.

Red River Coordinator/TAC Report

Thul stated that the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had met earlier and discussed the mediation process and the progression of projects. He added that members of the TAC plan to attend the RRBFDWRWG meeting on January 10, 2001 during which presentations will be conducted on the four projects named in the legislation.

Thul requested guidance regarding the presentation of projects to the Red River Basin Board (RRBB). Fritz responded that a brief description of the project be presented as well as a questionnaire which must be submitted to the board for consideration.

Thul explained that the TAC has been discussing the STAR value method calculation. The TAC is considering increasing the value of storing water beyond 30 days. The STAR value method currently allows full credit when the operating plan allows for a 30-day retention timeframe.

Thul stated that the TAC also discussed long-term flood storage goals. He noted that the McCombs report indicated that storage is needed for the peak and also that the 100-year peak should be reduced to a 50-year peak. He added that the TAC is developing a strategy for flood storage goals that would integrate natural resource enhancements.

Ogaard referred to the IJC report and requested the TAC to determine the storage needed to reduce flooding in the basin. Thul stated that the TAC would discuss this issue at their next meeting.

Executive Director Report – Don Ogaard

A) Comments on International Joint Commission (IJC) Report

Ogaard stated that condensed conclusions and recommendations of the report are included on Page 67. He noted that he had discussed the report with Thomas Baldini-IJC, who indicated that he was interested in meeting with a delegation of watershed district representatives to discuss the report at the 18th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit (TIC) Conference scheduled for January 16-18, 2001 in Grand Forks, ND. Moench stated that a public meeting would be scheduled during the TIC conference to discuss the directive for the newly formed entity developed as a result of an IJC recommendation.

B) Report on Ottertail Watershed Meeting

Ogaard reported that attendance at the meetings has been excellent, however, the Pelican River and Cormorant watersheds do not participate in the meetings.

C) Annual MN/ND January Meeting

Ogaard inquired whether the annual meeting held jointly with the Red River Joint Water Resource Board should be scheduled to coincide with the regular January board meeting. Following discussion, the board determined that the Executive Director should inquire about scheduling a meeting for sometime in February.

D) March Conference

Ogaard stated that the conference has been rescheduled for March 29-30, 2001 at the Northland Inn, Crookston, MN. He noted that the first day of the conference would involve assisting watershed managers in developing a better understanding of their duties, while the second day of the conference would involve issues of the RRBFDROWG and the individual project teams.

Thul suggested that the second day of the conference include a presentation by members of the RRBFDROWG to update participants on the status of issues being addressed.

Dwight noted that BWSR representatives could conduct presentations relative to watershed district manager and board responsibilities.

Manager Deal stated the ramifications of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) could also be a topic of discussion. He noted that as a member of the BWSR board, he has reviewed several appeals on this issue.

Leonard Moe, Red Lake WD Manager, commented on the mediation process. He stated that the watershed districts should work with local citizens to identify problem areas and proposed solutions.

Ogaard inquired whether Moe was suggesting that additional local participation is needed for the project teams. Moe responded that he believed that watershed district managers should work with the local citizens to develop proposed solutions prior to the involvement of state agencies.

District Reports

- The Roseau River WD reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) continues with the preliminary study for Section 206 on the Hay Creek Project with soil borings being completed in the project area during the month of December.
- The Two Rivers WD reported that after conducting a preliminary resolution hearing and gathering comments, the District formally authorized the Ross No. 7 project. The District appointed JOR Engineering as the project engineer and is moving forward with acquiring 866 acres of land at an estimated cost of \$310,000. The project team will be meeting in January regarding the project.
- The Middle River-Snake River WD reported that federal funding for the construction of Phase I and a portion of Phase II has been approved for the Public Law 566 Project. The preparation of the plans and specifications continues by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The second hearing on the project is scheduled for sometime in February-March 2001.

- The Red Lake WD reported that numerous phone calls have been received concerning the levels of the Red Lake River between Thief River Falls and the outlet of Lower Red Lake. Due to the unusual high runoff during the first week of November, landowners were concerned with the outflow of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Dam at Lower Red Lake. High river levels cause water to back up into county ditches and inundate low-lying fields and pasturelands.
- The Sand Hill River WD reported that a hydraulic study is being conducted on a problem area west of Beltrami. The District engineer is developing recommendations to forward to the Polk County Highway Department for resolution.
- The Wild Rice WD reported that at the regular meeting in December, the Board of Managers authorized preparation of the construction plans and specifications and the advertisement of bids on the Lockhart Flood Storage Pilot Project. A bid letting is planned for sometime in February of 2001.
- The Buffalo-Red River WD reported that the board authorized the removal of a log jam on the Texas crossing located within the City of Georgetown. The estimated cost of the work is \$3,275 and will be financed by the District's construction account.
- The Bois de Sioux WD reported that the Board of Managers is submitting the Step II proposal for the North Ottawa Impoundment Project at the December RRWMB meeting. Considerable staff time has been spent on project development. A meeting was conducted with Grant County Highway Department and North Ottawa Township regarding roads and project development.

District's Funding Requests:

A. Wild Rice WD / Ice Boom Request

Bennett explained that funding for a pilot project involving the installation of two pilot ice control structures was approved by the RRWMB at their regular monthly meeting conducted on December 15, 1998. The proposed project would alleviate erosion and tree destruction along the river, as well as reduce flood frequency and severity. The Wild Rice WD requested funding from the RRWMB in the amount of \$42,000 to assist in the implementation of this project and the funding request was approved.

Bennett stated that recent opposition from some of the affected landowners resulted in a decision by the board of managers to abandon further development of the project. A breakdown of the budget along with the funding entities and a breakdown of the costs expended to date is as follows:

Agency	Original Grant Amount	Amount Expended	Variance
DEM	60,220	21,994.15	38,225.85
BWSR	33,750	12,326.51	21,423.49
RRWMB	42,000	15,339.67	26,660.33

WRWD	42,000	15,339.67	26,660.33
Totals	177,970	65,000.00	112,970.00

As an alternative to the Ice Control Boom Project, the District has identified an area in a lower reach of the Wild Rice River where ice jams are more common. Landowners have indicated a willingness to incorporate at this location, a boomless (levee setback with ice overflow) project.

The Wild Rice WD requested that the remaining grant money be dedicated to this new potential project. Bennett explained that the abandonment of the original project made a path to a possibly more effective and beneficial project. Bennett further stated that the Wild Rice WD could either return the remaining funds of approximately \$26,660.33 to the RRWMB from the original \$42,000 funding request or these funds could be applied to the proposed alternative.

Motion by Manager Finney to withdraw funding from the proposed alternative project, **Seconded** by Manager Nelson, **Carried**.

Bennett stated that he would finalize the expenditures from the original project costs and forward the remainder of the original funding amount to the RRWMB.

B. Step II Reports

1. Roseau River WD / Hay Creek Project:

Chuck Spitzack, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)-St. Paul District, distributed a handout to the board for review. He explained that Tom Raster has been the USACE representative on the project team for the Hay Creek project.

Spitzack discussed the following three elements of the proposed project:

- 1) Restoration of Hay Creek – Currently a 6 ½ mile straight deep ditch with confining road grades and spoil banks on both sides. This will be restored to a shallower channel meandering across a riparian floodway corridor bounded by setback levees.
- 2) Norland Impoundment – This area will be restored to a 3,000-acre wetland/upland complex. It will capture runoff from its own 34 square mile drainage area and will also store overflows from Hay Creek. High quality return flows from the wetland will provide stream flow maintenance on Hay Creek. The proposed impoundment would provide about 7,200 acre-feet of gate-controlled storage.
- 3) Ag Diked Storage – These areas will be built to store and confine flood flows during major flood events, controlling widespread overland flooding. They would be located off channel on agricultural land north of Hay Creek and would fill sequentially as required. The proposed ag pools would provide about 12,000 acre-feet of gate controlled flood storage.

Spitzack stated that the project is a combined effort with the USACE utilizing the Section 206 – Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Program. The estimated cost of the project as projected by the USACE is approximately \$6,583,000. The federal cost share is 65% with a ceiling of \$5,000,000 and the non-federal share is 35%.

Estimated cost shares of the project are as follows:

USACE	\$ 4,278,950
State of MN	\$ 1,620,000
RRWMB	\$ 500,000

RRWD \$ 184,050

Ogaard inquired about whether the USACE has determined if they would participate in the ag diked storage component of the project. Spitzack responded that a determination would be made in the next couple of months.

Anderson added that the Roseau River WD has indicated a desire to contribute work-in-kind as part of the 35% cost share. During the ERR phase, a determination would be made regarding which tasks the District could participate in and receive work-in-kind credit.

Anderson further noted that as far as the USACE is concerned, the contract is related to the ERR phase. Spitzack explained that the USACE would need to sign a cooperation agreement. Ogaard stated that the contract must be finalized by 7/01/02. D. Nelson suggested discussing this with Ed Fick-DNR in order to resolve this issue.

Sando distributed the Project Prioritization worksheet to the board for review. The board reviewed the worksheet on an individual board member basis.

2. Red Lake WD / Thief River Flood Damage Reduction Project:

Brent Johnson distributed handouts regarding the Thief River Flood Damage Reduction project. He stated that the Red Lake WD is proposing a FDR project within the Thief River basin. The project includes three primary components: diversion channels, floodwater storage, and land use changes. The storage component is aimed at providing storage of runoff within the County Ditch 20 portion of the Thief River basin. The diversion component is aimed at providing additional channel capacity to relieve a major flooding problem along the Thief River (State Ditch 83).

The storage project includes the construction of a dam and reservoir. The project is planned as an off-channel dry dam, meaning that the reservoir will temporarily store floodwater but will not include a permanent pool of water. It is defined as an "off-channel" reservoir since the dam and reservoir will be off to the side of County Ditch 20, rather than directly on the channel. Storing floodwaters within this project will reduce the peak flow and flood stage of County Ditch 20 downstream of the project. Reductions in flow and stage are also expected further downstream on the Thief River, Red Lake River, and the Red River of the North.

Funding is expected to be shared 75% State of Minnesota, 25% Local (local share split 2/3 RRWMB and 1/3 Red Lake WD). Cost estimates are as follows:

Diversions:	Upper Diversion	\$1,600,000
	Lower Diversion	\$2,600,000
Storage:	CD 20 site	<u>\$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000</u>
Total:		<u>\$8,700,000 to \$9,200,000</u>

Johnson reviewed the Project Prioritization worksheet. He stated that the storage component rating could be increased since the project could accommodate a 50-year flow. Ogaard noted that since the project specifications had been altered, the TAC should review the project again. Thul responded that the TAC analyzes each project as it progresses through the Step process.

3. Middle River-Snake River WD / Agassiz Valley Water Resource Management Project (Helgeland) Project):

Adrian distributed handouts to the board for review. He stated that the total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$6,477,046. The following table summarizes the proposed funding for the project:

Agassiz Valley Water Management Project Proposed Funding		
Source	Amount	Percent of total
State of Minnesota	4,857,784	75.00
RRWMB	1,079,508	16.67
Special Assessment & Other	539,754	8.33
Sub-totals	6,477,046	100.00

Adrian explained that the project consists of the following three phases: acquiring the land, constructing the dam, and constructing the inlet channels. He referred to the last page of the handout which outlines the timeline for the construction of the phases.

4. Bois de Sioux WD / North Ottawa Project:

Roeschlein distributed the Step II submittal, the preliminary engineer’s report, and the Project Prioritization worksheet to the board for review.

The total estimated cost of the project is approximately \$12,000,000. This is an increase over the previous estimate of approximately 9%. The proposed breakdown of funding is shown below:

State of Minnesota (FDR)	\$ 9,000,000
RRWMB	\$ 2,150,000
Bois de Sioux WD	\$ 750,000
Ducks Unlimited	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
Total	<u>\$12,000,000</u>

The project could be constructed in phases depending on the availability of funding. A potential phasing plan is listed below, including a breakdown of funding sources for each phase:

	Phase	State	RRWMB	BdSWD	Other
1	Project Development and land acquisition (not incl. Land along the diversion)	900,000	1,900,000 (including \$1,530,000 advanced)	200,000	
2	Construct impoundment, exterior dikes, outlet structures, and inlet channel	3,750,000		250,000	
3	Construct interior dikes, water level control structures, and diversion channels	4,350,000	250,000	300,000	100,000 (Ducks Unlimited)

C. Funding Requests

1. Two Rivers WD / Ross 32 Impoundment Project, Step I Submittal:

Dan Money stated that copies of the Step I submittal were distributed to the board for review at the October 17, 2000 board meeting. He stated that the Two Rivers WD Board of Managers agreed to fund the project and also to submit a funding request of \$200,000 to the RRWMB for consideration. The Board of Managers stated that should the project not be constructed, the funding received from the RRWMB would be returned.

Motion by Manager Finney to approve the funding request of \$200,000 to be applied to the total RRWMB cost share amount for the project, **Seconded** by Manager Erickson, **Carried**.

D. Decisions in January Based on Step II Engineer's Report

Ogaard explained that the RRWMB should have a position regarding the 75/25 cost share allocation to the four projects named in the legislation for the next RRBFDROWG meeting scheduled for January 10-11, 2001 in Moorhead, MN. D. Nelson concurred with Ogaard on the importance of the RRWMB taking a lead role in the funding allocation.

Ogaard explained that the RRWMB should determine whether the original amounts used for the lobbying effort should be used, or a percentage thereof.

Motion by Manager Solberg to use the original funding allocation as was stated in the legislation, **Seconded** by Manager Wright, **Carried**.

Alternative meeting dates were discussed in order to schedule the meeting in conjunction with the TIC meeting in Grand Forks, ND. **Motion** by Manager Finney to reschedule the regular monthly meeting of the RRWMB for January 16, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. at the Best Western Town House, Grand Forks, North Dakota, **Seconded** by Manager Wilkens, **Carried**.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Farrell Erickson
Secretary

Naomi L. Jagol
Administrative Assistant