



Red River Watershed Management Board
Meeting Highlights – February 20, 2018

1. **Financial/Treasurers Report** – As a result of much discussion about the monthly treasurer's report, a RRWMB Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held Monday, March 6, 2018 in Ada at 10:00 AM in the basement of the Arvig Communication building.
2. **Office Location** – The RRWMB managers approved establishing a permanent office in Ada and RRWMB staff will be co-located with the Wild Rice Watershed District. A public hearing will be held at the March 20, 2018 RRWMB meeting in accordance with watershed law to establish an office. Public noticing requirements will also be met.
3. **Legal Services Agreement** – An agreement was approved with Smith Partners to provide legal services for the RRWMB. In the past, legal services have been provided on a case by case basis.
4. **Insurance Coverage** – In reviewing various insurances, the RRWMB coverage for equipment is \$5,000. The managers approved increasing this amount to be able to purchase replacement equipment in the event of a fire or other disaster. Coverages will need to be reviewed and adjusted again when staff are permanently located with the Wild Rice Watershed District.
5. **Legislative Issues** – The newly created RRWMB Legislative Committee met January 31, 2018 for the first time to discuss legislative priorities for 2018. Minutes from this meeting were in the February 20, 2018 RRWMB regular meeting packet that was sent out.
6. **Strategic Plan** - The Managers approved the development of an anonymous on-line survey and a facilitated discussion about RRWMB and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group goals and missions. Information obtained will further inform future informational meetings and discussions with member watershed districts, county commissioners, and other local units of government as the RRWM develops its strategic plan.
7. **Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA)** – The Managers were presented with an informational item regarding BCA of flood impoundment projects. Additional discussion and/or decisions will be made at the March 20, 2018 regular RRWMB meeting.
8. **RRWMB Committees** – Membership and purpose of several RRWMB committees were discussed with slight modifications made. A new list will be made available in March 2018.
9. **Reports** – Several reports were given and in particular were, (1) Jim Ziegler of MPCA discussed nutrient and water quality goals at the international border; and (2) Keith Weston of the Red River Retention Authority gave an updated on several RCPP issues.
10. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Next RRWMB Board Meeting – March 20, Moorhead Marriot.
 - MAWD Legislative Session – March 7 to 8, 2018, Embassy Suites, St. Paul.
 - Subsurface Drainage Research Forum and Tile Drainage Design Workshop: March 6-7, 2018 NDSU Campus, Fargo, North Dakota