



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

1. **Financial/Treasurer's Report** – A RRWMB Budget and Finance Committee meeting was held after the regular RRWMB meeting at the Marriot Hotel. Bremer Bank officials attended the Committee meeting and discussed a proposal to raise the interest rates on RRWMB accounts and to reduce fees. Internal controls as well as general financial policies, guidance, process, and procedure were discussed, with several recommendations coming forth to RRWMB Managers in the coming months.

2. **Office Location** – The RRWMB managers approved a resolution establishing a permanent office in Ada and RRWMB staff will be co-located with the Wild Rice Watershed District. A public hearing was held at the March 20, 2018 RRWMB meeting in accordance with watershed law to establish an office. Public noticing requirements were also met.

3. **Legal Services Agreement** – Additional information was brought forth and an agreement was reviewed and 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. **Annual Conference** – The March Conference was a success with approximately 175 people registering. There were several activities that took place before, during, and after the conference. Members of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board participated in a tour of Moorhead flood projects and held a regular board meeting as part of the conference. There was a banquet presentation by former Senator Roger Moe and a tribute to Don Ogaard, with his family being in attendance at the banquet.

5. **Strategic Plan** – The Managers will be holding a discussion after the regular RRWMB meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 to commence work on the strategic plan, Phase II. Much input was obtained during the conference and small group discussions were held to gather comments and thoughts on the future direction of the RRWMB and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

6. **Reports** – Several reports were given by RRWMB partners, agencies and local units of government.

7. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - The next RRWMB Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the Red Lake Watershed District in Thief River Falls.