



Red River Watershed Management Board Meeting Highlights – December 18, 2018

1. **Wild Rice Watershed District Project Funding** – The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers discussed the City of Halstad Flood Control Levee Improvement Project. A presentation was given by Jerry Bents of Houston Engineering Inc., that provided details and an overview of the project. The Managers approved review of the project by the Technical Advisory Committee and the project will begin moving through the RRWMB funding process.
2. **Legislative Priorities** – The RRWMB Managers discussed legislative priorities for the 2019 Minnesota legislative session. Senators Kent Eken and Bill Ingebrigtsen were in attendance to interact with RRWMB Managers, discuss legislative priorities, and to learn more about the RRWMB and its legislative initiatives.
3. **United States Geological Survey (USGS) Contract** – A contract for \$114,061 was approved with the USGS to conduct stream flow monitoring along several locations of the Red River and tributary streams in Minnesota. The contract with the USGS represents a long-standing relationship between the USGS and the RRWMB for this critical monitoring program.
4. **Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Annual Funding** – A funding agreement, resolution, and workplan was presented by RRBC Executive Director Ted Priester and RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip, which was discussed by the RRWMB Managers. The annual commitment RRWMB to the RRBC is \$90,000 and will be brought back to the January 2019 regular RRWMB meeting for additional discussion and final approval.
5. **Annual Conference** – The RRWMB Managers were provided an update regarding the joint annual conference of the RRWMB and Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG), which will be held March 20 and 21, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Moorhead, MN. Registration materials will be forthcoming on the RRWMB website.
6. **Red River Basin Drainage Conference** – The RRWMB Managers approved scheduling the first annual drainage conference on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Moorhead, MN. The conference will focus on drainage issues specific to drainage authorities in the Red River Basin. The RRWMB will be teaming up with several legal experts, technical firms, partners, and agencies to provide this event to the Red River Basin. Registration materials for the Drainage Conference will be forthcoming on the RRWMB website.
7. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Next RRWMB Board Meeting Location - January 15, 2019 - City Hall, East Grand Forks.
 - Red River Basin Commission Conference, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND, January 15-17, 2019.
 - International Red River Board Meeting, Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND, January 17 - 19, 2019.