



Red River Watershed Management Board

Meeting Highlights – October 16, 2018

1. **Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) Project Funding** – The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers toured the Whitney Lake Project being developed by the Roseau River Watershed District. In addition, other areas of interest such as other flood damage reduction and drainage projects were illustrated during the tour. The RRWMB Managers approved the Step 1 submittal for this project as recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee.
2. **Contract** – An addendum to the current lease agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District for office space was approved by the RRWMB Managers. The addendum is for an additional five years for the same terms and conditions of the existing lease that was previously approved in April 2018.
3. **Registration Fee for Annual Conference** – A registration fee of \$25 for the annual conference was approved by the RRWMB Managers, as recommended by the Conference Planning Committee.
4. **Annual Reports** – The RRWMB Managers approved the 2017 annual report, which will be made available on the RRWMB website soon. In addition, the RRWMB approved the 2017 annual report for the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). This report will also be available on the website and both reports will also be sent out via constant contact.
5. **Records Retention Schedule (RRS) and Data Management** – The RRWMB Managers approved a RRS, which will allow staff to archive and dispose of electronic and hardcopy documents and records in accordance with state regulations. The RRS will be incorporated in the RRWMB Governing Documents in the coming months.
6. **2019 Legislative Planning** – The RRWMB Legislative Committee provided information to the RRWMB Managers regarding several resolutions that were recently developed and passed by the member watershed districts for the 2019 legislative session. An overview was also provided to the RRWMB Managers regarding several additional items discussed by the Legislative Committee on October 15, 2018.
7. **Rules** – Information was provided to the RRWMB Managers regarding changes being proposed to State of Minnesota environmental review rules by the Environmental Quality Board. A presentation was also given by staff from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regarding amendments to rules governing water quality standards, Use Classifications 2 and 7. The RRWMB will likely be commenting on both sets of rules on behalf of its member watershed districts.
8. **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - **RRWMB Special Meeting** – Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in Warren, MN, to discuss funding of alternative types of flood damage reduction projects, cost-share policies for such projects, and the strategic plan. More information will be forthcoming.
 - **Next Regular RRWMB Board Meeting** – Tuesday, November 20, 2018, Crookston, MN. Exact Location TBD.