



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

- 1. Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) Project Funding** – The RRWD submitted a Step 1 funding proposal to the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers for the Whitney Lake Project located in Roseau County. The RRWMB Managers will tour this project on October 16, 2018 after the regular board meeting that same day. The RRWD also requested a funding advance for the project, which was approved by the RRWMB Managers by resolution.
- 2. Water Quality Monitoring Agreement** – The RRWMB Managers approved an agreement and adopted a resolution for the International Water Institute (IWI) to conduct water quality monitoring for the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). The agreement and associated workplan will allow the IWI to conduct water quality monitoring at the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project being developed by the Two Rivers Watershed District. The RRWMB is the fiscal agent for the FDRWG.
- 3. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD)** – Emily Javens, MAWD Executive Director attended the RRWMB meeting and introduced herself to the Managers and audience. She provided information to the Managers about MAWD activities, the upcoming MAWD annual conference, and the development of the 2019 MAWD legislative platform.
- 4. Nutrient Targets for the Red River Basin** – Jim Ziegler of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency provided an update to the RRWMB Managers about the development of water quality standards for the Red River at the international border. The Water Quality Committee of the International Red River Board (IRRB) has been working towards the development of standards, primarily for nitrogen and phosphorus over the last few years. The IRRB is one of several international boards that are part of the International Joint Commission. More information about the IRRB or the Commission can be found at the following weblinks:

IRRB Website:

http://ijc.org/en/irrb/International_Red_River_Board

International Joint Commission Website:

<http://www.ijc.org/en/>

- 5. RRWMB Special Meeting** – The RRWMB Managers will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 in Warren to discuss funding of alternative types of flood damage reduction projects, cost-share policies for such projects, and the strategic plan. More details about the time and location in Warren are forthcoming.
- 6. Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Next Regular RRWMB Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 16, 2018, Roseau River Watershed District, Roseau, MN.
 - Special RRWMB Meeting – Wednesday, October 24, 2018, Warren, MN.