



Meeting Highlights – August 20, 2019

1. **Project Funding Agreements** – The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers approved funding agreements by resolution for the following projects:
 - City of Halstad Flood Control Levee Improvement Project – Wild Rice WD
 - \$1 Million Dollars
 - City of Hendrum Flood Control Levee Improvement Project – Wild Rice WD
 - \$625,000 Dollars
 - Black River Impoundment Project – Red Lake WD
 - \$2.7 Million Dollars

2. **Water Quality Monitoring Funding** – The RRWMB is the fiscal agent for the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group and approved by resolution, a contract for water quality monitoring of flood damage reduction projects with the International Water Institute (IWI). Monitoring will be conducted by the IWI on the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project being developed by the Two Rivers WD over the next year. The contract allocates \$85,000 to the IWI to complete the activities and monitoring as provided in the scope of services.

3. **2018 Financial Audit** – The 2018 audit was presented by a representative of Brady Martz and Associates to the RRWMB Managers. The Managers approved the 2018 audit and directed staff to share the document with its member watershed districts and to place the audit on the RRWMB website.

4. **Analysis of Staff and Consultant Costs** – Staff presented a draft analysis comparing 2017 and 2018 staff and consultant costs to the Managers. Discussion was held and the Managers approved sharing the analysis with RRWMB member watershed districts.

5. **Strategic Plan** – An update was provided by staff regarding input received by immediate partners of the RRWMB since the July 2019 regular meeting. The RRWMB Managers approved sharing the results of the questionnaire that was distributed to all watershed districts in the Minnesota portion of the Red River Basin in late 2018 regarding the strategic plan. The Managers also approved requesting input from Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

6. **Tiered Aquatic Life Use/Class 3 and 4 Waters** – The RRWMB Managers held discussion with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding proposed and upcoming rulemaking regarding Class 3 and 4 Waters. The RRWMB had previously commented on the draft rules and MPCA indicated that a written response would be provided to the RRWMB. The MPCA also discussed the process and timelines for the upcoming rulemaking process.

7. **Review of Star Value Calculation** – The Managers discussed the need to review and update the Star Value Calculation for water retention projects in accordance with current economic data and information. As a result, the Managers directed the Technical Advisory Committee to review and develop recommendations for potential changes to the Calculation and worksheet.

8. **Next RRWMB Meeting** – Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the RRWMB office in Ada, MN.