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## *Meeting Highlights – November 19, 2019*

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- 1. Whitney Lake Sub-watershed Project – Retention Site C, Step 2 Application:** The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers heard a presentation regarding the Project being developed by the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD). The RRWMB Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the Step 2 application for the Project and provided recommendations to the RRWMB Managers. The Step 2 application for the Project was approved by the RRWMB Managers and a funding agreement and resolution will be forthcoming for approval.
- 2. Red River Basin Feasibility Study:** The RRWMB Managers heard information about the need for additional data, information, and computer modelling related to the Red River Basin Feasibility Study. Additional modelling will provide updated or new information related to 100, 200, and 500-year storm events and where flood storage could be located based on the analysis. The work will focus on areas downstream of Halstad, Minnesota. The RRWMB Managers unanimously approved an additional allocation up to \$75,000 for this effort.
- 3. Long-term Flood Solutions (LTFS) Update:** The RRWMB Managers approved an allocation of up to \$67,500 to the Red River Basin Commission to update the LTFS, which was finalized in 2011. A funding agreement and resolution will be forthcoming for the RRWMB Managers to review and approve.
- 4. 1998 Flood Mediation Agreement:** The RRWMB Managers held discussion regarding draft updates to the 1998 Agreement being proposed by the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). Additional information and discussion about proposed changes will be forthcoming.
- 5. Attendance by John Jaschke:** Mr. Jaschke, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) was in attendance and provided several updates to the RRWMB Managers. Mr. Jaschke discussed One Water One Plan and also introduced BWSR Chief Engineer Rita Weaver to the RRWMB.
- 6. Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge Presentation:** Jim Graham of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service gave a presentation to the RRWMB Managers regarding flood storage capacity and management of the Refuge.
- 7. Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) Presentation:** Nick Olson of the RLWD gave a presentation regarding operation and management of flood impoundments in 2019 by the RLWD. Mr. Olson discussed challenges of operation and management with the various flood impoundments being managed by the RLWD.
- 8. Ring Dike Funding:** The RRWMB Managers discussed and approved funding a farmstead ring dike located in the Wild Rice Watershed District. As a result, all remaining ring dike funds from the State of Minnesota have now been allocated.
- 9. Next RRWMB Meeting** – Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the RRWMB Office, Ada, MN.