



Meeting Highlights – September 17, 2019

1. **Project and Funding:** The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) held discussion about several projects and funding requests. As a result, the RRWMB Managers made decisions related to the following projects:
 - a. **Whitney Lake Sub-watershed Project Retention Site C:** The RRWMB Managers were presented a Step II application for the Project by the Roseau River Watershed District, and the Managers approved referring the project to the RRWMB Technical Advisory Committee for additional technical review. More information about the Whitney Lake Sub-watershed Project Retention Site C can be found at this website: http://www.roseauriverwd.com/Projects_Whitney_lake.html
 - b. **Newfolden/Middle River Sub-watershed Flood Damage Reduction Project:** The RRWMB Managers approved a funding advance of \$150,000 for the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District for the Project related to engineering assistance. More information about the Newfolden/Middle River Sub-watershed Flood Damage Reduction Project can be found at this website: www.mstrwd.org (website temporarily)
 - c. **Klondike Clean Water Retention Project:** An updated funding agreement was approved for this Project being developed by the Two Rivers Watershed District. The updated agreement is a result of an extension request by the District to further align with timelines as provided in the RRWMB Governing Documents. More information about the Klondike Clean Water Retention Project can be found at this website: <http://www.tworiverswd.com/Klondike.html>
 - d. **Farmstead Ring Dikes:** The Red Lake Watershed District and Sand Hill River Watershed District presented requests for farmstead ring dikes for three separate projects. The RRWMB Managers approved allocating funds for all three farmstead ring dike projects. Approximately \$30,000 in funding is available through the RRWMB via the State of Minnesota and the funding for this program expires June 30, 2020.
2. **Water Quality Discussion:** The RRWMB Managers held discussion about water quality goals and were posed several questions from the RRWMB Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee, which had recently met in August 2019. Staff from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources presented information about local, state, federal, and international water goals related to the Red River Basin to provide additional background to the Managers for their discussion.
3. **Fargo/Moorhead Diversion Project Update:** The RRWMB Managers were provided an update of the Diversion Project by a representative of the Diversion Authority. A presentation was given, and the Managers held brief discussion of the Project and several questions were asked of the representative.
4. **RRWMB Committees:** Updates were provided to the Managers regarding several committee activities. The RRWMB Legislative Committee held its first meeting of 2019 to begin the process of developing bonding/funding and policy priorities for the 2020 Minnesota Legislative Session. The Legislative Committee will continue to meet through the remainder of 2019, and the next Committee meeting is scheduled to be held after the RRWMB regular board meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. The RRWMB Communication and Outreach Committee will likely meet in October 2019 and the Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee will meet October 29, 2019.

Next RRWMB Meeting – Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the RRWMB office in Ada, MN.