



Meeting Highlights – August 18, 2020

- 1. Funding Commitments:** Information was presented to the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Managers about funding commitments for Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) projects, programs annually funded by the RRWMB, and projects being developed and implemented through the RRWMB Water Quality Program by its member watershed districts.

Fast facts about current RRWMB funding commitments:

- RRWMB **original** commitments with adjustments for FDR projects are currently \$29,964,000 for eight flood impoundments and three city flood levee projects. The RRWMB has **already disbursed** \$12,518,707 towards these eleven projects and has \$17,445,293 in **remaining payments**. The RRWMB has approved \$392,131 in annual allocations to the International Water Institute for the River Watch Program, United States Geological Survey for stream flow monitoring, Red River Basin Commission (general support), and the Red River Retention Authority (general support).
- Water Quality Program commitments include five Base Funding projects/initiatives for \$500,000 and four Competitive water quality projects for \$1,585,067.

More detailed information related to RRWMB funding commitments and matches from all sources for FDR and water quality projects and annual allocations will be forthcoming.

- 2. Funding Agreements:** The RRWMB Managers approved the execution of the following funding agreements:
 - a. Bois de Sioux Watershed District – Water Quality Program Funding Agreement:** A funding agreement for \$283,000 was approved by resolution for the Lake Traverse Clean Water Project #1 (TCD #52 Stabilization).
 - b. Wild Rice Watershed District – Water Quality Program Funding Agreement:** A funding agreement for \$669,400 was approved by resolution for the Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration Project - Phase 1 Land Acquisition/ Vegetative Restoration.
 - c. International Water Institute – General Funding Agreement for Services:** A funding agreement for \$57,945 was approved for water quality monitoring of flood impoundments as directed by the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). The RRWMB is the fiscal agent for the FDRWG and receives and disburses funds received from the State of Minnesota for implementation of the 1998 Red River Basin Flood Mediation Agreement.
- 3. Cash-flow Analysis:** The RRWMB Managers were presented with several cash-flow analysis scenarios depicting varying levels of state funds for FDR projects, differing levy rates and levy receipts, and related factors. The RRWMB Managers determined that this would be a useful and important tool to be used by the Budget and Finance Committee annually as future budgets are developed.
- 4. Water Quality Program Discussion:** The RRWMB Managers held discussion related to potential requirements to include FDR components of projects being funded through the Program. In addition, the Managers were presented with recommendations to adjust the cost-share language for Competitive projects from the Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee. It was determined that the Program and cost-share language would remain unchanged.
- 5. Next RRWMB Meeting:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Ada, MN pending the current pandemic situation.