



Meeting Highlights – May 19, 2020

1. **Regular Meeting Held Electronically:** The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) held the May 19, 2020 meeting via conference call according to Minnesota Statutes §13D.021, subdivision 1. The RRWMB will return to in-person meetings when allowable and safe. In the meantime, the RRWMB will continue to use conference calls and other technologies to hold regular board meetings.
 2. **Step 2 Submittals:** Presentations were given by the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District (MSTRWD) for the City of Newfolden Flood Prevention Project and the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) for the Whitney Lake Sub-watershed Retention Site A Project. Both Projects were referred to the RRWMB Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for further technical review. The Flood Damage Reduction Work Group will also review the Projects at the May 27, 2020 meeting.
 3. **Water Quality Projects Heard:** The RRWMB Managers approved an increase of \$50,000 for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District's (BdSWD) Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Protection Project Phase 1 from \$233,000 to \$283,000. The increased cost is related to additional riprap being needed for the project.
 4. **Approval of Base Funding:** As part of the Water Quality Program approved in March 2020, RRWMB member WDs are eligible for up to \$100,000 for base funding to augment and support local water quality efforts. The Two Rivers Watershed District requested \$100,000 for local water quality efforts, with the RRWMB Managers approving the request.
 5. **Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee Recommendations:** The Managers were presented recommendations by the Committee for the following Projects:
 - a. BdSWD Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Protection Project Phase 1
 - b. RRWD Roseau River Restoration Project
 - c. Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD) Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration Project - Phase 1 Land Acquisition/ Vegetative Restoration
- The BdSWD and WRWD Projects were approved for RRWMB funding. The next step will be to develop funding agreements and resolutions for the June 16, 2020 RRWMB meeting for approval. The Committee recommended that the RRWD Project be further reviewed by the TAC and will be heard again at the June 16, 2020 RRWMB meeting.
6. **Ring Dikes:** An update was provided regarding the 2015 legislative allocation of \$400,000 for ring dikes, which will end June 30, 2020. The Managers heard that four ring dikes are slated to be constructed or renovated in the WRWD and Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) before June 30, 2020. The RLWD state that one ring dike project was originally estimated to cost approximately \$65,000, with the current estimate now being \$96,950 due to unforeseen issues related to zoning, septic system, and other technical issues. The RRWMB Managers agreed to work with the RLWD to help offset the increased costs and will hear construction updates from the WRWD and RLWD at the June 16, 2020 RRWMB meeting.
 7. **Legislative Update:** Legislative Liaison Lisa Frenette presented information to the Managers about Minnesota legislative activities and how the 2020 legislative session ended. The Managers heard that no bonding bill was finalized and that there would be a special session forthcoming, likely in June 2020.
 8. **Next RRWMB Meeting:** Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10:00 AM.