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## *Meeting Highlights – September 15, 2020*

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- 1. Investment Discussion:** Officials from Bremer Bank attended the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) meeting electronically to discuss current interest rates, investments, and related financial matters. Based on information provided by Bremer Bank, the RRWMB determined to transfer \$10 million into a six-month CD.
- 2. Funding Commitments:** Detailed information was presented to the RRWMB Managers about funding commitments and match dollars from all sources 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. The Managers determined that detailed information should be provided to the full board two times a year.
- 3. Meeting Logistics:** The RRWMB Managers discussed logistics for regular meetings for the remainder of 2020 and determined that meetings in October, November, and December 2020 would be held in person at the RRWMB office in Ada and electronically for those Managers that want to attend virtually. Social distancing requirements will continue and the RRWMB will also require reservations by meeting attendees. The RRWMB also recognizes that state or federal requirements may change, which would affect the ability to conduct regular in-person meetings.
- 4. Funding Agreements:** The RRWMB Managers approved the execution of a funding agreement with the Red Lake Watershed District of \$166,000 for the Thief River Falls Oxbow Restoration and Stormwater Treatment Project.
- 5. Water Quality Program Discussion:** The RRWMB Managers held discussion about the level of funding being allocated for water quality projects being developed and submitted to the RRWMB for potential funding. The Managers affirmed that no additional funds would be committed for water quality for the remainder of 2020 given that no additional projects have been submitted to the RRWMB. In addition, the RRWMB Managers will direct the Budget and Finance Committee to further review funding needs for the Water Quality Program in 2021 and will make a recommendation back to the full board regarding the level of funding that should be allocated to the Program.
- 6. International Red River Board (IRRB) Update:** Jim Ziegler, Northwest Regional Director for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency provided updates and information to the RRWMB Managers from a recent IRRB meeting that was held electronically in August 2020.
- 7. United State Geological Survey (USGS) Updates:** Rochelle Nustad, a USGS hydrologist, presented information related to a recently released Scientific Investigations Report 2020-5079 – Water Quality Trends for Selected Sites and Constituents in the International Red River of the North Basin, Minnesota and North Dakota, United States, and Manitoba, Canada, 1970–2017. The report is available electronically (<https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/sir20205079>). An overview of a Story Map website that is used to highlight water quality monitoring data, trends, and information for the Red River Basin of the North was also presented by Ms. Nustad. Below is the weblink for the story map: <http://ijc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=1e883514ace34b9bbd80596839a1fadc>
- 8. Next RRWMB Meeting:** Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 10:00 AM in Ada, MN pending the current pandemic situation.