

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
Plan Management Committee
Minutes - April 1, 2004

Members Present: Joe Belford-Ramsey County, Brian Dwight-Board of Water and Soil Resources, Mike Ell-North Dakota Department of Health, Lee Klapprodt-ND State Water Commission, Herm Martens – RM of Morris, Darrell Nottestad-Grand Forks Water Resource District, Don Ogaard-MN at-large member, Sam Schellenberg-Pembina Valley Water Cooperative, Muriel Smith-MB at-large member, Genevieve Thompson-Audubon Dakota, Connie Tripplet-Grand Forks County, Dan Wilkens-Red River Watershed Management Board, Henry VanOffelen-MN Center for Environmental Advocacy.

Others Present: Ben Varnson-ND Water Resource Board, Dan Money-Two Rivers Watershed District, Lance Yohe-RRBC, April Kiers North-RRBC

1. Call to Order
2. Approve March 8, 2004 Minutes – Moved by Ogaard, Seconded by Martens
3. Review Two Rivers and Joe River Watershed Districts’ Plans
 - Powerpoint presentation by Money; reviewed goals for flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement.
 - No action recommended.
4. Report on Activity of the Devils Lake Subcommittee
 - Yohe reviewed activities.
 - Committee will recommend to the Board to table the resolution (dated November 6, 2003); would like the subcommittee to continue moving toward biota study.
5. Review work completed on Red River Basin Natural Resources Framework Plan (NRFP)
 - Request for feedback to “vision” statements for each area of the NRFP.
 - ACTION: request a workplan timeline update at next meeting.
6. Adopt changes to “Red River Basin Commission Proposal Review Process” (formerly the “Guiding Principles Review Process”)
 - North presented final draft of the diagram and text.
7. CREP and TMDL updates
 - Committee would like to see additional TMDL information for other areas in the Red River Basin.
 - ACTION: Staff to discuss implementation of CREP at next month’s meeting.
8. Maple River Dam
 - Discussion as to how to monitor to address the stipulations on the December 2002 Board Meeting motion to endorse the project.
 - Ell reviewed the possible permit requirements; Ogaard suggested that permits, once issued, may satisfy RRBC’s monitoring concerns.
 - VanOffelen discussed monitoring that would add to our understanding of the impacts of dry impoundments, and referred the committee to RRBI’s existing “Dry Dam Study” research proposal.
 - ACTION: Convene an informal committee to gather information from proponents, etc. prior to next meeting.
9. Other Business
10. Adjourned at 1:50

