

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION  
Plan Management Committee Minutes

August 4, 2004

7 – 9 P.M.

Devils Lake, North Dakota

In attendance: Joe Belford-Ramsey County, Garry Brown-Manitoba at-large alternate, Don Buckhout-MN Department of Natural Resources, Brian Dwight-Board of Water and Soil Resources, Mike Ell-North Dakota Department of Health, Jon Evert – Clay County Commissioner, Ed Fick-MN Department of Natural Resources, Tom Fischer- Cass County Joint Water Resources Board, Roger Hollevoet - US Fish and Wildlife Service, Lee Klapprodt-ND State Water Commission, Herm Martens- RM of Morris, Mike Noone - North Dakota Department of Health, Don Norquay-Assistant Deputy Minister of Water Stewardship, Darrell Nottestad–Grand Forks Water Resource District, Sam Schellenberg-Pembina Valley Water Cooperative, Lynn Schlueter ND Game and Fish, Steven Shultz–NDSU, Genevieve Thompson-Audubon Dakota, Ben Varnson-ND Water Resource Board, Hetty Walker – Pembina County, Dan Wilkens-Red River Watershed Management Board.

RRBC Staff Present: April Kiers North, Harold Taylor, Lance Yohe

1. Call to Order by Chair Schellenberg
2. Approve June 2, 2004 Minutes – Wilkens moved, Martens seconded
3. Presentation by Ed Fick, Minnesota DNR - Managing Flood Damage Reduction Grants
  - Minnesota’s FDR grant assistance program was described, including funding, eligibility requirements, and current projects in East Grand Forks, Breckenridge and Dilworth.
  - Issues surrounding floodplain certification by the Army Corps of Engineers were discussed by the group. Klapprodt suggested that one of the RRBC’s roles could be to work with A.C.E. to expedite this process.
  - Farmstead ring dike program in Minnesota has completed roughly 225 of the 325 requested ring dikes in the Red River basin. Norquay reported that Manitoba has completed approximately 95% of their farmstead ring dikes.
  - Project evaluation criteria was described (i.e., prevent loss of life, prevent damage to structures & communities, consistency with comprehensive watershed plans, etc.). Once projects are prioritized on these criteria, a list of recommendations is provided to the Minnesota Legislature. Discussion of the role of the Mediation Work Group and the Red River Watershed Management Board.
4. NRFP (Natural Resources Framework Plan) update – Discussion surrounding RRBC’s planning exercise, and how we can use the NRFP to bring awareness to state and provincial Legislatures in the future.
5. Follow up Activities
  - (i) Maple River Dam groundbreaking – September 15 – Fischer reported that there will be a press conference and ceremony at the site, all are encouraged to attend.
  - (ii) North Ottawa groundbreaking – September 20 – RRBC Staff are helping to coordinate the groundbreaking ceremony. All are encouraged to attend.
  - (iii) Aquatic Nuisance Species – Discussion surrounding the unnecessary duplication of efforts – the Bureau of Reclamation is conducting a study of biota/ANS in their Water Supply Study for the Red River Basin. Schlueter outlined the development of the North Dakota ANS management plan, modeled after the federal guidelines. They have consulted with Manitoba re: ANS issues, and hope to complete the management

plan by September. Norquay indicated that a Manitoba ANS regulation will be developed under the Water Protection Act. The IJC's International Red River Board has also undertaken an investigation into ANS through its Aquatic Ecosystem Health Committee. Recommendation to RRBC Staff to track these efforts and keep Committee apprised of new developments.

- (iv) Livestock Notification Protocol – RRBC staff will contact each jurisdiction to ensure that the RRBC is part of the notification list.
- (v) Two Rivers Watershed District Plan: Dwight reported that the Final Plan was approved and released July 15; Joe River and Roseau plans have also been approved but need to go through the August BWSR board meeting.

6. Other Business

- Next meeting – First Thursday in September prior to board meeting to discuss NRFP and hear about Manitoba's planning process.

7. Adjourn