

RED RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Plan Management Committee Minutes

September 4, 2003

8:30 am

Prairie Room

Expressway Inn

Fargo, ND

Members Present: Joe Belford-Ramsey County, Tom Fisher-Cass County Joint Water Resources Board, Lee Klapprodt-ND State Water Commission, Henry Van Offelen-MN Center for Environmental Advocacy, Dan Wilkens-Red River Watershed Management Board, Herm Martens-RM of Morris, Sam Schellenberg-Pembina Valley Water Co-op, Brian Dwight-MN Board of Water and Soil Resources, Doug McNeil-City of Winnipeg, Don Ogaard- MN at-large member, Mike Ell-ND Department of Health, and Bill Regehr for Muriel Smith-Province of Manitoba.

Others Present: Bud Oliver

Staff Present: Kevin Scheidecker, Lance Yohe, Harold Taylor

1. Call to Order

Chair Schellenberg called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

2. Approve August 2003 Minutes

Motioned by Martens and seconded by Belford to approve the August minutes. Motion carried.

3. Review Red River Basin Natural Resources Framework Plan

Yohe and Scheidecker reviewed progress on the development of the framework plan. A discussion was held on the draft of goals and objectives for the flood damage reduction section of the framework plan. Comments were received on the first five goals. The PM Committee directed the staff to make the changes to the first five goals, send the changes out to members as soon as possible and the discussion will be continued at next months meeting.

4. Update on Roseau First Nation dike slippage and dead tree removal at Roseau First Nation Reserve

Taylor reported that a letter from the RRBC has been sent to Indian and Northern Affairs-Canada in support of expedited action to repair the dike that has slipped on the Roseau River Reserve.

Scheidecker reviewed information on tree snagging programs that are being developed in the basin. PM Committee recommendation was to develop a statement on the course of action for the tree snagging issue that would be approved at the next PM meeting.

5. Discussion on RRBC intervention with projects completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

A review of each country's EIS process was reviewed. Discussion centered around when it was most appropriate and most effective for the RRBC to provide comments on a project involved in an EIS. Consensus was that it may be appropriate for the RRBC to provide comments early on in an EIS process but not take a position on the project at that point.

6. Other Business

None at this time.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.