



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.
Minutes.

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MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

August 23, 1989

Appointed Members in Attendance

Donald Ogaard
John Boulton
Don Warner
Eugene Kalmes
Douglas Bade
John Brooks, Jr.
Loni Kemp
Howard Peterson
Lowell Moen
Jack Graba
Natalie Haas Steffen
Ken Schellack
James Hoese
John Williamson

Appointed Members Absent

Loren Harste
William Cofell

Agency Members in Attendance

Paul Burns, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Laurel Reeves, Division of Waters, Dept. of Natural Resources
Tim Scherkenbach, Pollution Control Agency
Dr. H. H. Cheng, University of Minnesota

Others in Attendance

Al Dornfeld, Minnesota Assoc. of Watershed Districts, Inc.
Keith Grow, Minn. Association of Conservation District Employees
Franklin Denn, Minnesota Association of Townships
Kim Benson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Nels Nelson, Barr Engineering
Tom Colbert, Gun Club Lake Watershed Management Organization
Jon DeGroot, Soil Conservation Service
Judy Erickson, Erickson and Associates
Merle Anderson, Watonwan SWCD
John Forest, Dakota County Planning
Milayne Larson, Clearwater SWCD
Cliff Tweedale, Bemidji
Dale Krystosek, Beltrami SWCD

Staff Present

Jim Birkholz	Greg Larson	Jeff Nielsen
Pat Bloomgren	Brian Dwight	Chris Hughes
Mel Sinn	Dan Steward	Wayne Edgerton
Doug Thomas	D. Perry Kidder	Karen Schultz
Bruce Sandstrom		

Meeting Called to Order - Chairman Ogaard called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Building, 90 W. Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Adopt Agenda - Chairman Ogaard announced an amendment to the agenda: "Metropolitan Water Management Plans" became Item No. 9, thereby changing Item 9 to 10, and Item 10 to 11; and the approval of the Vermillion River WMO Plan was added under Item No. 9. Moved by Kalmes, seconded by Moen, to adopt the agenda as amended. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Peterson, Graba, Kalmes, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

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Approval of Minutes of July 26, 1989 - Jim Birkholz said that on page 3 regarding the September tour, the dates are wrong; it should read Tuesday, September 26, Wednesday, September 27, and Monday evening, September 25. Ken Schellack said that on page 2, under Approval of Minutes of June 28, 1989, in the discussion of the correction on page 5 of the June 28, 1989 minutes, his name should be removed as having made the motion to approve option #3, because he had not attended the June meeting; also on page 2 under "Approval...", John Williamson said that his name should be listed as being in the affirmative for the motion made at the June meeting regarding the grant allocations; and Howard Peterson stated that he had attended the dedication of the Minette-Kranz Dam and tour of Pipestone SWCD on July 10, 1989, and the minutes should reflect that. Howard Peterson mentioned that the NACD Leadership Session is being held August 23, 24, 25, 1989 and the minutes should reflect that on page 3. Moved by Peterson, seconded by Warner, to approve the minutes, as amended. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Peterson, Graba, Warner, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Ogaard reported that for himself and several members of the Board staff, the preparation and gathering of information for the Metropolitan Water Management Task Force meetings is a tremendous job. The Task Force meets every first and third Wednesday of the month. At the last meeting two WMOs - the Credit River and the Vadnais Lake Area - reported on their history and activities; presentations will be made by two watershed districts, and other reports will be given at the next meeting. The Task Force members will soon start the process of deciding whether changes need to be made in the laws. Chairman Ogaard said he is concerned about two things regarding the Task Force meetings - not every entity has been represented at each meeting, and also, the WMOs have stated that when the Plans have been adopted, they don't intend to be a management entity.

Executive Director's Report - Jim Birkholz reported that Board members' per diem has been increased by the Legislature to \$48 per meeting.

Jim announced that the Board has entered into a mobility assignment, for a maximum of two years, with the Department of Agriculture regarding its Business Manager position. Tom Schwanke has moved over from the Department of Agriculture as its Business Manager. Tom has worked with the Soil and Water Conservation Board's and this Board's accounts for several years. The Department of Employee Relations has made a commitment to look at the business manager position after the mobility assignment has been in place for a period of time.

Reclassification ratings have been done on two staff positions; one is Greg Larson's position in the Water and Land Management section because of the increase in staff and the amount of work dealing with Comprehensive Local Water Management; the other position is the creation of a field level supervisory position called a Regional Conservation Supervisor. There will be

one of these positions in southern and northern Minnesota to provide more direct day-to-day supervision and assistance to the field staff.

Denice DeFrates, the Board's Communications Manager, will return to work September 15th after a leave of absence over the summer months. D. Kidder, the temporary Communications Manager, will terminate her employment with the Board at that time.

Joe Richter, our temporary hydrologist on staff, has accepted a position with the Metro Region Division of Waters of DNR. Joe's last day will be September 5th. The Board still is in need of a temporary hydrologist on its staff.

Jim said that to date he has been unable to sponsor a meeting of agency representatives to discuss the grasshopper issue because the appropriate people were not available. The University of Minnesota Extension has sent out news releases saying that tillage does not have an impact on grasshopper egg populations, and that environmental factors such as moisture and the natural occurrence of fungi are much better control mechanisms. The Board is also putting out news releases. Three legislative hearings are scheduled around the state on the subject - in Thief River Falls, Herman, and Rochester.

Jim said he represented this Board at the recent meeting of the Red River Resources Council. He said it is a good opportunity to share information with North Dakota. The two states will be working on a series of issue papers that relate to water management in the basin, attempting to do more education and getting everyone to be able to focus on good water management techniques that the states need to pursue together.

Jim said that part of the Governor's tax package proposed to sunset about 550 million dollars in state grant programs by 1994, including most of the grants the Board administers. Jim said that the intent was to get the issue out before the public on how much the state is spending on various grants and how it does impact local government. The future of this part of the proposal is unknown.

Chairman Ogaard announced that Dr. H. H. Cheng is attending the meeting on behalf of the University of Minnesota and filling in for George Foster.

EQB/Water Resources Committee Report - Howard Peterson and Loni Kemp reported that a Legislative Commission on Water has been appointed: Senate members are Morris, Merriam, Bernhagen, DeCramer, and Purfeerst; the House members are Bishop, Redalen, Price, Munger and Kalis. A 10-year agenda is called for, in addition to the two-year priorities report to the Legislature in the past. Loni said a water education committee consisting of agency representatives has been set up (Dave Behm is the Board's representative). All agencies and MEEB are trying to have a coordinated approach to all aspects of water education including curriculum and also public education on proper use of land and water. MEEB is presenting a report to the LCMR on what they see their future as being.

South Central Administrative Region Report - Jeff Nielsen, the Board Representative in the South Central Region, reported that he had attended a nonpoint source pollution conference in St. Louis. One of the points discussed was the major impediments to a successful nonpoint source program. Conclusions of the participants were: insufficient public involvement, very complex political structure, and an unclear and undefined ownership of the problem. Citizens must be convinced there is a problem before they will get involved.

Jeff distributed a report on Minnesota River Assessment Project (MRAP). The project is funded for two years through MPCA by the LCMR. The project is an assessment of how and where to work on the Minnesota River watershed when programs on nonpoint source pollution are implemented. Several federal, state, local, and private agencies are involved in MRAP. A report will be made to LCMR in June 1991.

Identification of Legislative Initiatives for the 1990 Executive Branch Policy Development

Program - Jim Birkholz asked the Board members to discuss and review a draft paper of the Board's Potential 1990 BWSR Legislative Initiatives (mailed to the Board members in the Board mailing) and to direct the staff on whether to pursue the legislative initiatives. There were seven Policy issues and five Funding issues. Jim described each of the initiatives as the Board members listened and commented on each of them. There was considerable discussion among the Board members on every legislative initiative.

At 11:15 am a 10-minute break was taken. At 11:30 am the Board meeting reconvened.

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After discussion of all of the legislative initiatives, the Chairman stated that these legislative initiatives are a general synopsis of the issues and much detail needs to be worked out before the legislative session with all interested parties but the real need is to bring certain issues to the attention of the Administration for consideration. Moved by Haas Steffen, seconded by Brooks, to immediately continue work on items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6 under Policy issues, and under Funding issues, items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. After discussion, an addition was made to the motion by Haas Steffen, that items 2 and 7 be put on a delay for further study and refinement. The Chairman stated that the final motion reads to move these items for support by this Board with items 2 and 7 under Policy deleted from the process at this time. Discussion stated that there would be a forthcoming motion to say that they would be brought up in a different process at a future time. Affirmative: Kalmes, Schellack, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Jr., and Graba. Opposed: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Bade, Moen, Peterson, and Kemp. Motion failed.

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The Chairman asked for a motion with any other language. Moved by Warner, seconded by Schellack, to adopt all the initiatives. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: Kalmes, Hoese, Haas Steffen, and Brooks, Jr. Carried.

Chairman Ogaard recessed the meeting for lunch at 11:50 am. The meeting reconvened at 1:00 pm.

Advisor Comments

- Soil Conservation Service - Jon DeGroot reported that 150,000 acres state wide were bid on the recent CRP sign-up. Jon said FY 1990 funding will be known in about two weeks.

- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees - Keith Grow reported that a person will be designated to attend the BWSR meetings as a representative of the SWCD Employees. Keith said there is a concern that there should be more SCS compensation toward SWCDs. Keith commented that the timing of grants for cost-share programs should be changed.

- Minnesota Association of Townships - Franklin Denn reported that he had been a participant in the meeting with the Governor on the Governor's tax bill. It is a concern of the Townships that the state is directing what their cost will be and how their money will be spent.

- Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts - Al Dornfeld reported that the Association's annual meeting will be held December 1 and 2, 1989 at the Arrowwood Lodge in Alexandria.

110B Comprehensive Local Water Plan Overviews

Chris Hughes, the Board's field hydrologist in the south central region, gave an overview of Watonwan County's local water plan. Watonwan County is part of a 13-county local water planning group in south central Minnesota. One of the actions the county will be taking will be to develop a geologic atlas along with the other 12 counties. Erosion snags and flooding are some of the problems in the Watonwan River.

Merle Anderson, Treasurer of the Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District, and coordinator for the Watonwan County local water plan, said the implementation of the local water plan is a reinforcement of the state-local partnership in the resource management area. This plan will create a task force to develop an annual work plan and annual budget. Merle said state agencies must be involved in the implementation of the local water plans. Merle expressed to the Board and staff his thanks for the help and guidance given in the preparation of the Watonwan county water plan.

Dan Steward, the Board's field hydrologist in the west central region, introduced Milayne Larson, manager of the Clearwater SWCD and Dale Krystosek, Manager of the Beltrami SWCD, and Cliff Tweedale, Planner with the Headwaters RDC in Bemidji. They presented an overview of the Beltrami County and Clearwater County water plans. They are the first two plans in the northern half of the state to be scheduled for the formal 90-day state review. The two counties are members of the 8-county headwaters board which is an 8-county joint powers agreement established in 1980 to manage the upper Mississippi river.

Metropolitan Water Management Plans

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- Gun Club Lake WMO - After describing the Plan, Bruce Sandstrom recommended the approval of the Gun Club Lake Watershed Management Organization Plan. Bruce had given an overview of the Plan to the Board in April 1989. Bruce said the Plan was the best water quality Plan to date in the seven-county area. Moved by Graba, seconded by Boulton, to approve the Gun Club Lake WMO Plan as recommended by staff. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

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- Vermillion River WMO - After describing the Plan, Bruce recommended the approval of the Vermillion River Watershed Management Organization Plan. Moved by Haas Steffen, seconded by Hoese, to approve the Vermillion River WMO Plan as recommended by staff. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

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- Vadnais Lake Area WMO - Bruce recommended an amendment to the Vadnais Lake Area WMO Plan, which would provide standards and criteria in the process to evaluate variances from the wetland filling and alteration provisions of their Plan. Moved by Haas Steffen, seconded by Warner, to approve the amendment to the Vadnais Lake Area WMO Plan. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Moen, Hoese, Haas Steffen, Brooks, Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

- Sunrise River WMO and Shingle Creek WMO - Bruce Sandstrom gave overviews of the two WMOs for the Board's information.

Lowell Moen left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

-Update - Bruce said a hearing has been requested on the Forest Lake WMO Plan and asked the Board when the most convenient time would be to hold the hearing. The Chairman suggested scheduling the hearing in October for the Dispute Resolution Committee.

- WMO Phone Survey Results - The results of the WMO phone survey were distributed to Board members. This phone survey came about from discussion at the Task Force Meetings.

Natalie Haas Steffen left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Grant Decisions

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- 110B and Metropolitan Ground Water Planning Grants - Greg Larson recommended the approval of a proposal that would grant funds to those counties that did not receive the LCMR grants. Six counties (Carlton, Douglas, Nobles, Benton, Rock, and Wright) are eligible at this time for grants to complete or to develop 110B county water plans. Staff recommends a grant of \$15,300 to those counties. As additional counties prepare resolutions, staff will present grant proposals for Board consideration. Moved by Boulton, seconded by Kalmes, to approve the proposal. After discussion, it was moved by Kemp and seconded by Brooks, to amend the motion to say that individuals must provide proposals similar to those who have qualified for LCMR grants. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Bade, Schellack, Peterson, Graba, Kemp, Kalmes, and Brooks, Jr. Opposed: Warner and Hoese. Carried. Chairman Ogaard called for a vote on the original motion. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Hoese, Peterson, and Graba. Opposed: Brooks, Jr. and Kemp. Carried.

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- The International Coalition - Jim Birkholz asked the Board's approval of a \$10,000 payment to the International Water Coalition basically for a State of Minnesota membership in the International Water Coalition for one year for land and water stewardship. Moved by Schellack, seconded by Kemp to process the payment of \$10,000 to the International Water Coalition. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Hoese, Brooks, Jr., Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

James Hoese left the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve Program -

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- Payment rates for September sign-up - Wayne Edgerton made several recommendations for RIM payments that the Board approve. Recommendations were: that the existing 1988 cropland perpetual and limited easement payment rate schedule be continued for the 1989 sign-up; the non-cropland rate for perpetual easements be the same as the cropland 20-year rate, and the non-cropland rate for 20-year easements be 65% of the non-cropland perpetual rate. Moved by Kalmes, seconded by Kemp, to accept the staff recommendation on the payment rates for the September 1989 sign-up. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Brooks, Jr., Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

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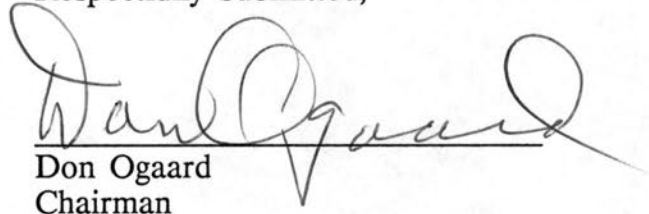
Wayne made another staff recommendation to approve all pilot counties as pasture hillside participants with the upcoming sign-up. Moved by Boulton, seconded by Bade to accept staff recommendation to approve all of the 19 SWCDs as Pilot Pastured Hillside participants in the 1989 sign-up. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Brooks, Jr., Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried. Wayne asked the Board to approve the prioritization of the RIM Reserve eligibility categories as presented. This prioritization was developed as a result of a mail survey of the Board members. Moved by Williamson, seconded by Graba, to approve the categories as presented. Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Brooks, Jr., Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

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September Tour and Board Meeting Update - There was some discussion of the September Board meeting and tour of Mystery Cave in Fillmore County. More information will be provided.

89-75 Adjournment - Moved by Warner, seconded by Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.
** Affirmative: Ogaard, Boulton, Williamson, Warner, Kalmes, Bade, Schellack, Brooks, Jr., Peterson, Graba, and Kemp. Opposed: None. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Don Ogaard
Chairman

POTENTIAL 1990 BWSR LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES
(Draft Form A's With More Descriptive Information
Will Be Available At The August 23rd Meeting)

Policy

1. Soil Loss Limits Statutory Update

The purpose of this legislative initiative is to improve the use of the soil loss limits statute M.S. Chapter 40.19, especially for use by local governments in implementing comprehensive local water plans. The proposed language changes would clarify definitions, performance standards and modify local enforcement authorities. Detailed language is currently being drafted.

2. Special Levies. Recent changes to the tax code eliminated a number of special levies, some of which impact the implementation of local water plans. There are also other levy issues which have been pursued by local governments for several years. This proposed legislative initiative would accomplish the following:

- Restore the three-quarter mill optional levy for counties to use to implement 110B plans.
- Restore the optional one mill special levy which WMOs can use to implement capitol improvement portions of 509 plans.
- Increase the maximum watershed district levy under Chapter 112 to two mills or \$200,000. (Some attention must be given to fine tuning this proposal considering metro versus rural settings)
- Institute a one mill special levy for SWCDs based on county option.

3. Metropolitan Water Management Task Force Recommendations

This task force is scheduled to deliver its report to the Governor and Legislature December 12, 1989. The schedule does not allow for a Form A to be developed on any potential legislative initiatives. The purpose of submitting this request would be to alert the administration that recommendations will be forthcoming from this task force.

4. Minnesota Department of Agriculture/Board of Water and Soil Resources Administrative Ties

Current statute requires the Department of Agriculture to provide suitable and adequate office facilities and space for the Board. Due to space limitations it is obvious that the Department is no longer providing this space. The Board has always paid rent for the space which it has occupied. This proposal would remove the requirement from statute that the Commissioner of Agriculture provide space for the Board. The Commissioner of Agriculture is also required to provide and make available administrative services required by the Board in the administration of its functions. This proposal would make this a voluntary arrangement which would serve to facilitate the identification of the costs of services

provided so that a fair deal can be worked out between the Board and the Department. The current administrative arrangement is causing some unnecessary headaches for both parties.

5. Erosion and Sediment Control Cost-Share Program: Timing of Grants
SWCDs typically do not receive authorization to encumber cost-share funds in time to conduct fall construction of conservation practices from the current fiscal year allocation. This is due to restrictions of Minnesota Contract Law, which states that the State cannot obligate funds prior to authorization from the Department of Finance. This proposed change would allow SWCDs to obligate funds for fall construction of cost-share practices as long as they are willing to accept the liability if the state cost-share payment is not forthcoming. M.S. Chapter 40.036, State Cost-Share Statute, would be amended by inserting a section: "Notwithstanding any other provision of MRS. 16A, a soil and water conservation district may obligate cost-share funds for cost-sharing contracts prior to receiving authorization to encumber such funds from the state, provided that a district assumes liability to pay the landowner in the event funds are not received from the state."
6. Erosion and Sediment Cost-Share Program: Recording of Practices
The Board has placed a moratorium on the requirement for recording of cost-share practices on the landowners abstract. This moratorium has been in effect for approximately a year. This legislative initiative would pursue a clarification in statute of legislative intent.
7. M.S. Chapter 112 Changes/Updates
The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts has expressed an interest in pursuing updated language to Chapter 112 Watershed District Law. This proposed initiative would be pursued jointly with that association.

Funding

1. Reinvest In Minnesota Reserve Program Bonding Authorization for the Next Biennium
The 1989 legislature passed only emergency bonding for the RIM program. The Board's request was for \$12,000,000 in bonding funds for the program for the biennium. The \$12,000,000 funding need stands and should be forwarded.
2. Bond Funds for the Wellner-Hagemann Multi-Purpose Flood Control Project in Study Area II
Construction of this large project goes beyond the capability of the Study Area II general fund appropriation. This is an opportunity to obtain adequate funding to expedite the construction of this project which has the necessary support. The bonding appropriation requested would be approximately \$2,000,000.

3. Wind Erosion Control Program

Wind erosion continues to be a serious problem across the state of Minnesota. This Board has made requests of the LCMR and the full legislature to deal with this problem particularly with focusing on serious erosion problems in the Red River Valley. This proposal would continue the push for state efforts to assist local governments and citizens in dealing with wind erosion problems in the Red River Valley. It would establish pilot program which would focus on education needs, an incentive program to establish and maintain field windbreaks and conservation tillage practices and also provide a model wind erosion ordinance for optional use by local governments.

4. Animal Waste Management

This proposal would dovetail with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the recent task force which has recently been established to study the animal waste management problem in Minnesota. While in light of the task force meeting, this proposal is somewhat premature to take advantage of the timing of legislative issues, it is proposed that the Board pursue one engineering position to provide technical assistance for needed animal waste management systems and a \$250,000 grant program to provide cost-share assistance to ~~needy~~ landowners.

Additional suggestions or refinements of the above ideas should be forwarded to Jim Birkholz at 612-296-0879 or brought to the Board meeting on August 23rd.



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August 15, 1989

TO: Board of Water and Soil Resources Members, Staff,
and Advisors

FROM: Jim Birkholz, Executive Director. *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: August 23rd BWSR Meeting

Enclosed is the preliminary agenda and informational material for the August 23rd Board meeting. As usual the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Department of Agriculture Building, 90 W. Plato Blvd., St. Paul, Minnesota. Following is information relevant to the agenda items:

- As was announced at the last meeting, August 25th is the deadline for Departmental Legislative Initiatives to be submitted to the State Planning Agency. The State Planning Agency, similar to past years, will be reviewing legislative initiatives on behalf of the Governor's office. The enclosed handout contains a listing of potential legislative initiatives from this Board and a brief explanation of what the initiative would entail. Since the second half of the biennium is generally considered a non-budget year, the Governor is requesting that all departments limit their legislative initiatives to those bills that are essential to the operation of state programs. Please review the enclosed list and be prepared to discuss possible initiatives and decide which ones to forward to the policy review process.
- 110B Comprehensive Local Water Plan Overviews. Three plans are now before the Board for review, Watonwan County, Beltrami County, and Clearwater County. Staff is presently conducting review of these plans in coordination with other review agencies. The plans will be overviewed at the Board meeting and Board members will have opportunities to ask any questions and discuss the contents of the plans.
- RIM Reserve Program. Enclosed in the packet is a staff paper regarding establishment of payment rates for the upcoming sign-up period. Please review this information as it will be the basis for the discussion of what payment rates should be set for the upcoming RIM reserve sign-up in September. Board member forms regarding the prioritization of eligible categories are being collected and a compilation will be available at the Board meeting for Board action. A pilot program concept for the pastured/hillside eligibility category was discussed at the last Board meeting. Board members should decide the direction for this component of this program.

Board Members, Staff, and Advisors
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If you require more information or have any questions, comments, additions or modifications to the agenda, please contact myself or Chairman Ogaard. See you on the 23rd!

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to Order
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of July 26, 1989
4. Reports
- Chairman's Report - Donald Ogaard
 - Executive Director's Report - Jim Birkholz
 - EQB/Water Resources Committee Report - Loni Kemp/Howard Peterson
5. South Central Administrative Region Report - Jeff Nielsen
- 10:15 a.m. 6. Identification of Legislative Initiatives for the 1990 Executive Branch Policy Development Program - Jim Birkholz
- 11:30 a.m. 7. 110B Comprehensive Local Water Plan Overviews
- Watonwan - Merle Anderson, Chris Hughes
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. 110B Comprehensive Local water Plan Overviews (Continued)
- Beltrami County - Cliff Tweeldale, Dan Steward
 - Clearwater County - Cliff Tweeldale, Dan Steward
- 1:30 p.m. 8. Metropolitan Water Management Plans - Bruce Sandstrom
- Plan amendment - for approval
- Vadnais Lake Area WMO
- Plan Approvals
- Gun Club Lake WMO
 - Vermillion WMO (tentative)
- Plan Overviews - for information
- Sunrise River WMO
 - Shingle Creek WMO
- Update
- Hearing requested on Forest Lake WMO Plan
 - WMO Phone Survey Results
- 2:30 p.m. 9. Reinvest In Minnesota Reserve Program
- Proposed Cancellation of Dennis Sandin easement, Meeker SWCD
 - Payment rates for September sign-up - for decision
 - Prioritization of Eligible Land Categories - for decision
 - Selection of SWCDs for pastured/hillside program - for decision
10. Other Items As Time Allows
- Agricultural Environmentalists Program/Sustainable Agriculture
 - September Tour and Board Meeting Update
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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provided so that a fair deal can be worked out between the Board and the Department. The current administrative arrangement is causing some unnecessary headaches for both parties.

5. Erosion and Sediment Control Cost-Share Program: Timing of Grants
SWCDs typically do not receive authorization to encumber cost-share funds in time to conduct fall construction of conservation practices from the current fiscal year allocation. This is due to restrictions of Minnesota Contract Law, which states that the State cannot obligate funds prior to authorization from the Department of Finance. This proposed change would allow SWCDs to obligate funds for fall construction of cost-share practices as long as they are willing to accept the liability if the state cost-share payment is not forthcoming. M.S. Chapter 40.036, State Cost-Share Statute, would be amended by inserting a section: "Notwithstanding any other provision of MRS. 16A, a soil and water conservation district may obligate cost-share funds for cost-sharing contracts prior to receiving authorization to encumber such funds from the state, provided that a district assumes liability to pay the landowner in the event funds are not received from the state."
6. Erosion and Sediment Cost-Share Program: Recording of Practices
The Board has placed a moratorium on the requirement for recording of cost-share practices on the landowners abstract. This moratorium has been in effect for approximately a year. This legislative initiative would pursue a clarification in statute of legislative intent.
7. M.S. Chapter 112 Changes/Updates
The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts has expressed an interest in pursuing updated language to Chapter 112 Watershed District Law. This proposed initiative would be pursued jointly with that association.

Funding

1. Reinvest In Minnesota Reserve Program Bonding Authorization for the Next Biennium
The 1989 legislature passed only emergency bonding for the RIM program. The Board's request was for \$12,000,000 in bonding funds for the program for the biennium. The \$12,000,000 funding need stands and should be forwarded.
2. Bond Funds for the Wellner-Hagemann Multi-Purpose Flood Control Project in Study Area II
Construction of this large project goes beyond the capability of the Study Area II general fund appropriation. This is an opportunity to obtain adequate funding to expedite the construction of this project which has the necessary support. The bonding appropriation requested would be approximately \$2,000,000.

3. Wind Erosion Control Program

Wind erosion continues to be a serious problem across the state of Minnesota. This Board has made requests of the LCMR and the full legislature to deal with this problem particularly with focusing on serious erosion problems in the Red River Valley. This proposal would continue the push for state efforts to assist local governments and citizens in dealing with wind erosion problems in the Red River Valley. It would establish pilot program which would focus on education needs, an incentive program to establish and maintain field windbreaks and conservation tillage practices and also provide a model wind erosion ordinance for optional use by local governments.

4. Animal Waste Management

This proposal would dovetail with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the recent task force which has recently been established to study the animal waste management problem in Minnesota. While in light of the task force meeting, this proposal is somewhat premature to take advantage of the timing of legislative issues, it is proposed that the Board pursue one engineering position to provide technical assistance for needed animal waste management systems and a \$250,000 grant program to provide cost-share assistance to needy landowners.

Additional suggestions or refinements of the above ideas should be forwarded to Jim Birkholz at 612-296-0879 or brought to the Board meeting on August 23rd.

OVERVIEW OF THE BELTRAMI COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN
FOR THE AUGUST 23, 1989 BOARD MEETING

INTRODUCTION

In January, 1988, the Beltrami County Board appointed a 20 member Task Force to guide development of the county's water plan. Cliff Tweedale, of the Headwaters Regional Development Commission staff, served as Project Manager. The Beltrami SWCD, Bemidji State University, and the Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Association rounded out the project team. Beltrami County is a member of the eight county Mississippi Headwaters Board Joint Powers Agreement (MHB). The MHB provided regional coordination of local water plan development for its eight member counties.

COUNTY DESCRIPTION

Beltrami County is located in Northwestern Minnesota, Bemidji is the county seat. Northern and western parts of the county drain into the Red River of the North; the Southern part of the county drains east through the Mississippi River. Beltrami County is well-endowed with water resources with about 220 lakes, over 400,000 acres of wetlands, hundreds of miles of streams and vast quantities of groundwater. Land use in the county is dominated by forest and wetlands, with less than 10% of the county cultivated for crop production.

Although Beltrami County surface water quality is generally thought to be good, the plan noted a scarcity of surface water quality data. Of the fifteen lakes with enough data to determine trophic status, six are eutrophic.

The Bemidji-Bagley Sand Plain Aquifer Study has provided that county with valuable information of the surficial aquifer underlying southern Beltrami County. The surficial aquifer is extremely vulnerable to contamination, and potential exists for transporting contaminants to deeper aquifers.

STAFF REVIEW

The Beltrami County Task Force has developed an excellent comprehensive local water plan. The Task Force has reviewed existing water related data and developed assessments of the data. The plan includes goals, objectives, priority actions, and an aggressive implementation program including the following items: intensified lake water quality monitoring, implementing a Clean Water Partnership Program project for Lakes Irvine and Bemidji, expanding groundwater quality monitoring, developing a geologic atlas, adoption of a countywide on-site wastewater treatment ordinance, proactive enforcement of the shoreland ordinance, taking over enforcement of the State Well Code, prioritizing watersheds and feedlots for run-off control, developing an educational program on wetland values, creation of a local wetland mitigation and banking system, cleaning up five illegal dumps, and developing a geographic information system for managing local natural resources.

The plan identifies the Beltrami SWCD as the lead local agency for coordinating plan implementation. The County Water Planning Committee will be maintained as a Committee of the SWCD, and will meet semi-annually to review and advise the County Board on the status of plan implementation.

Beltrami County water planning staff are working to address a handful of minor comments surfaced during BWSR preliminary review.

OVERVIEW OF THE CLEARWATER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN AUG 14 89
FOR THE AUGUST 23, 1989 BOARD MEETING

INTRODUCTION

In January, 1988, the Clearwater County Board appointed a 23 member Task Force to guide development of the county's water plan. Cliff Tweedale, of the Headwaters Regional Development Commission staff, served as Project Manager. The Clearwater SWCD, Bemidji State University and the Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Association rounded out the project team. Clearwater County is a member of the eight county Mississippi Headwaters Board Joint Powers Agreement (MHB). The MHB provided regional coordination of local water plan development for its eight member counties.

COUNTY DESCRIPTION

Clearwater County is located in northwestern Minnesota; Bagley is the county seat. The north and southwestern parts of the county drain west into the Red River of the North, with the southeastern part of the county draining into the Mississippi River. In fact, Lake Itasca, source of the Mississippi River is located in the county. Clearwater County has very abundant water resources with about 160 lakes, 110,000 acres of wetlands, hundreds of miles of streams, and plentiful groundwater resources.

Clearwater County's population is stable. Forest is the dominant land use in the county; about 20% of the county is in cropland.

Although groundwater quality is generally good, the protective clay layer above the important confined aquifer can be thin, and is probably non-existent in areas. As a result, there is potential for movement of contaminants into confined aquifers. Lake water quality in the county is also generally good, resulting in a focus on prevention of problems rather than reaction to existing problems.

STAFF REVIEW

The Clearwater County Task Force has developed an excellent comprehensive local water plan. The task force has reviewed existing water related data. Assessments of the data have led to the county's goals, objectives and action items. The Task Force has developed a strong implementation program including the following items: intensified lake water quality monitoring, expanded groundwater quality monitoring, developing a geologic atlas, adoption of a countywide on-site wastewater treatment ordinance, identifying underground storage tanks, illegal dumps, and abandoned wells, proactive enforcement of the shoreland ordinance, prioritizing watershed and feedlots for run-off control, developing an educational program on wetland values, creation of a local wetland mitigation and banking system, and developing a geographic information system for managing local natural resources.

The plan identifies the Clearwater SWCD as the lead local agency for coordinating plan implementation. The County Water Planning Committee will become a standing committee of the SWCD. The committee will meet semi-annually to review and advise the County Board on the status of plan implementation.

Clearwater County water planning staff are working to address a handful of minor comments surfaced during BWSR preliminary review.

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OVERVIEW OF THE WATONWAN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLAN
FOR THE AUGUST 23, 1989 BOARD MEETING

INTRODUCTION

Watonwan County has a total of 282,240 acres of land of which 3,600 acres are publicly owned. The county's original vegetation consisted of prairie, wetlands and river bottom forest, however, today the county is primarily cultivated for agricultural use. The county has eight incorporated cities: St. James, Odin, Lewisville, Madelia, Butterfield, Darfor, La Salle, and Ormsby. Watonwan County began local water planning on June 24, 1986 as part of the South Central Minnesota Counties Comprehensive Water Planning Project, a 13 county joint powers board formed to write and implement local water plans.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF COUNTY

Much of Watonwan County is covered by a uniform blanket of glacial till (unstratified material) of the Altamont sublobe of the Des Moines Lobe, a major glacial tongue. Northeastern Watonwan County is covered by silt, sand and gravel glacial lake sediment. Watonwan County gradually slopes from southeast to northwest dropping 385 feet over that distance. The dominant hydrologic feature in the county is the Watonwan River (North Fork, South Fork and mainstem), which flows easterly to the Blue Earth River.

Major problems in Watonwan County include erosion, snags and flooding in and along the Watonwan River, proximity of abandoned underground storage tanks to unsealed wells, wetland drainage and a shortage of non-point source pollution information.

STAFF REVIEW

Watonwan County has planned many actions to address its problems and to preserve, restore and enhance its water resources. Watonwan County will develop a Watonwan River maintenance plan participate in a private well testing program, develop a geologic atlas, participate in the "Minnesota River non-point pollution assessment project, inventory injection wells and has developed a no net loss wetland policy. Watonwan County contributed towards the recent hiring of an extension cluster agent to help implement its education program and will create a task force to oversee, review and guide plan implementation.

BWSR staff has worked with and continues to work with Watonwan County to expand its required data assessments and strengthen its implementation program. The plan was submitted to the BWSR for final (90 day) State Agency review on August 1, 1989. Staff will provide you a review update at the September 27, 1989 meeting.

This plan was written by and for Watonwan County and the county has developed a deep sense of pride and ownership in its plan. Watonwan County is committed to plan implementation through the guidance of its task force which needs to be flexible and to mature. This is only the beginning!

By: Chris J. Hughes 08/09/89

MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 10, 1989

TO: JIM BIRKHOLZ, EX. DIRECTOR BWSR

FROM: STEVE MILLER, RIM REALTY SPECIALIST

SUBJECT: 1989 PAYMENT RATES RECOMMENDATIONS

I have reviewed the current status of the information that is available for this project and have discovered the following issues that need discussion:

ISSUE 1.

There is confusion in the type of data that has been used to determine payment rates. The confusion involves the availability of two types of EMV values from the Revenue Dept., DEEDED and TILLABLE. The previous payment rate calculations have exclusively used DEEDED acre EMV values. DEEDED acre EMV values reflect all agricultural land including pasture, waste, and woods. The other source, TILLABLE acre EMV values is the value of only the cropped or tillable portion of all agricultural land. Both DEEDED and TILLABLE EMV values are available throughout the state. However, there are a few counties where the assessor does not provide tillable land value data to the state. In these cases a close approximation of TILLABLE can be developed by the use of information from surrounding counties.

In my view, BWSR should be using the TILLABLE EMV values whenever possible as the majority of RIM easements are on land that has a cropping history. TILLABLE EMV's would also tend to increase payment rates in townships that have a high proportion of non-crop land. Many of these areas are the areas that have complained the loudest about the low RIM payment rates.

ISSUE 2.

A second issue is the method and type of data that has been used to determine payment rates in the past. This procedure involved the use of the county per acre rental rates for average crop land adjusted for differences in land value using DEEDED acre EMV values and then capitalizing this number at the DISCOUNT RATE currently in use. The product of this calculation is then compared with the current DEEDED acre EMV value for that township and the lower of the two values used in the calculation of the payment rate for that township.

I see several problems with this approach; it uses the lower of two incompatible measures; a township DEEDED acre EMV and an adjusted county wide rental rate for average tillable or cropland acres; and it depends on a third variable, a discount rate that is used as a capitalization rate for the township rental rate mentioned above. Currently, the payment rates supplied by State Planning and are based on this system. According to State Planning, some 70% of the current payment rates are based on DEEDED acre EMV values as the LOWER value and the balance are based on the rental data approach being lowest. In other words, the current payment rate system uses a mixture of sources that are not necessarily consistent or accurately reflect the most current information available on the value of agricultural land. In addition, it uses the discount rate, a value that is determined annually with little or no justification due to the nebulous character of the number.

ISSUE 3.

The current payment rate system does not accurately reflect the majority of land enrolled in the RIM program. For example, most RIM easements involve land with a cropping history and yet the current payment rates are based on DEEDED acre EMV values that include both non crop land as well as crop land. Deeded acre EMV values are inherently lower than per acre values for TILLABLE land devoted exclusively to crop production. The difference in value for TILLABLE and DEEDED land is not great in the parts of the State that are heavily farmed. In these parts of the State the use of either TILLABLE or DEEDED values is not a great concern. However, in counties where a large proportion of the total agricultural land is devoted to non crop uses, such as pasture or woodland, the difference between the per acre value for DEEDED and TILLABLE land could be significant. The attached table shows a comparison for Pine Co. where RIM payment rates are frequently criticized as being too low. Pine Co. has 31.9% of its total agricultural land classified as TILLABLE.

ISSUE 4.

Use of the most recent data for payment rate calculations. Matt Smith at the Revenue Dept can supply the Board with data on a township basis that is based on TILLABLE acre EMV values. This information is provided to the DNR each year as the basis of payment rates established for the water bank program. Prior to August of each year this Tillable land value is also about 18 months old and comes from the same information supplied by the county assessors to the Revenue Dept. that yields the DEEDED acre EMV values. The Revenue Dept has indicated that

preliminary data for 1989 Tillable acre EMV values for rather than 1988 are now available and could be used as the basis for the 1989 RIM Reserve payment rates. Since land values have been trended upward, the most recent EMV data available would best reflect the current status of land values throughout the State. In addition, Revenue is willing to supply the Board with this 1989 Tillable land value data immediately and in a form that can be used in our computer equipment. Revenue also indicates that the data is very close to finalized and any changes would be minor in nature.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CALCULATION OF 1989 PAYMENT RATES

After looking at the options I would encourage the use of one source of data rather than the lower of two calculations. The data used in the system should reflect average values for cropland and be as current as possible. Since the BWSR Board already has the flexibility to change the basis for payment rates the actual process for doing this should be quite easy.

As RIM easements are typically cropland, I believe that the payment rate base should be based on TILLABLE acres rather than the current DEEDED acre base. The use of TILLABLE acre EMV's would most closely reflect the fact that RIM easements are on land that has been cropped or in other words is TILLABLE. The actual TILLABLE values are the average of the TILLABLE land in that township and thus also reflect the marginal character of the typical land enrolled in a RIM easement. I would recommend that the Board utilize the TILLABLE land value data available from the Revenue Dept. as the one and only base for the determination of payment rates for the 1989 RIM Reserve sign up.

The average County cropland rental rate calculation should be also be dropped. Dropping the rental rate calculation would eliminate the need for the Board to establish a discount rate as it's primary use was as a capitalization rate in the rental rate calculation.

I have discussed the idea of having a payment rate system that is based partially on rates from 1986 (those currently in use) and values provided by current EMV values with several people. The recommendation by all was to utilize one system and data base exclusively and not mix several together. The primary reason for this recommendation is the ease and accuracy of explaining the system and results to the legislature should the need arise. I would concur with this conclusion.

PINE COUNTY

TOWNSHIP	COMPARABLE 100% EMV DATA			
	CURRENT PAYMENT RATE DEEDED EMV	1988 DEEDED RATE EMV	1988 TILLABLE RATE EMV	
ARLONE	\$208	\$190	\$263	
ARNA	\$157	\$153	\$161	
BARRY	\$242	\$219	\$294	
BIRCH CREEK	\$183	\$165	\$176	
BREMEN	\$169	\$163	\$192	
BROOK PARK	\$213	\$192	\$305	
BRUNO	\$151	\$143	\$177	
CHENGWATANA	\$346	\$310	\$347	
CLOVER	\$206	\$190	\$270	
CROSBY	\$222	\$205	\$250	
DANFORTH	\$148	\$134	\$177	
DELL GROVE	\$224	\$218	\$252	
FINLAYSON	\$211	\$195	\$228	
FLEMING	\$164	\$156	\$189	
HINCKLEY	\$242	\$218	\$274	
KERRICK	\$145	\$138	\$159	
KETTLE RIVER	\$201	\$190	\$184	
MISSION CREEK	\$237	\$209	\$308	
MUNCH	\$219	\$199	\$292	
NEW DORSEY	\$148	\$141	\$170	
NICKERSON	\$153	\$160	\$162	
NORMAN	\$156	\$145	\$190	
OGEMA	\$214	\$204	\$260	
PARK	\$216	\$123	\$153	
PARTRIDGE	\$194	\$198	\$221	
PINE CITY	\$384	\$368	\$414	

SOURCES:

column 1. Current RIM Reserve payment rate EMV base
column 2. State Planning projected 1989 payment rate EMV base
column 3. Revenue Dept Tillable land EMV for 1988

As shown, the 1988 TILLABLE data available is above similar DEEDED acre data. This would mean that 1989 payment rates calculated from these values would be higher than those now in use. Revenue Dept. has indicated that 1989 TILLABLE values are available and are generally above the 1988 levels.

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110B COMPREHENSIVE WATER PLANNING
COUNTY STATUS REPORT

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AITKIN	9/15/87		MH					
BECKER	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
BELTRAMI	10/27/87		MH	6/05/89	8/09/89			
BENTON	10/19/88	X						
BIG STONE								
BLUE EARTH	6/24/86		SC					
BROWN	8/24/87		SC					
CARLTON	12/8/87	X						
CASS	10/9/87		MH	7/20/89				
CHIPPEWA								
CHISAGO								
CLAY	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
CLEARWATER	10/28/87		MH	6/05/89	8/09/89			
COOK								
COTTONWOOD	8/18/87		SC					
CROW WING	11/3/87		MH					
DODGE	12/22/87		RZ					
DOUGLAS	5/24/88	X						
FARIBAULT	6/17/86		SC					
FILLMORE	12/8/87		RZ					
FREEBORN	6/23/86		SC					
GOODHUE	12/15/87		RZ	7/31/89				
GRANT	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
HOUSTON	12/8/87		RZ					
HUBBARD	10/7/87		MH	7/05/89				
ISANTI								
ITASCA	10/27/87		MH					
JACKSON	6/23/86		SC					
KANABEC								
KANDIYOHI								
KITTSO	10/6/87		RRV	8/04/89				
KOOCHICHING								
LAC OUI PARLE								
LAKE								
LAKE OF THE WOODS								
LESUEUR	6/24/86		SC					
LINCOLN	9/15/87		RC					
LYON	10/10/87		RC					
MCLEOD								
MAHNOMEN	10/13/87		RRV	8/04/89				
MARSHALL	10/20/87		RRV	8/04/89				
MARTIN	6/17/86		SC	6/1/89				
MEEKER								
MILLE LACS								
MORRISON	10/27/87		MH					
MOWER	12/15/87		RZ	8/04/89				
MURRAY	10/10/87		RC					
NICOLLET	7/15/86		SC					
NOBLES	YES	X						

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NORMAN	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
OLMSTEAD	YES		RZ					
OTTER TAIL	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
PENNINGTON	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
PINE								
PIPESTONE	10/10/87		RC					
POLK	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
POPE								
RED LAKE	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
REDWOOD	10/10/87		RC					
RENVILLE								
RICE	12/8/87		RZ					
ROCK	7/01/89							
ROSEAU	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
ST. LOUIS								
SHERBURNE								
SIBLEY	6/24/86		SC					
STEARNS	2/3/88	X						
STEELE	6/24/86		SC					
STEVENS	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
SWIFT								
TODD								
TRAVERSE	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
WABASHA	12/22/87		RZ					
WADENA								
WASECA	7/1/86		SC					
WATONWAN	6/24/86		SC	4/89	8/01/89			
WILKIN	YES		RRV	8/04/89				
WINONA	2/23/88		RZ					
WRIGHT	6/20/89							
YELLOW MEDICINE	10/10/87		RC					
TOTALS	80	58	5	51	23	3	0	

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1989

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. Call to Order
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of July 26, 1989
4. Reports
- Chairman's Report - Donald Ogaard
 - Executive Director's Report - Jim Birkholz
 - EQB/Water Resources Committee Report - Loni Kemp/Howard Peterson
5. South Central Administrative Region Report - Jeff Nielsen
- 10:15 a.m. 6. Identification of Legislative Initiatives for the
 1990 Executive Branch Policy Development Program - Jim Birkholz
- 11:30 a.m. 7. 110B Comprehensive Local Water Plan Overviews
- Watonwan - Merle Anderson, Chris Hughes
- Noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. 110B Comprehensive Local water Plan Overviews (Continued)
- Beltrami County - Cliff Tweeldale, Dan Steward
 - Clearwater County - Cliff Tweeldale, Dan Steward
- 1:30 p.m. 8. Grant Decisions
- 110B planning grants
 - The International Coalition
- Metropolitan Water Management Plans - Bruce Sandstrom
- Plan amendment - for approval
- Vadnais Lake Area WMO
- Plan Approvals
- Gun Club Lake WMO
- Plan Overviews - for information
- Sunrise River WMO
 - Shingle Creek WMO
- Update
- Hearing requested on Forest Lake WMO Plan
 - WMO Phone Survey Results
- 2:30 p.m. 9. Reinvest In Minnesota Reserve Program
- Payment rates for September sign-up - for decision
 - Prioritization of Eligible Land Categories - for decision
 - Selection of SWCDs for pastured/hillside program - for decision
10. Other Items As Time Allows
- Agricultural Environmentalists Program/Sustainable Agriculture
 - September Tour and Board Meeting Update
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn