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An Inventory of its Watershed District Hearing Transcripts

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources.
- Series Title:** Watershed district hearing transcripts,
- Dates:** 1953-1985.
- Abstract:** Transcripts of public hearings regarding establishment and operations of Minnesota's watershed districts.
- Quantity:** 5.0 cu. ft. (5 boxes)
- Location:** See the Item List section for box locations.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Watershed districts were established as public corporations by the Water Resources Board in accordance with the Minnesota Watershed Act (Minn. Stat. chapter 112); and since 1990 are established and overseen by the Board of Water and Soil Resources under the [Minnesota] Watershed Law (Minn. Stat. chapter 103D). Chapter 103D at various points addresses the several instances in which public hearings may or must be held.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Transcripts of public hearings held before the Board of Water and Soil Resources and its predecessor, the Water Management Board, regarding the establishment and operations of Minnesota's watershed districts.

Most hearings pertain to petitions to establish watershed districts, changes in district boundaries, and adoption of each district's "overall plan," but a few concern specific watershed improvement projects (largely the result of landowner protests). A few hearings were held before the state Hearing Examiner or a district court.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

The transcripts are arranged alphabetically by watershed district name, and chronologically thereunder.

RELATED MATERIALS

This group of transcripts was kept by the board as an adjunct to its Watershed district files (cataloged separately), which contain administrative and other documents pertaining to district organization, plans, boundaries, and other matters for which public hearings were held. Those files include citations to these hearing transcripts.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Managing.
Watershed management--Minnesota.
Watersheds--Minnesota.

Organizations:

Minnesota Water Resources Board.

Types of Documents:

Transcripts.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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ITEM LIST OF THE TRANSCRIPTS

Note to Researchers: These transcripts are the ribbon copies (typescript originals), unless otherwise noted.

To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location	Box	
128.E.2.9B	1	<p>Bear Valley Watershed District: Establishment of district, March 17, 1961. 53 pages (carbon copy).</p> <p>Belle Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, July 12, 1968. 84 pages. Adoption of overall plan, October 24, 1969. 72 pages. Appeal re contract for improvement with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, July 19, 1973. 230 pages.</p> <p>Buffalo Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, April 30 and May 1, 1968. 373 pages. Establishment of district, March 28, April 25-26, and May 2, 1968. 11, 325, and 89 pages, bound together. Overall plan, June 20, 1973. 83 pages. Petition for change of boundary, April 5, 1977. 82 pages. Before the Office of Hearing Examiners (docket no. WRB-77-001-WS).</p> <p>Buffalo-Red River Watershed District: Establishment of district, May 4, 1960. 87 pages (carbon copy). Establishment of district, July 21, 1960. 35 pages (carbon copy). Overall plan, October 30, 1962. 66 pages. Overall plan, June 30, 1965. 39 pages. Enlargement of South Buffalo Watershed District, April 8, 1976. 204 pages. Overall plan, July 26, 1978. 51 pages. Petition to release territory, November 21, 1978. 81 pages.</p> <p>Carnelian-Marine Watershed District: Establishment of district, January 6-15, 1981. Volumes I-IX. 9 volumes in 2 expansion folders. Overall plan, March 8, 1982. 175 pages. Before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (docket no. WRB-82-003-AK).</p>

Location	Box	
128.E.2.9B	1	Clearwater River Watershed District: Establishment of district, October 9, 1974. 229 pages. Establishment of district, November 25, 1974. 277 pages. Overall plan, September 1, 1976. 45 pages. Re: petition to withdraw territory, July 24, 1978. 46 pages. Before the Office of Hearing Examiners (docket no. WRB-79-001-HK).

Location	Box	
128.E.2.10F	2	Coon Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, February 12, 1959. 70 pages. Petition for change of boundaries, November 4, 1959. 19 pages. Overall plan, March 16, 1961. 60 pages. Petition for change of boundaries and withdrawal of territory, January 21, 1964. 85 pages. Re: construction of a flood control and drainage project on Coon Creek: December 10, 1964. 26 pages. January 7, 1965. 144 pages. Overall plan, December 18, 1978. 237 pages. Cooks Valley Watershed District: Establishment of district, July 8, 1963. 54 pages. Establishment of district, November 4, 1963. 61 pages. Overall plan, May 26, 1964. 71 pages. Petition to terminate the district, July 8, 1969. 276 pages. Cormorant Lakes Watershed District: Establishment of district, July 13, 1966. 90 pages. Overall plan, February 1, 1967. 33 pages (carbon copy). Petition for dissolution, June 27, 1974. 329 pages. Petition for withdrawal of territory, April 10, 1976. 26 pages (Xerox copy). Crooked Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, October 21, 1959. 36 pages. Overall Plan, November 21, 1961. 66 pages. Change and clarification of boundary, April 29, 1965. 28 pages.

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128.E.2.10F	2	<p>High Island Watershed District:</p> <p>Establishment of district, October 27, 1953. 86 pages. In McLeod County district court.</p> <p>Establishment of district, October 27, 1953 (further hearing); January 11, 1954; and January 24, 1955. 61 pages (carbon copy). In McLeod County district court.</p> <p>Establishment of district, September 6, 1956. 136 pages.</p> <p>Establishment of district (continued hearing), November 7, 1956. 72 pages.</p> <p>Determination of boundary lines, January 27, 1966. 113 pages.</p> <p>Overall plan, September 19, 1966. 48 pages.</p> <p>Project No. 2: Testimony of Michael J. Kehoe before the High Island Watershed District board of managers, April 20, 1969. 39 pages.</p> <p>Project No. 2: Continued hearing, May 5, 1969. 54 pages (Xerox copy).</p> <p>Appeal from order establishing Project No. 2, May 6, 1970. 77 pages.</p> <p>Petition for change of boundaries, June 15, 1970. 62 pages.</p> <p>Joe River Watershed District:</p> <p>Establishment of district, November 5, 1957. 60 pages.</p> <p>Overall plan, October 2, 1958. 44 pages.</p> <p>Boundary changes, February 20, 1964. 60 pages.</p> <p>Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District:</p> <p>Establishment of district, July 9, 1981. 147 pages. Before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (docket no. WRB-81-03-AK).</p> <p>Overall plan, June 29, 1982. 51 pages (Xerox copy). Before the State Office of Hearing Examiners (docket no. WRB-82-004-HK).</p> <p>Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District.</p> <p>Establishment of district, October 8, 1970. 217 pages.</p> <p>Overall plan, July 24, 1972. 80 pages.</p>

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128.E.3.1B	3	<p>Lower Minnesota River Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, July 2-3, 1956. 384 pages.Establishment of district, December 16-17, 1959. 206 pages.Change of boundaries, October 25, 1960. 14 pages.Overall plan, [1961]. 111 pages.Overall plan, March 14, 1973. 59 pages.Petition to distribute the power to appoint managers, September 25, 1974. 20 pages.Change of boundaries, September 25, 1974. 49 pages. <p>Middle Des Moines Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Overall plan, June 24, 1971. 64 pages.Change of boundaries, March 24, 1972. 108 pages. <p>Middle River-Snake River Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, March 30, 1970. 3 pages (carbon copy).Establishment of district, April 9, 1970. 193 pages.Change of boundaries, June 21, 1972. 47 pages.Overall plan, September 15, [1971]. 76 pages. <p>Minnehaha Creek Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, July 21-22, 1959. pages 1-291.Establishment of district, September 21-22, 1959. pages 292-517.Establishment of district, December 12-13, 1966. 294 pages.Overall plan, August 27, 1969. 6 pages.Overall plan, September 19, 1969. 135 pages.] <p>Nine Mile Creek Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, June 23, 1959. 60 pages.Change of boundaries, March 29, 1960. 56 pages.Change of boundaries, May 16, 1961. 32 pages.Overall plan, May 16-17, 1961. pages 1-139.Overall plan, August 15, 1961. pages 140-177.Amendment of overall plan, January 10, 1962. 35 pages.Overall plan, June 27, 1972. 73 pages. <p>North Fork River Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of Rice-Koronis Watershed District:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (docket no. WRB-84-003-AK).<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volume I, July 9, 1984. 306 pages.Volume II, July 10, 1984. 224 pages.Volume III, July 11, 1984. 155 pages.Establishment of North Fork Crow River ... Watershed District, January 16, 1985. 233 pages.

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128.E.3.2F	4	<p>Okabena-Ocheda Watershed District: Change of boundaries of Worthington Conservancy District, December 16, 1960. 30 pages. Overall plan, June 25, 1962. 55 pages. Amendment of overall plan, May 6, 1965. 14 pages. Amendment of overall plan, March 30, 1972. 72 pages.</p> <p>Pelican River Watershed District: Establishment of district, March 30, 1966. 74 pages. Overall plan, February 1, 1967. 33 pages (carbon copy). Overall plan, October 19, 1967. 42 pages.</p> <p>Prior Lake-Spring Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, December 8, 1969. 187 pages. Overall plan, June 9, 1971. 66 pages. Petition for release of certain land, June 29, 1972. 26 pages.</p> <p>Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District: (also known as Battle Creek Watershed District) Establishment of Battle Creek Watershed District: June 13, 1974. 252 pages. June 14, 1974. 251 pages. June 20, 1974. 232 pages. August 21, 1974. 216 pages. Overall plan, Ramsey County-Washington Metro Watershed District, September 2, 1976. 63 pages.</p> <p>Red Lake Watershed District: Establishment of district, March 31, 1970. 116 pages. Change of boundaries, April 2, 1970. 61 pages. Overall plan, June 20, 1972. 59 pages. Petition to take over area of Thief River Watershed Development Association, March 5, 1976. 83 pages (carbon copy). Before the Marshall County district court.</p> <p>Rice Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, June 10, 1971. 201 pages. Petition to release certain lands, March 5, 1973. 80 pages. Overall plan, June 21, 1975. 69 pages. Amendment of overall plan, February 15, 1977. 49 pages.</p> <p>Riley-Purgatory Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, March 29, 1969. 146 pages. Change of boundaries, June 3, 1971. 31 pages. Overall plan, March 16, 1973. 43 pages.</p>

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128.E.3.2F	4	Roseau River Watershed District: Establishment of district, February 19, 1964. 65 pages. Overall plan, April 20, 1965. 47 pages. Rush Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district: Volume I, July 8, 1972. 182 pages. With separate table of contents/list of exhibits. Volume II, July 12, 1972. 252 pages.
128.E.3.3B	5	Volume III, July 13, 1972. 266 pages. Volume IV, July 14, 1972. 197 pages. Sand Hill River Watershed District: [Change of name and other changes], November 15, 1974. 21 pages (carbon copy). Overall plan, June 9, 1977. 79 pages. Before the Office of Hearing Examiners (docket no. WRB- 77-002-MG). Stockton-Rollingstone-Minnesota City Watershed District: Establishment of district, November 6, 1958. 120 pages. Overall plan, October 20, 1959. 44 pages. Change of boundaries, August 7, 1969. 25 pages. Thirty Lakes Watershed District: Establishment of district, October 20, 1970. 209 pages. Overall plan, August 19, 1972. 76 pages. Turtle Creek Watershed District: Establishment of district, August 21, 1968. 117 pages (part ribbon copy, part carbon copy). Petition for release of land, June 17, 1970. 70 pages. Overall plan, June 17, 1970. 67 pages. Petition for release of land, June 2, 1971. 36 pages. Two Rivers Watershed District: Establishment of district, September 10, 1957. 108 pages. Overall plan, October 1, 1958. 62 pages. Change of boundaries, February 20, 1964. 71 pages. Overall plan, April 8, 1971. 61 pages. Upper Minnesota River Watershed District: Establishment of Big Stone Lake Watershed District, April 12, 1967. 12 pages. Establishment of Big Stone Lake Watershed District, July 14, 1967. 301 pages. Overall plan, March 11, 1971. 75 pages.

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128.E.3.3B	5	<p>Valley Branch Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, July 26, 1968. 4 pages.Establishment of district, August 6, 1968. 106 pages.Overall plan, November 18, 1970. 122 pages.Petition to remove certain land from Valley Branch and Rice Creek watershed districts, September 18, 1975. 29 pages.Petition to redistribute managers, June 3, 1980. 135 pages. Before the Office of Hearing Examiner (docket no. WRB-80-002-HK). <p>Warroad Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, August 27, 1963. 72 pages.Overall plan, April 20, 1965. 56 pages. <p>Wild Rice Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Petition to change name and redistribute managers, May 19, 1969. 23 pages.Petition for enlargement, September 16, 1971. 92 pages.Overall plan, September 20, 1973. 58 pages. <p>Yellow Medicine River Watershed District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of district, March 12, 1971. 143 pages.Overall plan, July 25, 1972. 87 pages.Change of boundaries, March 2, 1976. 37 pages.Change of boundaries, April 20, 1976. 29 pages.