



RRWMB 45TH ANNIVERSARY

August 3, 1976 – August 3, 2021

*45 Years of Investing in and Managing
the Red River Basin of Minnesota*

*Join us in March 2022 as we Further
Celebrate this Milestone
– Details Forthcoming*

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE RRWMB

- Formed in 1976 by the Minnesota Legislature
- RRWMB is a Joint Powers Board With 7 Member Watershed Districts Having Taxation Authority
- Has Co-funded the Following:
 - 60 Flood Projects
 - 300 Farmstead Ring Dikes
 - LiDAR Data Acquisition (2007-2009)
 - Numerous Hydrologic and Hydraulic Studies and Modelling
 - Educational and Research Activities and Efforts
- Strong Support for the Following and With Annual Allocations:
 - International Water Institute River Watch Program
 - Red River Basin Commission
 - Red River Retention Authority
 - United States Geological Survey Stream Flow Monitoring
- Participation on Several Partner and Stakeholder Boards and Committees at the State, Federal, and Regional Level
- Key Participant in the 1998 Red River Basin Flood Mediation Agreement
- Leader in Obtaining Flood Mitigation Funds



Senator Roger Moe of Norman County (center) introduced legislation to authorize the establishment of the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board (LRRWB). The bill passed on April 4, 1976 and the LRRWB was formally organized on August 3, 1976.

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HOW DID THE RRWMB GET FORMED?

It started with a meeting at the City of Warren fire hall. Read about the formation of the RRWMB and how Don Ogaard was instrumental in starting the RRWMB here: [July 2017 RRWMB Newsletter](#)

Don Ogaard, the RRWMB's founder, initial lobbyist, and first Executive Director.

