

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

April 28, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Action
	Review and approve agenda	Action
	Requests to appear	Information
	April 14, 2022 Minutes	Action
	Financial Report dated April 27, 2022	Action
	RLWD Staff Health Insurance	Information
	Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176 Land Rental/CRP	Information
	Flood Damage Reduction Monitoring Committee Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) Grant Application	Action
	Red River Retention Authority-Correspondence	Information
	State/FEMA Declaration	Information
	Impoundment Update	Information
	Permits: No. 22-024	Action
	Maintenance on Building-Paint Office	Info./Action
	Administrators Update	Information
	Legal Counsel Update	Information
	Managers' updates	Information
	Adjourn	Action

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 28, 2022	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
May 12, 2022	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
May 26, 2022	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
June 6, 2022	Thief River 1W1P, Policy Committee Mtg., 9:00 a.m.
August 23-25, 2022	MAWD/Red River Basin/BWSR Tour

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RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 14, 2022

President, Dale M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present: Managers: Dale M. Nelson, LeRoy Ose, Gene Tiedemann, Terry Sorenson, Allan Page, Brian Dwight, and Tom Anderson. Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Page, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the March 24, 2022, minutes. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dwight, to approve the March 24, 2022, Board meeting minutes with correction. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated April 13, 2022. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Financial Report dated April 13, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Brian Opsahl, Brady Martz & Associates, P.A., presented the 2021 Annual Audit Report. After various questions by the Board, a motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the 2021 Annual Audit Report as presented.

At 9:30 a.m. President Dale M. Nelson stated that the bid opening for the Knutson Dam Structure Replacement, RLWD Project No. 50F, would be conducted. Legal Counsel Sparby noted the time and that no further bid proposals would be accepted after the 9:30 a.m. bid submittal deadline. Bids were opened and bid amounts were publicly announced and are on file at the District office. The following bids were received: Taggart Contracting, Inc., \$150,638.00; Olson Construction TRF Inc., \$179,017.00; Triple D Construction and Leasing, Inc., \$228,569.50; and RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc., \$243,673.05. Motion by Page, seconded by Dwight, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the apparent low bid from Taggart Contracting, Inc., in the amount of \$150,638.00 for construction of the Knutson Dam Structure Replacement, RLWD Project No. 50F, contingent upon the approval by Legal Counsel Sparby, District Staff, and Project Engineer, Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc. in their review of the bid documents and materials.

Administrator Jesme and Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., discussed damages to the outlet of Ditch 10, RLWD Project No. 161 which occurred during the 2022 spring runoff. Nordby stated that the upper portion of the outlet eroded as it appears water went around the rock, cutting the channel back. District staff and staff from Houston Engineering and a local contractor are currently onsite to try and minimize any additional cutting/erosion. Nordby stated that they want to evaluate the situation and try to stabilize the bank to keep the blow sand and

dirt from going down into the plunge pool. Jesme will discuss this site with the Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Work Team members.

Administrator Jesme stated that the landowner that rented the land within the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, is not intending to rent the agricultural land this year. Discussion was held on enrolling the portion of the land that the District owns into CRP. Jesme indicated that the previous renter would be able to enroll the land immediately into CRP, whereas another renter would have to wait one year. It is proposed that the District would get 25% of the CRP payment for rent and the renter would keep the remaining portion for maintenance, etc. Motion by Dwight, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote, to grant Administrator Jesme the authority to negotiate with the current renter, to either farm a portion of the property with the remaining area being enrolled into a CRP contract or having the current renter enroll the entire portion into CRP.

Staff member Corey Hanson stated that the Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149A, identified several projects that need feasibility studies. The Moose River/Judicial Ditch 21 Channel Stability Project is a site located between the Moose River Road and Highway 54. Discussion has been held with Beltrami County, indicating that they are interested in doing something in the area. Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., discussed the priority issues of the project. Manager Dwight encouraged applying for a Clean Water Funding grant. Motion by Ose, seconded by Dwight, to authorize the approval of the Client/Owner Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc., for engineering services for the Moose River/Judicial Ditch 21 Channel Stability Project, RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a memo from Andrew Graham, Red River Basin Coordinator, regarding applying for funding for a Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) grant to complete project assessment monitoring for projects developed under the 1998 Mediation Agreement. Administrator Jesme stated that Mr. Graham is looking for a letter of support to apply for a grant. Manager Ose stated that he would like to table this item until the April 28, 2022 Board meeting to allow him to have discussion of this matter at the RRWMB meeting held on April 19, 2022.

Staff member Tony Olson discussed the County Ditch 1, RLWD Project No. 103 landowner meeting held in Gonvick on April 1, 2022. Olson stated that the ditch was established in 1904 and turned over to the District from Clearwater County in 1982. The project has a benefitted area, but no construction plans to help determine the exact location of the system. Landowners were given three options; do nothing, abandon the system or redetermination of benefits. The landowners were informed that the District would give them approximately 30 days to submit any questions and if the District did not hear anything in the time frame the District would proceed with sending out petitions for abandonment to be signed by benefitted landowners.

Administrator Jesme, Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., and Clearwater County Engineer Dan Sauve met with the Pine Lake Township Board for discussion on Phase 2 of the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 26. Phase 2 would require the replacement of the township road culvert immediately downstream of the Pine Lake outlet structure. Replacement

of the culvert would be funded through the Flood Damage Reduction portion of the Pine Lake Project. The MnDNR was on site prior to meeting with the township to review the structure and to assure there would be no fish passage issues as a result of replacing the existing culvert. Upon discussion with the Township Board, safety was also a concern as the current culvert does not have much cover over the culvert thus not allowing proper slope for a recovery area. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to authorize HDR Engineering, Inc. authority to get a cost estimate to develop the Plans and Specifications for Phase 2 of the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 26. Motion carried. Jesme noted that Pine Lake Township approved replacement of said culvert.

The Board reviewed an invoice to Hammond Township from the Polk County Highway Department in the amount of \$20,000, for replacement of a culvert in a Hammond Township road on the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No. 43B. Manager Tiedemann met with Hammond Township in 2020, urging them to coordinate with Polk County Highway Department in the application of State Highway Funds to assist in the cost of replacing the culvert. Polk County Highway Department received the funds, with the remaining balance of \$20,000 due. Administrator Jesme indicated that the Burnham Creek Project has a benefitted area that the remaining balance could be assessed back to the system. Discussion was held on the Settlement Agreement handed down by the courts which stated the RLWD agreed to install the additional culverts at this location. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize payment in the amount of \$20,000 to Polk County Highway Department for replacement of the culvert in Hammond Township on the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No. 43B. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that as part of the Clearwater River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149B, it is recommended that we should include a section for the establishment of a Water Management District should the need arise. The language would be similar to what we completed for the Thief River 1W1P. Motion by Dwight, seconded by Tiedemann, to request that establishment of a Water Management District to be included in the Clearwater River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149B. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed previously tabled RLWD Permit No. 21-181, Ron Grande, Godfrey Township, Polk County. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve RLWD Permit No. 21-181, Ron Grande, Godfrey Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Staff member Tony Olson stated that after staff member Nick Olson viewed RLWD Permit No. 22-013, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township, during the spring run-off conditions, it was determined that the existing centerline culvert shall remain in-place and not be plugged. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to rescind the motion made at the March 24, 2021 RLWD Board meeting for approval, and based upon further review to deny RLWD Permit No. 22-013, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ose, to table RLWD Permit No. 22-019, Randy Lee, Badger Township, Polk County, until after the proposed land has been included into the benefitted area of Polk County Ditch No. 111. Motion carried.

Motion by Page, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 22015, Patricia Erdman, Andover Township, Polk County; No. 22021, Tim Dufault, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 22-025, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 22026, Mike and Gene Tiedemann, Euclid Township, Polk County; and No. 22027, Randall W. Ayers, Norden Township, Pennington. Motion carried, with Manager Tiedemann abstaining.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Anderson, to approve renewal of the District's ESRI ArcGIS at a reduced rate obtained by Staff member Christina Slowinski for a cost of \$420.00. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that a joint summer tour will be hosted by MAWD, Red River Basin and BWSR on August 23-25, 2022.

Discussion was held on filling the position vacated by Staff member Nick Olson. Administrator Jesme stated that the posting was advertised until April 19, 2022. Jesme and the hiring committee will come back with a recommendation to the full Board at our meeting held April 28th.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Ose will participate in the RRWMB on April 19th, with Jesme joining via Teams. Included in the packet was an update on LiDAR Data Acquisition.
- Included in the packet was a BWSR Newsletter focusing on the Red Lake SWCD and work they have completed within the Clearwater River watershed.
- Jesme and Staff member Corey Hanson attended a meeting regarding Chiefs Coulee on April 8th.
- Jesme participated in a State of Minnesota 404 Certification meeting set by the RRWMB. The meeting allowed the member Watershed Districts the opportunity to ask questions to BWSR as to the process and changes which may occur should the State of Minnesota assume 404 permit authority.
- Staff member Corey Hanson participated in the Pennington County WRAC meeting held in the District office.
- The first organizational meeting for the Upper/Lower Red Lake Watershed 1W1P was held on March 24, with Staff member Corey Hanson participating in person.
- The Mud River Project Work Team meeting was held on March 18, with Staff member Corey Hanson representing the District.
- The Red Lake River 1W1P met on April 13th at the District office.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed House File 4274 regarding the implementation of a portal for ditch maintenance that would be administered by BWSR. It was the consensus of the Board to draft a letter of opposition to House File 4274 and submit to the proper authorities.

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Legal Counsel Sparby reviewed a Response to a Brief on the Appeal for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Sparby will notify the District when the hearing will be held via Zoom.

Manager Brian Dwight discussed a “Keep it Clean” news article in the Star Tribune in which they interviewed Robyn Dwight, President Upper Red Lake Area Association.

Administrator Jesme discussed a handout from the Red River Retention Authority regarding future FDR projects and goals. Jesme will discuss this further at the April 28, 2022 Board meeting.

Manager Anderson discussed a request from a landowner on Joint Ditch 101, RLWD Project No. 41 (formerly JD 72) regarding the process to have the ditch system transferred to the District instead of the Joint Board presently in place. Legal Counsel Sparby suggested that the landowner submit a letter to the Joint Board requesting the transfer of the Joint Ditch 101 to the RLWD.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary

**RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Financial Report for April 28, 2022**

Ck#	Check Issued to:	Description	Amount
online	EFTPS	Withholding FICA, Fed & Medicare (4-13-22 payroll)	4271.09
online	MN Department of Revenue	Withholding taxes (4-13-22 payroll)	764.63
online	EFTPS	Withholding FICA, Fed & Medicare (4-20-22 payroll)	210.77
online	Further	Employee HSA (4-27-22 payroll)	175.00
online	Further	Medical FSA	600.00
40137	Polk County Highway Department	Hammond Township expenses for bridge replacement #43B	20000.00
40138	Pennington County Recorder	Recording Fee for Notary - Audette & Joppru	40.00
40139	Aramark	Rugs for Office	53.73
40140	Brady Martz	Audit of financial statements 12-31-21	9450.00
40141	Corporate Technologies	Managed IT services and MS office 365	1472.50
40142	ESRI	ArcGIS single use license/maintenance	420.00
40143	Marco	Telephone expense	676.15
40144	NCPERS	Life insurance premium	112.00
40145	Rinke-Noonan	Legal fees for proj #179 & #01	3130.50
40146	Sun Life insurance	Life insurance premium	131.76
online	Quick Books	monthly fees	321.00
online	Further	HSA & FSA monthly fee	11.00
online	Pure Water Technology	H2O for office	38.00
online	AT&T	Cellphone expense	396.22
direct	Tom Anderson	Mileage	146.25
direct	Dale Nelson	Mileage	62.01
direct	Ann Joppru	Reimbursement for Health insurance premium (Nov 2021)	516.50
direct	Myron Jesme	Mileage	105.30
	Staff & Board Payroll	4/20/2022 & 4/27/2022	14241.05
	Total Checks		57345.46

Banking

Northern State Bank

Balance as of April 14, 2022	\$ 75,485.34
Total Checks Written	(57,345.46)
Receipt #224113 Transfer of funds from AFB to NSB	100,000.00
Balance as of April 28, 2022	<u>\$ 118,139.88</u>

Current interest rate is .20%

American Federal Bank-Fosston

Balance as of April 14, 2022	\$ 4,084,871.08
Receipt #224113 Transfer of funds from AFB to NSB	\$ (100,000.00)
Receipt #2241	
Balance as of April 28, 2022	<u>\$ 3,984,871.08</u>

Current interest rate is .50%

Total Cash	\$ 4,103,010.96
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Red Lake Watershed Health Insurance

		\$0/\$0 Ded, \$20 Copay, \$1100/\$5000 OOP	\$300/\$900 Ded, 80%, \$1500/\$5200 OOP	\$3500/\$7000 Ded/OOP		Board Portion
Red Lake Watershed	single	\$ 262.36	\$ 227.40	\$ 66.86	Employee HSA available	\$ 500.00
Employee portion	family	\$ 1,272.30	\$ 1,156.67	\$ 625.49	for High Deductible	\$ 1,250.00
						City Portion
City of Thief River Falls	single	\$ 75.70	\$ 42.70	\$ 30.72	City contributes \$227.52/month to HSA Program for High Ded	70%
Employee portion	family	\$ 891.50	\$ 795.00	\$ 573.90	City contributes \$515.90/month to HSA Program for High Ded	70%
Health Care Savings		\$500/year	\$500/year	\$500/year	City contributes \$500/year	
						County Portion
Pennington County	single	\$ 65.08	\$ 9.96	\$ -	County contributes \$2400/yr to HSA for High Ded	100% Hi Ded, 95% Low Ded
Employee portion	family	\$ 710.72	\$ 592.62	\$ 409.80	County contributes \$3000/yr to HSA for High Ded	80% Hi Ded, 75% Low Ded

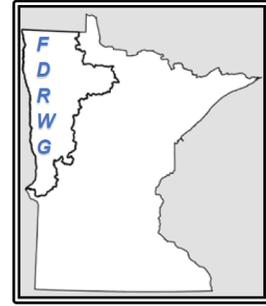
Proposal: increase single 75% Low Ded, 90% Hi Ded Proposal: increase single 75% Low Ded, 90% Hi Ded						
Proposed premium for employee	single	\$ 190.59	\$ 181.85	\$ 56.69		
	family	\$ 630.57	\$ 601.67	\$ 187.55		
Proposed district portion	single	\$ 571.77	\$ 545.55	\$ 510.17		
	family	\$ 1,891.73	\$ 1,805.00	\$ 1,687.94		

Proposal: increase single 70% Low Ded, 90% Hi Ded. Proposal: increase family 70% Low Ded, 90% Hi Ded.						
Proposed premium for employee	single	\$ 228.71	\$ 218.22	\$ 56.69		
	family	\$ 756.69	\$ 722.01	\$ 187.55		
Proposed district portion	single	\$ 533.65	\$ 509.18	\$ 510.17		
	family	\$ 1,684.00	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 1,687.94		
RLWD Total Premium	single	\$ 762.36	\$ 727.40	\$ 566.86		
	family	\$ 2,522.30	\$ 2,406.67	\$ 1,875.49		

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION WORK GROUP

Memo

To: FDRWG Monitoring Committee
From: Andrew Graham, Red River Basin Coordinator
Date: November 23, 2021
Subject: LCCMR Funding Opportunity



Background

This memo builds on a prior memo from July 2021 that addressed funding of project assessment monitoring for projects developed under the 1998 Mediation Agreement. The prior memo discussed ten potential sources of funding and/or in-kind services to meet this need. **This memo focuses on one of these: The Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).** The other funding sources also remain under active consideration, and a combination of funding sources may ultimately be required.

Based on review of materials from the prior LCCMR award cycle and a conversation with the LCCMR Executive Director, this funding source appears to be well matched with the Monitoring Committee's vision for project-by-project assessment monitoring to: a) adaptively manage projects to achieve their intended outcomes; and b) learn from each project so that future projects can be designed for maximum effectiveness. **This memo outlines how the FDRWG could proceed in applying for LCCMR funds in either 2022 or 2023.**

Funding Cycle Timing and Criteria

The LCCMR's annual funding cycle is coming up with a Request for Proposals (RFP) expected in January 2022 and proposals due in April 2022. If an award is made by LCCMR and approved by the Legislature in the 2023 Session, funding would become available beginning in July 2023. Communication with the LCCMR's Executive Director indicates that the funding award could be spent over a five-year period as long as the application provides good justification.

The LCCMR's 2021 RFP listed seven criteria. Four of the criteria appear particularly well suited to assessment monitoring of projects developed under the Mediation Agreement:

A: Foundational Natural Resource Data and Information

B: Water Resources

D: Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive Species

F: Methods to Protect or Restore Land, Water and Habitat

Full descriptions of the criteria can be found in the RFP document issued by LCCMR. It's possible these may change for the upcoming funding cycle, however the Executive Director noted that the RFP has been similar in each of the past several cycles. To be successful, the proposal should focus on Natural Resource Enhancements (NREs).

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION WORK GROUP

Potential Approach for Seeking LCCMR FUNDS

Four tasks are suggested (subject to discussion):

1. Develop Project-Specific Monitoring Plans
2. Monitor Existing Project Sites
3. Monitoring Upcoming Project Sites
4. Share Results Regionally and Statewide

Task 1 would utilize the Monitoring Committee's recently-developed flow-chart and worksheet to assist approximately three Project Teams develop site-specific monitoring plans for projects currently under development. Task 1 would also involve working with Watershed Districts to do the same for three projects constructed previously. Thus, the project overall would cover six projects. One year is suggested to complete Task 1. It would be most effective in the context of the LCCMR application if the projects were selected to address challenges that occur at many sites across the RRB, as well as the project-specific objectives.

Task 2 would apply the monitoring plans from Task 1 to previously constructed projects. The FDRWG would need to work closely with watershed districts to select the most appropriate sites. For example: Roseau River WMA, Manston Slough, North Ottawa Impoundment, Brandt Impoundment, and others.

Task 3 would do the same for projects that are currently under development. For example: JD 19/Nelson Slough, Redpath, Klondike, Roseau Lake and others. This would likely include including pre-construction monitoring to establish baseline data. The FDRWG cannot guarantee that the projects currently under development will be constructed soon enough to enable post-construction monitoring during the five-year funding window. It may be necessary to include a plan to secure additional funding in subsequent years to address this situation.

Task 4 would come near the end of the five-year funding period and could be accomplished with a Symposium-type event. The intent would be to for the participants to present methods, data, and findings in order to promote discussion and dissemination for other projects, both within and outside the RRB. Involving university researchers in the symposium and/or the entire effort may improve the attractiveness of the proposal to the LCCMR.

Funding Amount

The amount of the request has not yet been determined, but **could be on the order of \$1M to 2.5M to be used over a five-year period (\$200k to \$500K per year)**. The cost of implementing the monitoring plans will not be known until Task 1 has been completed. **One option would be to delay the application until the 2023 cycle**, in order to complete Task 1 using existing funds and in-kind services. In this case, the application to LCCMR would be much better defined. Or, we could commit to completing Task 1 without LCCMR funding prior to the 2023 Legislative Session, in order to avoid the one-year delay.

Matching funds are not required for an LCCMR award, but committing some level of match (e.g. 10 to 25 percent?) may improve the chances of receiving an award. The FDRWG has direct access to its appropriation from the State Legislature in the amount of \$264,000 in 2022 and again in 2023. In-kind services from participating organizations could provide additional match. Projects developed by RRWMB members that include water quality purposes may have access to RRWMB's water quality program funding.



RED RIVER RETENTION AUTHORITY

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TALKING POINTS RED RIVER BASIN WATER STORAGE AND FLOOD CONTROL APRIL 7, 2022

Current Situation: Despite the 2021 drought, there has been major flooding in the Red River Basin (RRB) of the North as recent as 2019 and 2020, with millions of dollars in crop damages and major impacts to rural infrastructure in the RRB. Spring 2022 flood outlook was for moderate to major flooding in portions of the RRB. There have been 17 major flood events in the RRB since 1969, with the flood of 1997 being the most devastating. Currently there are over twenty multipurpose water storage projects in the RRB of Minnesota and North Dakota in various phases of development. Projects primarily focus on water storage related to flood mitigation.

Status of RRB Flood Mitigation Efforts: Since the 1997 flood, many of the cities along the Red River main stem have been largely protected. There is still flood mitigation work being done in the Cities of:

- Fargo
- Moorhead
- Drayton
- Crystal
- Newfolden
- Oslo
- Perley

Regarding the City of Oslo, access is still a major issue during floods and the City of Drayton does not have certified 100-year flood protection. There remains much work to do outside of city limits throughout the RRB related to protecting rural infrastructure and farmland from 10 and 25-year storm events. This protection is needed to ensure the RRB remains economically viable and a leader in agricultural productivity into the future. Protection from continued flooding also preserves natural, cultural, human, social, resources along with infrastructure.

Background: Enhanced coordination is needed among federal agencies. RRB watershed districts and water management entities in both Minnesota and North Dakota are required to go through several local, state, and federal processes for various phases of flood mitigation and water management/habitat development projects. There is a significant need to have streamlined processes developed for federal permitting and regulatory agencies. Because there are uncoordinated federal agency processes, additional time constraints are placed on our projects in the RRB.

End Results: When federal agency coordination and communication is delayed or does not occur, this affects the timing of how funds are received from local and state partners. Delays result in significant project cost increases for our taxpayers in the RRB. With local Watershed District funding sources being limited, we must prioritize projects based on timeliness of Federal and State funding. Inflation is presently a major concern.

RRB Request: We request the federal delegation work collectively with the Red River Retention Authority (refer to attached map) and its membership to help us address the following issues that need congressional actions:

1. **Farm Bill:** In the next Farm Bill, we request that economic analysis be less restrictive as a requirement for local units of government to implement water storage projects. There are many projects under development that add to the overall benefit of the RRB related to natural, cultural, human, social, financial resources, and existing infrastructure. However, when strict economic analysis is required our locally led water resource projects are not recognized as being beneficial enough for funding. Economic data is often lacking for wetlands and water quality, and these are difficult to quantify. In addition:
 - Significant rural flooding problems continue but because of inflexible federal procedures and processes, we are unable to quantify enough impacts to qualify for federal financial assistance to reduce agricultural impacts. An evaluation or ranking process to account for rural, underserved areas related to flood control should be considered.
 - One pilot watershed should be funded by NRCS in both Minnesota and North Dakota to address the challenges we have in capturing agricultural losses to complete a plan with a locally preferred alternative.
 - Timeliness of Federal reviews is needed. Once a watershed plan is completed it should not take a year to get a plan approved. Either additional staff should be hired, or an outside independent organization should be used for watershed plan review and approval.

- If legislation is not able to be changed allowing for funding underserved rural areas, then USDA, NRCS Chief exemptions should be considered.
 - With the limited construction seasons in the northern great plains, the Federal government should allow for early construction starts when a design has been completed and approved.
2. **Funding:** There are limited funding options for our projects and the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (PL566) and Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) are usually the only options for RRB projects. The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) generally focuses on infrastructure investments such as federal waterways, harbors, drinking water, and wastewater facility enhancements and upgrades. We request that RRB flood reduction and water storage projects specifically be included in future WRDA bills. In addition, it appears highly unlikely that federal funds through recent economic stimulus bills signed by President Biden will include funding for projects such as ours.

The availability of dam rehabilitation funding has been important in North Dakota. It is essential that funding remains available through the construction phase. Less restrictive use of agricultural conservation easement programs would assist local governments in enabling fair and compensated land use changes in project floodplain areas. Providing/allowing cost-share for local governments to secure floodplain easements in addition to Federal easements is needed.

3. **Federal Agency Coordination:** Federal agencies need to become involved during the early phases of RRB projects. Local project teams are used by local watershed districts in both the Minnesota and North Dakota portion of the RRB to develop projects from concept to construction. Federal agencies have not been consistently involved in recent years at the project team level. We request that the federal congressional delegation work with federal agencies to allocate more staff to the local project team process for the following items:
- a. Watershed Planning
 - b. Environmental Review
 - c. Engineering and Project Design Review
 - d. Cultural Resources Review
 - e. Permitting and NEPA compliance
 - f. Economic Review
 - g. Reporting Processes: There should be one process or portal for local governments to report results to federal agencies.

When one federal agency reviews and accepts certain phases of a project or gives approval to local agencies to commence activities or construction, all federal agencies should accept these decisions. The Black River Flood Impoundment Project in the Red Lake Watershed District in MN is a case in point where poor federal coordination resulted in lost federal funding.

- 4. Internal Agency Coordination:** It is our impression and experience that federal staff working in regional/area offices are often not empowered to make decisions on our projects in the RRB. It appears the hierarchy of federal agencies is such that regional staff must work through several administrative levels to obtain approvals for most project activities. Regional/area staff interacting with local watershed managers and staff often cannot make decisions without receiving approvals from a state, regional, or national program leader.

Such hierarchy causes delays, which in turn can affect the timing of when projects commence construction and can lead to a project starting many months or a year after the original planned date of construction. When this occurs, the timing of how state funds are received and coordinated can potentially result in the loss of state and partner funding if extensions are not granted. This all affects project costs and impacts the ability to allocate our local tax dollars to the highest and best use.

- 5. Program Rules:** Announcements for funding through various federal programs should be delayed for publication in the Federal Register until there is clear communication about program rules, guidance, and requirements. In 2020, the Red Lake Watershed District of Minnesota was communicated to and told that \$3 million in RCPP funds would be allocated for the Black River Flood Impoundment Project located approximately ten miles southwest of the City of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Unfortunately, later the Watershed District was informed the final RCPP rule would not allow the Watershed District to complete the project without starting over with federal watershed plan reviews and approvals. This resulted in timing issues with project start and ultimately in the loss of RCPP funding resulting in local funding sources being used to construct the Project.
- 6. Review of Federal Program Administration:** We request that federal agencies include local government advisors as part of the federal agencies process when new programs are being developed or existing programs are being restructured.
- 7. Regional Federal Program Management:** The RRB is serviced by two separate regional offices of the US Army Corps of Engineers. When there are differences in regional permitting in the RRB, consistent policy, guidance, rules, and regulations are necessary. We request that a pilot program be developed for the RRB so that there is one clearing house for all Clean Water Act permitting activities associated with project planning review and permitting.



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Dear Marshall County Cities, Townships, and other eligible applicants:

Due to the 2022 high rainfall and spring flooding Marshall County is potentially eligible for a federal or state disaster declaration for damages relating to this event. The next step in this process will be the collecting preliminary damage estimates from all local eligible applicants. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as an eligible applicant. A state disaster declaration will reimburse 75% of all local government's eligible costs, and a federal declaration will reimburse 100% of eligible costs. It is very important that all applicants seeking reimbursement under the Public Assistance Program contact our department and report any damages, with an estimated cost associated with it. If we are deemed eligible by the State of Minnesota a future Applicant Briefing will be scheduled. I would like any jurisdictions with any current or future damages to contact me and I will be compiling a list and informing those affected when the Applicant Briefing will occur.

Please contact me if this disaster has or does affect your jurisdictions.

Sincerely,

Josh Johnston
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Permit # 22-024

Status Report: **Approved**

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
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General Information

(1) The proposed project is a:

Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)

(2) Legal Description

(3) County: **Red Lake** Township: **Louisville** Range: **45** Section: **28** 1/4: **SW1/4 SW1/4**

(4) Describe in detail the work to be performed. **Clean township road ditch.**

(5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Upstream culvert freezes up in the winter-overtopping the road.**

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Approved	Red Lake County – Louisville Township – Section 28 Section 28 - Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approval to clean the township road ditch, as per Louisville Township; proposed work is within Township Road Right-of-Way. All excavation shall be consistent with the existing road and ditch slopes and there shall be no vertical excavation faces. Current flow patterns shall remain “as-is” and there shall be no additional drainage area or flows from the adjacent agriculture land routed to the ditch that was cleaned. Applicant shall ensure that all disturbed areas are seeded and that consideration for rock riprap with filter fabric is placed at the outlet end of the permitted culvert. ■ Note: Please be aware of and review the ‘bullet points’ on the bottom half of the application. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166) T.O./M.J.	April 14, 2022
Received	None	April 5, 2022

Conditions

NOTE: This permit does not relieve the applicant of any requirements for other permits which may be necessary from Township, County, State, or Federal Government Agencies.

BOIS de SIOUX WATER DISTRICT (BdSWD) REDPATH IMPOUNDMENT PROJECT

The RRWMB Managers formally executed a funding agreement to advance \$1 million to the BdSWD for Phase 1 of the Redpath Impoundment Project. The agreement was approved via resolution.

UPPER REACHES: WILD RICE RIVERBANK STABILIZATION

The Wild Rice Watershed District (WRWD) presented information to the RRWMB Managers regarding a riverbank stabilization project adjacent to the Wild Rice River to protect agricultural levees southeast of Ada in Norman County. The WRWD requested \$150,000 in Water Quality Program Competitive Funding from the RRWMB. The Project was referred to the RRWMB Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee (WQMAC) for review. It is anticipated that the WQMAC will bring forth recommendations to the May 2022 RRWMB meeting.

STEP 2 SUBMITTAL: GOOSE PRAIRIE WMA ENHANCEMENT PROJECT - REQUEST FOR COST'SHARE INCREASE

The WRWD requested an increase of the RRWMB's original share of the project approved in 2019 from \$400,000 to \$557,000. Additional real estate costs along with inflation of construction prices led to expected increases in the overall project budget. The RRWMB Managers approved the request.

MIDDLE-SNAKE-TAMARAC RIVERS WATERSHED DISTRICT (MSTRWD) COMPETITIVE WATER QUALITY FUNDING REQUEST

The RRWMB Managers approved a request of \$206,700 from the MSTRWD to install grade stabilization structures and other BMPs within the last two miles of the JD 75 public drainage system, which is the outlet for three upstream flood impoundments. The Project was reviewed by the WQMAC on April 12, 2022 and recommendations were brought forth for consideration by the RRWMB Managers to further inform decision-making.

LCCMR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION WORK GROUP (FDRWG) PROJECT MONITORING

The FDRWG has determined that additional external funding is needed to develop project specific monitoring plans, monitor existing project sites, monitor upcoming project sites, and to share results in the Red River Basin of Minnesota and statewide. The FDRWG recently approved moving forward with an application to the LCCMR to meet these needs and the RRWMB Managers approved via resolution to act as the fiscal agent for this application. The RRWMB is currently the fiscal agent for the FDRWG, which receives \$264,000 annually to support several project teams.

RRWMB SPECIAL MEETING

A special RRWMB meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 to review proposed edits to the RRWMB Governing Documents. Meeting logistics are currently being determined and a public notice will be posted once the meeting location and time is determined.

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I. WATERSHED DISTRICTS IN RRWMB								
Bois de Sioux Watershed District (as of 4/6/2022)								
Redpath 3-sq. mile impoundment. (+ meandering bypass funded separately).	\$46.4M (\$33.5M remaining as of 3/2022)	\$5.4 M	2	\$5.7 M	2022	60	Engineer’s Report 99% Design 95% Land acquisition complete. Environmental & Permitting 95% (WCA Complete/EAW Complete/DNR complete)	Ditch relocation planned in 2022. Funding is biggest remaining challenge – requesting \$14.7M from FHM. FDRWG approved project, Feb. 2022.
Big Lake New outlet with submerged intake in lake. Fall drawdown. Protects Herman.	\$645K	TBD	TBD	TBD	2022	4	Engineer’s Report 99%/Design 90%. No need for land acquisition. Environmental review completed 2021. Gathering final doc’ts for public waters permit application.	RRWMB funding request yet to be determined. Requesting \$390K from FHM.
Moonshine Impoundment Not defined at this time. Will re-activate PT in 2021.	\$2.0 M	TBD	TBD	TBD	2024	6	In planning stage	Improve protection of Graceville. Project would seek State and RRWMB grants. Older planning effort to re-activate after Redpath, Samantha L., & Traverse WQ.

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Wild Rice Watershed District (as of 4/7/2022)								
Goose Prairie WMA Enhancement Road raise; new outlet structure; re-align CD 18. Fall drawdown.	\$1.9M	\$400K	Step 2 (5/2019)	\$400K	2022	18	Planning, Design and Permitting 98% complete. One easement needed from private landowner. Minimal permitting remains from public agencies.	Improves wildlife habitat in Goose Prairie Marsh (WMA); reduces risk of downstream flooding. Joint project of WRWD and MDNR.
City of Perley Levee, Phase 2 Road raises to complete the project.	\$5.97 M (Phases 1 and 2)	\$2.4M rec'd for Ph. 1	Board approved 12/2021	\$625K	2022+	18	Ph. 2 Planning is complete. Design to begin once State Homeland Security & Emergency Mg't (HSEM) funding approved.	Ph.1 was levee construction. Ph. 2 is road raises to eliminate emergency road closures. MnDOT and Norman Co. also contributing. District requested additional \$625K from State FHM
Lwr .Wild Rice Corr.	TBD	\$0	Water Quality Program	\$669K	TBD	TBD	Acquiring project easements.	Participating in State RIM program.
Red Lake River Watershed District (as of 4/5/2022)								
Mud River Stream restoration.	TBD	None	None	None	TBD	TBD	In Planning stage with purpose & need largely drafted and approaches to achieve them under discussion.	This project involves Agassiz NWR and likely requires structure(s) on Eckvoll WMA.

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Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District (as of 4/15/2022)								
<p>City of Newfolden</p> <p>400-acre impoundment plus inlet channel. Replace RR culverts with a bridge to increase conveyance capacity at Middle River.</p>	\$7.7 M	none	2 (6/2020)	\$2.4M* *Reduce if District receives higher State funding,	2022	18	<p>Prelim. engineering complete. Land discussions complete. Final design, plans, and specs in progress for completion June 2022. EAW is not required. RR crossing to be constructed 2022. Permits secured & construction agreement w/CP Railway signed. Impoundment permits in progress.</p>	<p>Will remove the City from 100-yr. flood-plain while reducing contribution to peak flows and volume in the Red River. If bond funds become available, State FHM can fund impoundment as a community project with higher cost-share. FHM cannot fund Railroad crossing of Middle River.</p>
<p>JD 14/Lilac Ridge</p> <p>260-acre impoundment, Numedal Twp., plus ditch improvement & flow control measures.</p>	\$6.5M	none	1 (7/2021)	none	TBD	9	<p>Concurrence Point #3 approved by USACE Dec. 2020. Geotechnical Report completed Mar. 2021. EAW completed in 2021. Wetland delineation approved and environmental impacts review in progress.</p>	<p>Project will improve drainage upstream of Lilac Ridge. The impoundment will not only help to manage a resulting increase in flow through the ridge but also reduce peak flows downstream to provide a FDR benefit. Following RRWMB Step 1 discussion, District has completed efforts that raised the STar value.</p>

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<p>JD19/Nelson Slough</p> <p>Raise existing dam & increase outlet capacity.</p>	<p>\$8.8M</p>	<p>none</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>\$2.8M</p>	<p>2023</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>RRWMB Step 1 approved May 2021. Step 2 submittal likely May 2022.</p> <p>EAW completed 2021. Engineer’s Report submitted to BWSR/DNR for comment April 2022. MSTRWD, DNR and Joint Ditch Authority have drafted O&M plan and are developing a comprehensive JPA.</p>	<p>Nelson Slough is in the East Park Wildlife Mg’t Area. FDRWG approved project, Feb. 2022, and recommended 73% funding from FHM Program.</p>
<p>Swift Coulee</p> <p>Widening the coulee to shape an E Channel. Culvert resizing to control flow of this natural waterway.</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>none</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>none</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>Concurrence Point 3 approved by USACE in April 2021. Landowners were contacted to gauge their willingness to work with the project.</p>	<p>Alternative 13 was approved by the PWT and Board in 2021. Project is similar to Grand Marais. Next hurdle is securing funds to secure easements from landowners. District has requested BWSR support.</p>

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Two Rivers Watershed District (as of 4/14/2022)								
Klondike Clean Water Retention Project ----- Prior Work Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 2A Post Constr. ----- 12-sq. mi. impoundment. 7-mi. inlet channel.	----- \$6.6M \$13M \$7M \$5M TBD -----	----- 250K None None None None -----	2 ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	\$7.25M ----- ----- ----- ----- -----	----- In progress 2023 2024 2026 N/A -----	----- ----- 24 24 12 NA -----	Preliminary engineering complete. Final eng. 90% complete. Plans & Specs: 2021-2022 ROW/land acq.: 75% Operating plan drafted. Wetland permits in progress. Road & ditch permits in progress. EAW scheduled for release Spring 2022. Land exchange w/DNR in progress.	See fact sheet for more information. Phase 1 funding 41% committed. Includes LSOHC funding (\$1.9M). Timelines subject to change depending on funding availability and permitting process.
Twistal	TBD	none	n/a	none	TBD	TBD	Planning stage. Re-activated Project Team after high water in 2020.	Involves localized flooding in a City of Karlstad neighborhood.

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Roseau River Watershed District (as of 4/8/2022)								
Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Add embankments & water control structures at WMA. Operate to pass early water & store middle & late water.	\$15M	\$2.2 M	2	\$3.0 M	2022	Phased. First phase possibly 12 mos.	Much of land is public. Easement acquisitions nearly complete. Land exchange for State School Trust lands in progress. Concurrence Point 3 approved. Environmental review completed 2021. Design 90% complete. Plans/specs. in preparation. Operation, Maintenance and Access Plans completed & adopted.	District Board decided on reduced footprint, 2021. Development of mitigation component in progress: Sprague Creek Restoration project on State land.
Whitney Lake 2 impoundments (plus ditch improvements funded locally). Site A: 1,200 acres Site C: 235 acres	Site C \$2M Site A \$6M	\$350K	Site C: 2 (fall 2019) Site A: 2 (6/2020)	\$2.7 M (full project)	2023 (Site C) 2023 (Site A)	12 mos. 12 mos.	Moving toward acquisition of land. Concurrence Point 3 approved. Reviews of COE wetland concerns completed. Full delineation pending. EAW prob. not needed. Moving forward with engineering at both sites. Construction on CD 16 initiated Fall 2021. Will resume Spring 2022.	Project includes Site A, Site C, and drainage improvements. RCPP plan completed Sept. 2021. Drainage improvements to be privately/locally funded. Requesting \$1M from FHM in 2022 bonding.
Joe River Watershed District								
None								

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II. WATERSHED DISTRICTS SEPARATE FROM THE RRWMB								
Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (as of 4/7/2022)								
Upper S. Branch Buffalo River: Phase 1A	\$1.5M	None	N/A	N/A	2022	6	Permitting and land acquisition complete. Access and maintenance agreements in progress. Environmental review completed Dec. 2021.	BRRWD working with Pheasants Forever, DNR & BWSR. Project requires rerouting of a county ditch. Not seeking FHM funds for Ph 1A
----- Phase 2	----- \$13M	----- None	----- N/A	----- N/A	----- 2022-23	----- 6	----- Prelim. design complete.	----- Partial funding requested from LSOHC-OHF. Decision pending as of April 2022.
Stony Creek 1100-acre impoundment & 4.7 mi. restored channel.	\$18M	\$382K (2020 bond funds)	N/A	N/A	2022	24	Land acquisition started (options being obtained). Prelim. design complete. EAW process complete.	Requested \$6.7 Million from FHM in 2020.
Lower Otter Tail Channel Restoration. 48-mi. reach below Orwell Dam	\$35 – 40M	None	N/A	N/A	2023-2026	36	Working through Corps 1135 program, Corps completed feasibility study Dec. 2021. Prelim. design complete. Ready to begin land acquisition with BWSR & Wilkin SWCD.	\$2.335M OHF grant for land acquisition approved in 2021. Mitigation value of \$8.28M to be provided by FM Diversion. Not seeking FHM funds.

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Barnesville Township	\$15M	None	N/A	N/A	2026	24	Concept Design Plan and cost estimate developed	
Glyndon East Tributary		None	N/A	N/A	2022	6	Permitting underway. Construction planned 2022.	Hearing in Spring 2022.
Sand Hill River Watershed District (as of 4/14/2022)								
Upper Sand Hill FDR project – sites & concepts in planning stage.	\$5-10M	None	N/A	N/A	TBD	9	In planning stage. Purpose and need developed and reviewed with Project Team. The planning effort will identify required permits, land rights, and feasibility review.	Currently on hold. Planning effort led to the Kittleson Creek focus area (see below).
Kittleson Creek	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	In early planning stages. Evaluating potential federal/NRCS funding sources.	Goal of providing flood damage reduction and reduce channel erosion along the Kittleson Creek.
Sand Hill Ditch	TBD	TBD	N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD	In early planning stages. Evaluating funding potential.	Goal of stabilizing failing sideslopes through a multipurpose project along the Sand Hill Ditch.
City of Nielsville Levee Improvements	\$5.808M	\$0.164M received (Request \$5.618M to complete project)	N/A	N/A	2022	6	Funding was previously provided by the DNR FHM. This enabled prelim. planning, design, & Engineer’s Rpt.	Includes a levee around three sides of the City, raising US Highway 75, and related improvements. Will provide 100-year flood protection.

6-25-2013

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RLWD Board of Managers
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Dear Board Members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Bygland Twp. to ask for your help in resolving an ongoing flooding situation caused by CD53. Several years ago, CD53 was petitioned for a reconstruction project consisting of widening out the channel and culvert improvements. Virtually every spring since CD53 was completed, we have had our twp. road crossings either under water or washed out. This spring, which really wasn't a serious flooding year, our twp. road crossing in section 4 washed out. Preliminary repair estimates are over \$10,000.- Like most townships, we operate on a very limited budget and spending tens of thousand of dollars on road and bridge repairs - every year - is not a viable option. Previous to the CD53 improvement, our crossings only went under in 1997 (record flood) and previous to that it was 1979. We would like to get back to the point we were at

before CD53 was "improved", that is when one of our crossings goes under it's a rare event. In our opinion, there are 3 possible solutions to remedy this problem.

A. 1 1/2 miles of new county ditch running parallel to Polk Cty. Hwy #9 starting @ CD53 and running west to the Thompson bridge. In our opinion, This is the best long term solution and remedy.

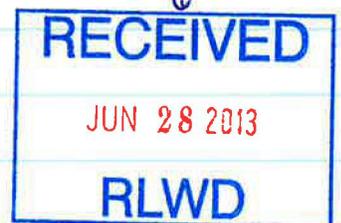
B. Resize all culverts starting where the CD53 improvement ended and continue all the way to the Hartsville coulee outlet near East Grand Forks.

C. Control structures located upstream to slow water down.

In summary, we are asking for your help in remedying this flooding situation which for us has turned into an annual event - since CD53 was completed.

Sincerely,
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4-25-2022

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Dear Board Members,

I am again writing a letter on behalf of Bygland Twp. asking for your help in resolving ongoing flooding in our township caused by CD53. We had a situation last week where anywhere from 3-5 inches of rain fell from Friday morning 4-22 through Saturday evening 4-23. The onslaught of water from CD53 into the Hartsville Coulee took out our township road crossings in Section 4, Section 9, and Section 27. Polk County also had crossings on CR58 in Section 16 and CR223 in Section 16 go under. We also had 2 additional township road crossings, not related to CD53, go under in Section 14 and Section 11 which at this time don't appear to be seriously damaged-mostly loss of gravel.

Back in 2013, I wrote a letter to the RLWD Board suggesting 3 possible solutions to the flooding problems we are having due to the CD53 improvement. The water from the CD53 area is now running through larger culverts and is getting to the Hartsville coulee too fast. Residents located along CD53 report the highest water levels they've ever seen-much higher than the 1997 flood. I've also been in contact with landowners in the CD53 area that are aware of the flood damage that Bygland is being subjected to because of the CD53 improvement-they agree something needs to be done.

In our opinion, a new ditch running parallel to Polk County #9 starting at CD53 and running west to the Thompson Bridge would be the best long-term solution. If the new ditch could take even a partial flow off CD53, it would probably be enough to make a huge difference. Another possibility is siting the ditch 1 mile further south-this would divert less water but might work anyway after the calculations are made.

To summarize, This is a case of unintended consequences that sometimes happens. A project like the CD53 ditch improvement can't help one group that petitioned at the expense of another group located downstream. Its not only our township crossings affected, its now homeowners and their property. Jim and Marsha Ketring, Ardis Maney and George High, and Matthew Thorson are a few of the homeowners affected by CD53 that suffered flooding this spring. Also, We don't have the money at the township level to keep repairing crossings that rarely went under water-We need a solution that is fair and equitable to all parties concerned.

Sincerely,

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