Red Lake Watershed District
President's Determination Regarding Conducting Meetings
by Telephone or Other Electronic Means

As the President of the Red Lake Watershed District, I find as follows:

a. The coronavirus ("COVID-19") has been declared a health pandemic and national and state emergencies have been declared.

b. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency in response to COVID-19.

c. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) recognized the global outbreak COVID-19 as a pandemic.


f. On March 25, 2020 Governor Timothy J. Walz issued an Executive Order 20-20 under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12 declaring a statewide shelter in place order.

g. The Minnesota Department of Health has provided specific guidance encouraging postponement or cancelation of events that do not allow social distancing or at least six feet.

h. Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021 authorizes cities to meet by telephone or electronic means if it is determined that meeting in person is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12.

i. I have the consulted with the Red Lake Watershed’s legal counsel and administrator regarding the current situation.

Based on the above findings, I determine has follows:

1. Due to the current pandemic and state of emergency, complying with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13D, would threaten the health safety and welfare of Red Lake Watershed District Managers, staff, and the public.

2. Due to the current pandemic and state of emergency declared under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, it is not practical or prudent for the Red Lake Watershed District to conduct in person meetings.

3. Until further notice, or until such time as the State of Minnesota determines to no longer be in a state of emergency, all meetings of the Red Lake Watershed District governed by Minnesota Statute, Section 13D shall be conducted by telephone or other electronic means.

4. All meetings of the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers shall comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statute, section 13D.021.

Dated: April 7, 2020.

Dale Nelson, President
Red Lake Watershed District
President’s Declaration of a State of Emergency due to COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic event will impact the population of Red Lake Watershed District due to the disruption of services to include the closure of schools, arenas, theaters, businesses and other services that will negatively impact day to day life; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic event will cause an impact to public services due to the closure of schools, arenas, businesses and other services; and

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic event will place hardship and challenges on the business owners, employees, children and families of the Red Lake Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a global pandemic is occurring as the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has spread across the United States and Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the daily operations of county and state and local government are anticipated to be impacted to comply with Minnesota Department of Health and Center for Disease Control recommendation to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a National Emergency enacting the Stafford Act and the Governor of Minnesota has declared a Peacetime State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Red Lake Watershed District hereby declares the Red Lake Watershed District in a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 Pandemic Event of 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Emergency is hereby declared to be effective for three (3) days, unless further extended by affirmative vote of the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers on the 9th day of April 2020, and

NOW, THEREFORE, The President of the Red Lake Watershed District, a political subdivision of the State of Minnesota, hereby declares a State of Emergency for the period of 3 days effective April 7, 2020 through April 9, 2020, unless extended by affirmative vote of the Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers at their regular meeting on April 9, 2020.

Date: 4-07-2020

Dale Nelson President
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
April 9, 2020
Agenda
9:00 a.m.
Audio Meeting by Telephone

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

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April 23, 2020  RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
May 14, 2020  RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.