

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

July 9, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 am	Call to Order	Action
	Review and approve agenda	Action
	Requests to appear	Information
	June 25, 2026 Minutes	Action
	Financial Report as of July 8, 2026	Action
	Northern State Bank Pledged Securities Amount Increase	Information
	MPCA Draft 2026 List of Impaired Waters	Information
	RRBC Water Quality Offset Plan Project/City of TRF	Information
	HOBO Logger Battery Replacements and Repairs	Info/Action
	Red Lake River 1W1P Plan Amendment Submittal Support Resolutions	Info/Action
9:30 am	Red Lake/Polk County Line Outlet Stabilization Project RLWD Project No. 149	Information
	RLWD Project No. 179, Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39 Formal Order	Action
	Legal Fee Adjustment	Action
	Chuck Flage Erosion Control, RLWD Project No. 174 Quotes	Action
	RLWD Project No. 60D, Brandt Impoundment – Upstream Brushing	Information
	RLWD Mud River Task Order 4 Proposal	Info/Action
	Red Lake County SWCD - Well Water Testing Project	Info/Action
	RLWD Permit No. 18124 – Lessor 6, Polk County	Information
	Permits: 26049, 26050, 26053, 26054, 26057, 26059, 26059, and 26062	Action
	SD83/Thief River Area and Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge	Information

Clearwater River Streambank Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149B	
Letter from LP Contracting	Info/Action
Acceptance of Bid	Info/Action
BWSR 1W1P Listening Sessions	Information
Administrator's Report	Information
Legal Counsel Update	Information
Managers' Updates	Information
Adjourn	Action

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July 9, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
July 21, 2026	RRWMB Meeting, 10:00 am, Ada
July 23, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
August 13, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
August 18, 2026	RRWMB Meeting, 10:00 am, Ada
August 19, 2026	SD 83/Thief River Area Flooding Concerns Project Team Meeting, 9:00 am
August 25-26, 2026	MN Watersheds Summer Tour, Detroit Lakes, MN
August 27, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Minutes
June 25, 2026

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

Managers Present: Gene Tiedemann, Tom Anderson, Terry Sorenson, Grant Nelson, Al Page, LeRoy Ose, and Brian Dwight. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Melissa Bushy, Elaine Rychlock, Erick Huseeth, and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby attended virtually.

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

The Board reviewed the June 11, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the June 11, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report as of June 24, 2026. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Financial Report as of June 24, 2026. Motion carried.

Staff member Elaine Rychlock presented information regarding the renewal of the District's League of Minnesota Cities Property and Casual Coverage policy. Rychlock informed the board that upon the latest assessment the value of the main building had gone up from \$1,066,898 to \$1,407,900. Because of this they will notice a slight increase in the premium. It was also advised to consider increasing the Cyber security premium from \$250,000 to \$500,000 for an additional premium charge of approximately \$600 to \$1200 more. Rychlock further discussed the monetary limits on municipal tort liability. After much discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Nelson, to renew the regular premium limit and increase the cyber security premium to \$500,000; and to choose DO NOT WAIVE the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minn. Stat. 466.04 and renew the *REGULAR PREMIUM option. Motion carried.

Staff member Elaine Rychlock reviewed the League of Minnesota Cities Group Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Plan Notice of Premium Options for Standard Premiums of less than \$25,000. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the League of Minnesota Cities Workers' Compensation Plan Notice of Premium in the amount of \$2,623. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette stated that the Phase 2 Lessard Sam Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Funding application for Mud River, RLWD Project No. 180C had been submitted.

Administrator Audette shared that the Red Lake River Planning Partnership, on behalf of the members, has submitted the Red Lake River Comprehensive Management Plan for final review. Prior to this submittal, a review period was held from February 13, 2026, to April 15, 2026, to gather comments, and a public hearing was held on April 30, 2026.

The Board reviewed Change Order No. 5 for Chief's Coulee, RLWD Project No. 46S for a net increase in the amount of \$9,412.00. After much discussion on the amount, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Nelson to table this item for further clarification on the change order amount. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Nelson, to schedule the Final Payment Hearing for the Chief's Coulee, RLWD Project No. 46S for July 23, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. at the RLWD office. Motion carried.

At 9:15 a.m., President Tiedemann stated that the bid opening for the construction of the Clearwater River Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 149B would be conducted. Legal Counsel Sparby noted the time and that no further bid proposals would be accepted after the 9:15 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:

Minnesota Native Landscapes, Otsego, MN, \$1,349,027.00;
Northern Harbor LLC, Walker, MN, \$905,103.00;
Tunheim Construction, Fargo, ND, Mahnomen, MN, \$959,783.18;
LP Contracting LLC, Leonard, MN, \$519,718.73; and
Anderson Excavating, Thief River Falls, MN, \$897,705.13.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the apparent low bid from LP Contracting LLC in the amount of \$519,718.73 for construction of the Clearwater River Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 149B, contingent upon the audit by staff and review of the bids and approval by Legal Counsel Sparby, District staff, and Project Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc.

At 9:30 a.m., President Tiedemann recessed the regular meeting and called the Polk County Ditch 39 Improvement Final Hearing, RLWD Project No. 179, to order. President Tiedemann then turned the Hearing over to Legal Counsel Sparby who noted that proper notice had been provided to landowners within the Polk County Ditch 39 and County Ditch 66 benefitted areas, together with appropriate governmental subdivisions, including Polk County and affected Township(s). Engineer Jerry Pribula and Viewer Rob Wagner presented the respective updated Engineer's estimate and updated Viewers' Report of Benefits and Damages. President Tiedemann opened the hearing to the public for any comments or questions. Upon public comment being had and upon receiving no further comments, President Tiedemann asked for a motion to close the Hearing. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dwight, to close the hearing in regard to the amendments to the Engineer's Estimate and updated Viewers' Report for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion carried. President Tiedeman called the regular meeting back to order. After much discussion, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nelson, to approve the amended Engineers estimate and updated Viewers Report, as presented and filed with the Board, for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion carried. Motion by Ose, seconded by Nelson, to order the Engineer, to prepare the Plans and Specifications for construction of the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion carried.

Due to the meeting running late, the RRWMB and Park Street Public will participate at a later meeting date.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2/Final to Davidson Construction for the JD 2/Branch A Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 48 in the amount of \$6,500.00. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the payment of Pay Estimate No. 2/Final to Davidson Construction in the amount of \$6,500.00 for the JD 2/Branch A Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 48. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2/Final to Davidson Construction for the Moose River/JD 21 Channel Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149A in the amount of \$8,012.50. Motion by Page, seconded by Nelson, to approve the payment of Pay Estimate No. 2/Final to Davidson Construction in the amount of \$8,012.50.00 for the Moose River/JD 21 Channel Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette discussed RLWD Project No. 114, Turtle Cross Connection Lakes.

Administrator Audette and HEI Engineer Tony Nordby discussed the recent State Ditch 83 Thief River Area Flooding Concerns Project Team meeting that was held on June 17, 2026.

The Board reviewed the following permits for approval. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 26016, Kyle Jore, Lessor Township, Polk County; and No. 20556, Mark Nelson, Lambert Township, Red Lake County.

Administrator Audette discussed the possibility of having a RLWD Summer Bus Tour for our Board to visit some of our active project sites.

Administrator's Report:

- **Polk/Red Lake County Legal Ditches:** Included in the packet is a meeting notice for Ditch Redetermination for Polk and Red Lake County Joint Ditches. The meeting will be held on July 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Falls Community Hall.
- **River Watch Retreat:** The River Watch Retreat was held this week from Tuesday-Thursday.
- **RRWMB:** Included in the packet is a letter from the RRWMB to the Minnesota Plumbing Board regarding regulation to reuse stormwater.
- **Middle Snake Tamarac WD Groundbreaking:** The RLWD will be the host office for the MSTRWD Nelson-Coulee Groundbreaking ceremony on June 30th.
- **Drainage Work Group:** Included in the packet are the June 11, 2026, Drainage Work Group meeting notes.
- **Grygla Flood Control:** Audette participated in a Teams meeting regarding the Grygla Flood Control Project with individuals from the City of Grygla, Moore Engineering, NRCS, and Baird Associates
- **Vacation:** Administrator Audette plans to take vacation the week of June 29th.

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

LeRoy Ose, Secretary

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Financial Report as of July 8, 2026

Ck#	Check Issued to:	Description	Amount
online	EFTPS/MN Withholding	Withholding FICA, Fed, Medi, & MN Tax (pp 7/1/26)	\$6,755.16
online	PERA	pp 7/1/26	\$3,343.65
42307	Champion Media LLC	Notice of Final Pmt Hearing for Muzzy/TR Sites	\$19.80
42308	Davidson Construction	Pay Est #2 -Moose/JD 21 & JD 2 (Board Approved 6-25-26)	\$14,512.50
42309	Department of the Treasury	PCORI -Form 720 (annual coop fee)	\$57.60
42310	Farmers Union Oil	Fuel for vehicles	\$1,448.65
42311	HDR	**see notes below	\$30,190.00
42312	Houston Engineering	Mid Point T&E TR 1W1P #149A	\$1,244.25
42313	Jennifer Haman	Gopher Trapping - Projects #102, #49, & #35	\$500.00
42314	Karvakk	Engineering for Northome Clearwater 1W1P 149C	\$2,600.00
42315	Les Cota	Mowing project #171A Border Bank Area	\$855.00
42316	Marco	Canon Copier Fee	\$535.14
42317	Mitchell Mack	**see notes below	\$48,125.00
42318	Ford of Thief River Falls	Corey's Truck Oil change and Tire Rotation	\$150.28
42319	Northdale Oil	Fuel for vehicle	\$77.00
42320	Piney Bowes	Postage Meter refill	\$200.00
42321	Quality Spray Foam/Anderson	**see notes below	\$4,455.00
42322	Randy Eckert	Gopher Trapping Projects #176A	\$50.00
42323	VOID	wrong amt	\$0.00
42324	RMB	Lab & Courier Fees for Water Quality	\$11,632.00
42325	Robert Wagner	Viewers Invoice for Project #179	\$434.85
42326	TRF Hardware	Electrical Tape	\$5.99
42327	Red River Watershed Mgmt Board	1st 1/2 Taxes 2026	\$1,564,086.95
online	WEX	Monthly fee	\$11.00
online	WEX	Medical Care Reimbursement	\$105.00
online	AT & T	Cell phone bill	\$395.24
online	WEX	Medical Care Reimbursement	\$125.45
online	MN Energy	Utility Bill	\$40.60
online	Garden Valley	Monthly Fee	\$68.95
online	Voya	Staff Halth Care Savings Plan 7/1/26	\$448.71
online	WEX	Dependant Care Reimbursement	\$930.00
online	WEX	Medical Care Reimbursement	\$40.00
online	Corp Technology	Micrsoft 365 & Managed IT Services	\$2,080.00
online	Card Member Services Elan	Monthly Credit Card Charges	\$690.80
online	Medica	Health Premiums	\$11,319.06
online	Vestis	Office Rug Rental	\$103.18
online	WEX	Medical Care Reimbursement	\$209.00
online	Delta Dental	Dental Premiums	\$631.22
online	NCPERS	Staff Life Insurance	\$128.00
direct	Brian Dwight	Mileage	\$357.70
direct	Grant Nelson	Mileage	\$92.80
direct	Board & Staff Payroll	pp (7/1/26)	\$18,801.42
Total Checks			\$1,727,856.95

**HDR	Turtle Cross Connect Eng Fees	\$530.00
	Mud River Restore Eng. Fees	\$1,126.25
	JD 1 Engineering Fees	\$14,467.50
	Flage Design & Quote Eng. Fees	<u>\$14,066.25</u>
		\$30,190.00

** Mitchell	Ditch Mowing Project #134	\$3,850.00
Mack	Ditch Mowing Project #117	\$1,925.00
	Ditch Mowing Project #123	\$1,050.00
	Ditch Mowing Project #169	\$9,275.00
	Ditch Mowing Project #43B	\$22,575.00
	Ditch Mowing Project #119	<u>\$9,450.00</u>
		\$48,125.00

**Quality	Mowing Proj. #171	\$405.00
Spray	Mowing Proj. #171A	\$675.00
Foam	Mowing Proj. #7	\$1,485.00
	Mowing Proj. #109	\$1,350.00
	Mowing Proj. #36	<u>\$540.00</u>
		\$4,455.00

<u>NSB</u>	Balance as of June 25, 2026	\$1,602,602.18
	Total Checks Written	-\$1,727,856.95
	Receipt #12533	Itasca County Taxes \$1,940.76
	Receipt #12534	June Monthly Interest \$4,093.92
	Receipt #12536	Pennington County Taxes \$586,767.03
	Receipt #12537	Dakota Heritage June CD Interest \$6,461.61
	Receipt #12538	Mahnomen County Taxes \$1,333.00
	Receipt #12539	Beltrami County Taxes \$218,080.29
	Balance as of July 8, 2026	Current interest rate is 3.25% <u>\$693,421.84</u>

<u>American</u>	Balance as of June 25, 2026	\$5,930,691.51
<u>Federal</u>	Receipt #12535	June Monthly Interest \$14,346.71
<u>Fosston</u>	Balance as of July 8, 2026	Current interest rate is 3.35% <u>\$5,945,038.22</u>

<u>CD's</u>	Dakota Heritage	7 month CD 3.89% Expiry 11-12-26	\$ 500,000.00
	Ultima Bank	6 month CD 4.0% Expiry 11-29-26	\$ 237,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 2-11-27	\$ 250,000.00
	Ultima Bank	12 month CD 3.75% Expiry 2-27-27	\$ 500,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 3-4-27	\$ 500,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 3-4-27	\$ 250,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 5-06-27	\$ 500,000.00
	Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.05% Expiry 6-23-27	\$ 239,000.00

Total CD Investments	\$2,976,000.00
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NSB, AFB +CD's	\$9,614,460.06
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**Cash that has been received and earmarked for projects:
(taken from remaining balance on financials)**

Closed - 10% pmt coming upon request	2024 Grant Red Lake River 1W1P Project #149	\$137,092.43
	2024 Grant Thief River 1W1P Project #149A	\$51,780.12
	2023 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	-\$136,475.20
	2025 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	\$678,651.08
	2024 CRP Payment Red Lake 1W1P	\$2,132.00
	2025 CRP Payment Red Lake 1W1P	\$100,000.00
	2026 Grant Thief River 1W1P Project #149A	\$352,474.00
	2026 Grant Red Lake River 1W1P Project #149	\$856,311.50
	2026 MIDPOINT Red Lake River Project #149	\$10,000.00
	2025 MIDPOINT Thief River Project #149A	\$38,198.00
		\$2,090,163.93

Payables committed to by board action:

City of Grygla	\$12,500.00
Mud River 180C	\$500,000.00
	\$ 512,500.00

Total accessible cash (Est.)	\$7,011,796.13
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AGREEMENT FOR CUSTODY OF PLEDGED SECURITIES

Pledge Number 92051
Custody Number 101523
Receipt Number 154026615

THIS AGREEMENT FOR CUSTODY OF PLEDGED SECURITIES (this "Agreement") Dated 7th day of July, 2026.

By and between NORTHERN STATE BANK OF THIEF RIVER FALLS THIEF RIVER FALLS MN (Customer) and

UNITED BANKERS BANK, (Bank)

The Customer delivers to the Bank the following securities (together with all substitutions therefore and proceeds therefrom, collectively referred herein as the "Customer's Securities"):

\$500,000.00 Original Face Pledge 91282CKF7 US TREASURY NOTE 4.125 3/31/2031 Aa1 AA+
\$500,000.00 Par Pledge
Pledged To: A14 RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Customer acknowledges and declares that the Customer owns the Customer's Securities and has assigned the Customer's Securities to the Public Entity (as defined below) to secure certain funds deposited by the Public Entity with the Customer. The Customer and the Public Entity shall place and deposit the Customer's Securities with the Bank for custody on the following terms, conditions and provisions:

1. Warranties. The Customer and the Public Entity each represent and warrant to the Bank that (a) the delivery of the Customer's Securities to the Bank for custody, (b) the type and amount of Customer's Securities, and (c) all other terms of the transaction which is the subject of this Agreement, complies with all applicable laws, and, further, the Customer and the Public Entity each acknowledge and expressly agree that the Bank has no responsibility or obligation to determine the acceptability of the Customer Securities.
2. Interest. Until such time as the Bank receives written notice executed by an authorized representative of the Public Entity instructing the Bank to the contrary, the Bank will deliver to the Customer, from time to time, any interest coupons or principal pay-downs from any of the Customer's Securities.
3. Substitutions and Release of the Customer's Securities. From and after the date of this Agreement the Customer may substitute securities for the customer's securities provided that the Customer shall deliver the securities to the Bank along with a written or automated notice with a description of the securities to be substituted and the securities to be released. Upon receipt of the Notice and the substitute securities, the Bank will (a) countersign a Substitution of Collateral Notice acknowledging the Bank's receipt of the substitute securities, (b) deliver a copy of the counter-signed Substitution of Collateral Notice to the Customer and the Public Entity, and (c) return to the Customer the released Customer's Securities as described in the Substitution of Collateral Notice.
4. Release of the Customer's Securities to the Customer. Upon receipt by the Bank of a written notice authorized and signed by the Customer and the Public Entity directing the Bank to release completely and deliver all or any part of the Customer's Securities to the Customer without any substitution of securities therefore, the Bank will return and deliver such Customer's Securities to the Customer.
5. Release of the Customer's Securities to the Public Entity. Upon receipt by the Bank of a written notice authorized and signed by the Public Entity directing the Bank to release and deliver all or any part of the Customer's Securities to the Public Entity, the Bank shall deliver such Customer's Securities to the Public Entity.
6. Reliance on Instructions. The Bank is authorized to act on the Customer's and/or Public Entity's instructions received by facsimile, letter (on customer or public entity letterhead) or electronic means acceptable to the Bank which the Bank believes in good faith to have been given by such authorized person or which are transmitted with proper testing or authentication pursuant to terms and conditions which the Bank may specify. The Bank shall incur no liability or obligations to the Customer or the Public Entity as a result of any action taken by the Bank in accordance with instructions on which Bank is authorized to rely pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph.
7. Indemnification. The Customer expressly agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Bank from any and all liability, actions, claims, damages, losses, costs and expenses, including but not limited to charges and internal bank charges, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, and including any costs or expenses of the settlement or litigation of any action or claim regardless of whether the Bank has been named as a defendant in such action or claim, arising from or related to the Bank's performance or non-performance as custodian of the Customer's Securities pursuant to this Agreement but excluding from such indemnification any losses resulting directly from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Bank's employees or resulting from robbery, burglary or theft to the extent the Customer's Securities are in the Bank's physical possession, and the extent of such losses shall be the market value of the Customer's Securities as of the date of the discovery of such loss.

7-7-26

Increased Pledged Security
from 2.0 million to
2.5 million -

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8. Customer Default. If, at any time during the period during which the Collateral is held by the Bank, the Customer shall (i) be declared insolvent, or (ii) have an receiver appointed, or (iii) fail to make interest payments on its accounts when due, or (iv) fail to promptly deliver upon demand all money on deposit, less any early withdrawal penalty that may be required in connection the withdrawal of a time deposit, or (v) close for business (each of the foregoing a "Default"), then, at the written direction of the Public Entity, the Bank shall release to the Public Entity on demand, free of exchange or any other charges, the Customer Securities. The proceeds of any sale or other disposition of the Customer's Securities will be paid to the Public Entity to satisfy any and all indebtedness owed by the Customer to the Public Entity. Any excess proceeds remaining following the payment of all such indebtedness will be returned to the Customer. In addition to the remedies set forth herein, the Public Entity shall have any and all other remedies available to it at law or equity. If federal, state or local law or regulation requires the prior notice of withdrawal as a condition of withdrawal, then prior notice of withdrawal shall not constitute a condition of default and may be permitted. To the extent permitted under applicable law, the Customer and the Public Entity shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Bank from any actions taken in accordance with the written directions of the Public Entity.

THIS AGREEMENT IS EXECUTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CUSTODIAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT EXECUTED BY AND BETWEEN THE CUSTOMER AND THE BANK AND IS TO BE INTERPRETED AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH CUSTODIAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands effective as of the day and year first above written.

THE BANK: UNITED BANKERS' BANK, a Minnesota banking corporation

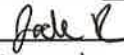
By: 

Authorized Signature

Address for Notice: 2 Meridian Crossings Suite # 600 Richfield, Minnesota 55423

*Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document. A facsimile of an executed signature page received by the Bank shall be treated as an original counterpart for purposes of execution and effectiveness

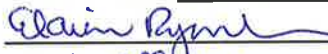
THE CUSTOMER: NORTHERN STATE BANK OF THIEF RIVER FALLS

By: 

Its Internal Accounting Clerk

Address for Notice: 201 EAST 3RD ST THIEF RIVER FALLS MN 56701

THE PUBLIC ENTITY: RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

By: 

Its act. officer

Address for Notice: _____

CANCEL AND RELEASE FORM

Release from pledge hereunder of the above described securities is hereby approved and ordered:

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE _____

PUBLIC ENTITY SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

From: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency <mpca@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 10:16 AM
To: Corey Hanson
Subject: Corrected: MPCA releases 2026 draft impaired waters list



MPCA releases 2026 draft impaired waters list

Public comment period open through July 22

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) today released the [draft 2026 impaired waters list \(IWL\)](#), which identifies lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands across Minnesota that do not currently meet all water quality standards.

The MPCA proposes removing impairments from 45 bodies of water on the IWL, which is the most removals in a two-year cycle since the state began the IWL.

program in 1992. The agency is also adding 46 new impaired bodies of water and remains hopeful to continue improving water quality across the state.

With this year's additions, more than 100 impairments will have been removed from the IWL, demonstrating long-term restoration progress.

This year's list assessed and reviewed the Cannon River, Nemadji River, Leech Lake River, and Grand Marais Creek watersheds, among others throughout the state.

Common impairments in these watersheds throughout central and west central Minnesota include conditions stressing fish and insect populations, such as poor habitat, sediment and nutrients. These impairments led to studies and plans to restore the waters to meet standards.

List available now for public comment

We encourage people to provide public comments through July 22, 2026.

Minnesota's draft impaired waters list, assessment manual, and revisions to appendix A of the statewide mercury TMDL will be on public notice through 11:59 p.m., July 22, 2026. The MPCA invites Minnesotans to submit comments on whether additional waters should be placed on or removed from the list, and to attend one of several public meetings about the list. For the list, more information about Impairments, upcoming public meetings, and how to comment, [please visit the MPCA website](#).

As required by the [federal Clean Water Act](#), Minnesota develops a list of impaired waters every two years. The draft 2026 list will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which will make the final decision on approving the list.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a state agency committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

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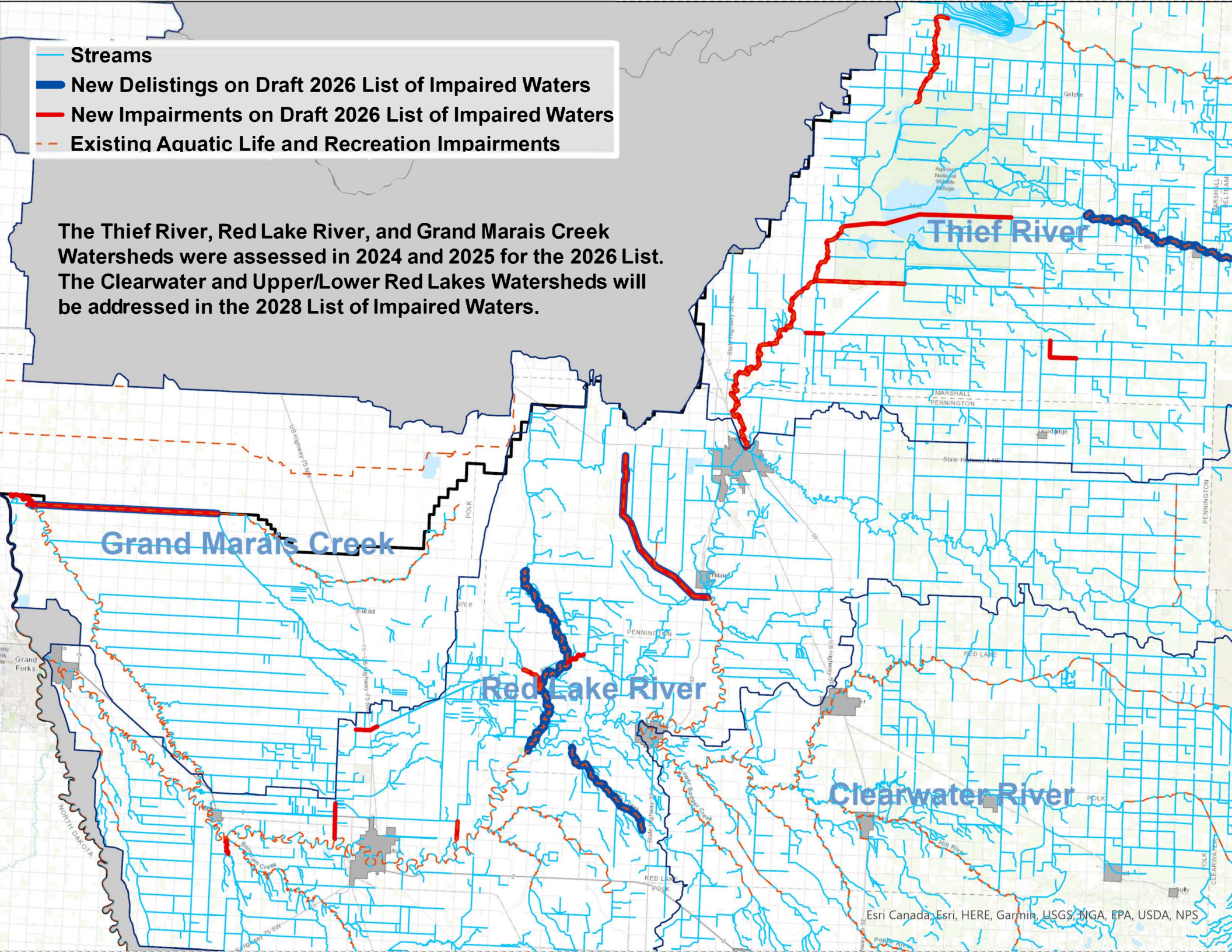
Streams

New Delistings on Draft 2026 List of Impaired Waters

New Impairments on Draft 2026 List of Impaired Waters

Existing Aquatic Life and Recreation Impairments

The Thief River, Red Lake River, and Grand Marais Creek Watersheds were assessed in 2024 and 2025 for the 2026 List. The Clearwater and Upper/Lower Red Lakes Watersheds will be addressed in the 2028 List of Impaired Waters.



Water body name	Water body description	Year added to List	AUID	County	Watershed name	Affected designated use	Pollutant or stressor
Black River	Little Black R to Red Lake R	2026	09020303-529	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
Judicial Ditch 60	Lateral Ditch 4 to 260th St SW	2026	09020303-570	Polk	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
County Ditch 32	Unnamed ditch to CD 20	2026	09020304-554	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
Judicial Ditch 11 Branch 200	Unnamed ditch to -95.844 48.266	2026	09020304-534	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
Thief River	Agassiz Pool to Red Lake R	2026	09020304-501	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
Grand Marais Creek	Diversion ditch to Red R	2026	09020306-513	Polk	Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments
Burnham Creek	Polk CD 15 to Red Lake R	2026	09020303-515	Polk	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Little Black River	Unnamed ditch (channelized portion) to Black R	2026	09020303-528	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Pennington County Ditch 96 (76)	Headwaters to Red Lake R	2026	09020303-505	Pennington	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Thief River	Thief Lk to Agassiz Pool	2026	09020304-504	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Unnamed ditch (Ditch 200)	Unnamed ditch to Unnamed ditch	2026	09020304-511	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
County Ditch 2	CD 66 to Grand Marais Cr	2026	09020306-515	Polk	Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Grand Marais Creek	Diversion ditch to Red R	2026	09020306-513	Polk	Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek	Aquatic Life	Dissolved oxygen
Browns Creek	Unnamed ditch to Black R	2026	09020303-539	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)
County Ditch 1	CD 60 to Red Lake R	2026	09020303-536	Polk	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)
Kripple Creek (County Ditch 66)	Unnamed ditch to Unnamed cr	2026	09020303-526	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)
Unnamed creek	Unnamed cr to Red Lake R	2026	09020303-569	Polk	Red Lake River	Aquatic Life	Fish bioassessments
County Ditch 20	Unnamed ditch (Branch A CD 30) to Unnamed ditch (Branch D CD 20)	2026	09020304-519	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Fish bioassessments
County Ditch 32	Unnamed ditch to CD 20	2026	09020304-554	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Fish bioassessments
Thief River	Agassiz Pool to Red Lake R	2026	09020304-501	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Fish bioassessments
Grand Marais Creek	Diversion ditch to Red R	2026	09020306-513	Polk	Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek	Aquatic Life	Fish bioassessments
Judicial Ditch 11	Unnamed ditch to Thief River	2026	09020304-536	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Total suspended solids (TSS)
Thief River	Thief Lk to Agassiz Pool	2026	09020304-504	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Total suspended solids (TSS)

New Impairments in the Red Lake Watershed District, 2026 Draft List of Impaired Waters

Delist year	Waterbody name	Water body description	Year added to List	AUID	County	Watershed name	Affected designated use	Pollutant or stressor	Reason for delisting
2026	Pennington County Ditch 96 (76)	Headwaters to Red Lake R	2016	09020303-505	Pennington	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained, due to restoration activities
2026	Black River	Little Black R to Red Lake R	2016	09020303-529	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained, due to restoration activities
2026	Cyr Creek	CR 14 to Red Lake R	2016	09020303-556	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained, due to restoration activities
2026	Black River	-96.4328 48.0146 to Little Black R	2016	09020303-558	Red Lake	Red Lake River	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained, due to restoration activities
2026	Mud River	Headwaters to -95.694 48.318	2020	09020304-567	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained; due to unknown reasons
2026	Mud River	-95.694 48.318 to JD 11	2020	09020304-568	Marshall	Thief River	Aquatic Life	Benthic macroinvertebrates bioassessments	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained; due to unknown reasons
2026	County Ditch 2	CD 66 to Grand Marais Cr	2016	09020306-515	Polk	Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek	Aquatic Recreation	Escherichia coli (E. coli)	Delisting: Applicable WQS attained, due to restoration activities

2026 Delistings in the Red Lake Watershed District

Technical Memorandum

To:

From:

Subject: Thief River Streambank Stabilizations Plan Package Proposal for Total Phosphorus Offset

Date: April 2026

1. Purpose and Overview

This technical memorandum is intended to serve as the proposed best management practice (BMP) package submittal consistent with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Trading Guidance Section 5.1 and Section 5.2.1 (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/water-quality-trading>; accessed on 08/28/2025) as well as the Red River Basin Water Quality Offset Plan. This technical memorandum contains the following information:

Baseline Information

- This section includes information on the target water body, baseline water quality conditions, and the assessment of baseline conditions for XXXXX (entity seeking to offset its' baseline)

Practice Information

- This section includes a description of the practice that is proposed for the offset including the practice type, location, function, installation year, and lifespan. This section also references necessary design information associated with the proposed practice.

Offset Information

- This section describes the methods and outcomes associated with the total phosphorus offset from the proposed practice. It also includes information connected to trade ratios, risk/uncertainty, and offset renewal.

Declarations

- This section describes declarations associated with the proposed practice. This includes declarations connected to funding restrictions, limitations of sale, stacking of benefits, antidegradation or backsliding, and project stewardship.

Operations and Maintenance

- This section describes the monitoring and maintenance plan associated with the proposed practice to verify that the offset total phosphorus continues to be delivered.

Steps to Establish Trade

- This section provides the pathway forward from transitioning this proposed offset practice into a water quality trade

Supporting Material

- This section describes any appendices that are provided in support of this proposal

2. Baseline Information

Table 1 provides a summary of the baseline information associated with the proposed BMP package. Target Water Body is the location at which the goal of reduction in Total Phosphorus (TP) is to occur, the Canadian border along the Red River of the North. The Baseline Year(s) were chosen per an International Joint Commission (IJC) agreement. Baseline Loading at Buyer is the amount of phosphorus loading occurring at the location of the offset buyer. Calculations Method describes model(s) or method(s) used to estimate the loading at the waterbody. Baseline Loading At Waterbody describes existing annual TP load on the Red River of the North at the Canadian Border. Assimilation Method describes model(s) or method(s) used to estimate the loading at the target water body. Baseline Load Reduction Needed At Waterbody is the amount of load reduction needed to meet the phosphorus loss limits proposed by the IJC. In this instance, the Red River of the North at Canadian Border has a loading limit of 3,086,500 lbs./year of TP (1,400 metric tons) The remainder of this section describes how this summary baseline information was developed. A Phosphorus Reduction Offset Calculator (P-ROC) was developed from the USGS SPARROW model for this region and used in this assessment.

Table 1. Baseline information associated with the proposed BMP package.

Attribute	Value
Target Waterbody:	Red River of the North at Canadian Border
Baseline Year(s):	2019-2024
Baseline Loading at Buyer:	XX lbs./year of TP
Calculation Method:	USGS SPARROW
Baseline Loading at Waterbody:	5,418,556 lbs./year of TP
Assimilation Method:	P-ROC Tool
Baseline Load Reduction Needed at Waterbody:	2,332,085 lbs./year of TP accounting for MOS

The Red River of the North at Canadian Border has a baseline loading of 5,418,556 lbs./year of TP. The U.S. has a baseline phosphorus reduction at the border of the U.S. and Canada along the Red River of the North of 2,332,085 lbs. (accounting for MOS).

3. Practice Information

Table 2 provides summary information associated with the proposed practice. The remainder of this section describes the proposed practice.

Table 2. Practice information associated with the proposed BMP package.

Attribute	Value
Geographic Extent of Watershed:	HUC 12 090203050202 Drainage area 28,818 acres
Offset Practice Type:	River and Stream Restoration
Offset Practice Description:	Streambank Stabilizations
Offset Practice Installation Year:	2025
Offset Practice Lifespan:	25 years

Table 2 summarizes the key attributes of the proposed BMP package for the stream restoration project Appendix A). It identifies the project's geographic setting within a HUC 12 watershed (090203050202) draining approximately 28,818 acres and classifies the offset practice type as River and Stream Restoration. The primary practice described is streambank stabilization (Figure 1), with implementation planned for 2025. The expected lifespan of this offset practice is 25 years.

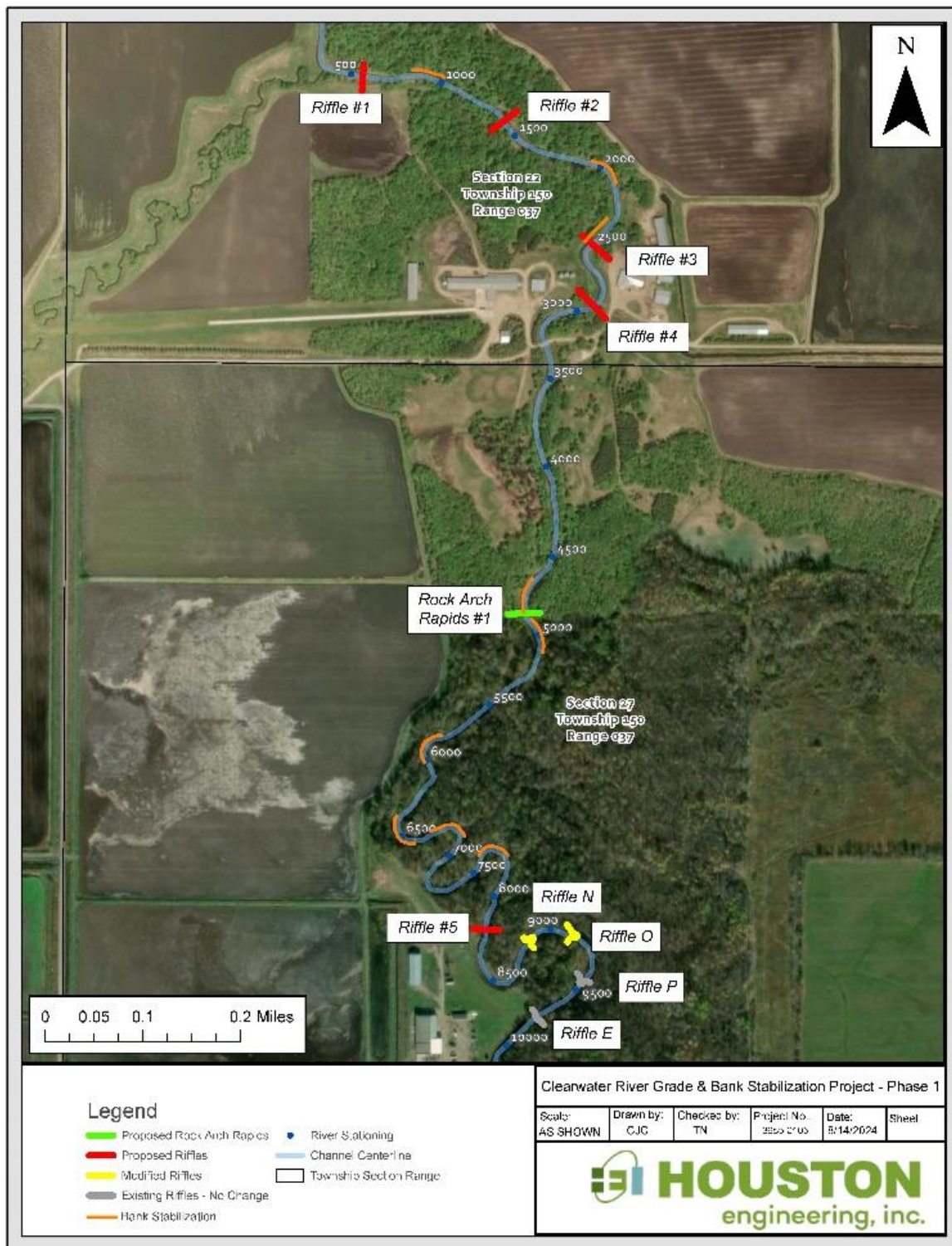


Figure 1 Clearwater River Grade & Bank Stabilization Project - Phase 1.

4. Offset Information

Table 3 provides a summary of information associated with the proposed TP offsets associated with the BMP package. *Treatment Offset At Practice* is the amount of annual reduction in pounds, of TP at field edge/end of BMP. The *Offset Calculation Method(s)* describes model(s) or method(s) used to estimate the treatment offset. *Treatment Offset at Target Waterbody* is the estimated annual TP offset at Red River of the North at Canadian border, without a trade ratio applied. *Assimilation Calculation Method*

describes the model(s) or method(s) used to estimate the annual TP offset. *Trade Ratio* is the standard trade ratio (margin of safety) currently being used for MPCA water quality trading offset documentation for a point to nonpoint source trade. *Offset Mass* is the estimated annual TP offset at Red River of the North at Canadian border including the trade ratio. *Risk and Uncertainty* lists model(s) and method(s) in which risk or uncertainty could occur. *Duration of Offset* is based on the duration of the agreement between buyer and seller. *Offset Renewal* is based on the duration of the agreement between buyer and seller. The remainder of this section describes how this offset information was derived.

Table 3. Total Phosphorus offset information associated with the proposed practice.

Attribute	Value
Treatment Offset at Practice:	925 lbs/year of TP
Offset Calculation Method:	BWSR Water Erosion Pollution Reduction Estimator 2.0 / P-ROC
Treatment Offset at Target Waterbody:	777.66 lbs/year of TP
Assimilation Calculation Method:	P-ROC
Trade Ratio:	Assumed 2.6 as standard from MPCA documentation
Offset Mass (includes trade ratio):	299.1 lbs/year of TP
Risk and Uncertainty:	Result was based on MPCA nutrient trading guidance and SPARROW modeling to account for phosphorus attenuation between the project site and the target waterbody, ensuring offsets are conservatively credited.
Duration of Offset:	Filled in based on the duration of the agreement between buyer and seller
Offset Renewal:	Filled in based on the duration of the agreement between buyer and seller

Table 3 summarizes how total phosphorus offsets from the proposed BMP package were calculated and translated from the practice site to the target waterbody. Stream restoration activities are estimated to reduce phosphorus loading by 925 lbs/year at the practice scale using BWSR Water Erosion Pollution Reduction Estimator 2.0 and P-ROC. Applying P-ROC (Appendix B) and an MPCA-standard trade ratio of 2.6 results in a credited offset of 299.1 lbs/year of TP at the target waterbody, with conservative assumptions accounting for watershed transport, retention, and uncertainty.

5. Declarations

The following declarations are made associated with the proposed practice within this BMP package.

Funding Restrictions

We are unaware of any funding restrictions associated with the proposed project that would preclude the development of total phosphorus offsets.

Limitations of Sale

Upon approval of a trade, both the buyer and project developer have agreed that this will be the sole total phosphorus credit associated with the proposed project so long as **Project Stewardship** agreements are in effect.

Multiple Offsets

We are unaware of any restrictions connected to the proposed BMP plan that would preclude the **project developer** from pursuing water quality credits for other pollutants such as nitrogen or sediment.

Stacking

We are unaware of any restrictions connected to the proposed BMP plan that would preclude the **project developer** from developing additional environmental attributes (e.g., greenhouse gas reductions or reductions in other water quality constituents) associated with the project.

Antidegradation or Backsliding

The proposed project within this BMP plan should not result in antidegradation or backsliding.

Project Stewardship

Describe the planned contractual obligations among parties for ensuring the ongoing operation of the proposed project.

6. Operation and Maintenance

Refer to Engineering Report for full Operations and Maintenance plan.

7. Supporting Material

- Appendix A contains information and justification for the streambank stabilization project that started in 2025.
- Appendix B includes the USGS SPARROW modeling used to calculate the offset at the treated waterbody in this project.

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**Resolution to Submit Plan Renewal Amendment
Red Lake River Watershed
Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

Whereas, Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers resolved to adopt and jointly implement the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan on July 9, 2026; and

Whereas, the Red Lake Watershed District entered into an implementation agreement on Date that allows the Red Lake River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee to submit a plan amendment on behalf of the participating partners; and

Whereas, the Red Lake Watershed District has been an active participant on the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee to oversee the implementation of the Plan and development of the Plan renewal amendment; and

Whereas, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) approved the Plan on April 26, 2017 with an expiration date of April 26, 2027; and

Whereas, the One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures (BWSR) allow for a plan renewal amendment that results in a new plan expiration date; and

Whereas, the Red Lake River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee submitted the Plan renewal amendment for 60-day formal review on February 13, 2026 and hosted a public hearing on April 30, 2026; and

Whereas, all comments received during the 60-day review and public hearing have been addressed by the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee; and

Whereas, the Red Lake River One Watershed, One Plan Policy Committee recommended submittal of the proposed plan renewal amendment; and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers supports submission of the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan renewal amendment to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) by the Red Lake River One Watershed, One Plan Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee.

CERTIFICATION

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT**

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Red Lake Watershed District at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 9th of July, 2026

Gene Tiedemann, President

STATE OF MINNESOTA
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39,
RLWD Project No. 179, Findings and Order on
Amended Engineer's Construction
Estimate and Amended Viewers' Report
On Benefits and Damages

hearing on the amended Engineer's construction estimate and the amended Viewers' Report for Benefits and Damages associated with the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Said hearing was held at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, June 25, 2026, in the RLWD Board's meeting room, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, Minnesota. Upon consideration of the evidence presented in the proceedings by the project engineer as to an amended engineer's construction estimate and the appointed Viewers as to an amended Viewers' Report as to Project Benefits and Damages and after having received public comments thereon, Manager _____ moved, seconded by Manager _____, to adopt the following:

FINDINGS:

1. The amended engineer's opinion of construction cost for the Project is \$ _____.
Said amended engineer's opinion of construction cost was accepted by the RLWD Board.
2. The amended Viewers' Report in regard to Benefits and Damages associated with said Project is attached hereto and was accepted by the RLWD Board.

ORDER:

- A. The Board hereby accepts the amended Engineer's estimate of Project construction costs and hereby accepts the amended Viewer's Report related to the said Project Benefits and Damages.
- B. That the project engineer is ordered to proceed with making the necessary surveys and preparation of the plans and specifications that are needed to award a contract for the construction of the Project and to report the results of the same to the Board of Managers.
- C. The Board directs its administrator to coordinate and take all subsequent actions necessary for implementation of the Project in a manner consistent and compliant with existing law.

The question was called on the adoption of the findings and order and, after discussion, there were 7 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
DWIGHT	☒	☐	☐	☐
OSE	☒	☐	☐	☐
PAGE	☒	☐	☐	☐
SORENSEN	☒	☐	☐	☐
TIEDEMANN	☒	☐	☐	☐
NELSON	☒	☐	☐	☐
ANDERSON	☒	☐	☐	☐

Upon vote, the Board President declared the findings and order adopted.

Dated: July 9, 2026.

Gene Tiedemann, Board President

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I, Terry Sorenson, Secretary of the Red Lake Watershed District, do hereby certify that I have compared the above findings and order with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the District and find the same to be a true and correct transcript thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this 9th day of July, 2026.

Terry Sorenson, Secretary

Estimated Project Cost Breakdown

Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179

Item	Project Cost	2026 Benefits
Construction OPC 3/24/26	\$ 2,377,720.00	
Engineering-Plans, staking, Construction Obs. 15% (to date \$62,740)	\$ 356,000.00	
Contingency 10%	\$ 238,000.00	
Utilities		
PKM	\$ 85,000.00	
Marshall Polk Rural Water	\$ 15,000.00	
Wikstrom	\$ 45,000.00	
Legal	\$ 119,000.00	\$ 68,398.83
Misc	\$ 27.00	
Salaries	\$ 995.00	
Managers Expense	\$ 349.61	
Office Supplies	\$ 16.87	
Appraisers and Viewers	\$ 19,424.68	
Interest	\$ 34,285.51	
2022 1 \$1509.75		
2023 \$4,577.68		
2024 \$10,295.72		
2025 \$10,194.66		
Advertising and Publications	\$ 1,176.09	
Overhead-staff time	\$ 31,601.00	
Damages Perm	\$ 574,125.00	
Damages Temp	\$ 43,136.00	
Less WBIF/MDM Grant	\$ (340,000.00)	
	\$ 3,600,856.76	\$ 3,946,514.34

Project Costs	/	Project Benefits	Ratio
\$ 3,600,856.76	/	\$ 3,946,514.34	0.91241446

	90 SWI's	75 SWI's
Red Lake River WBIF Funds/Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant	\$ 446,085.00	\$ 371,737.50
18" SWI and flared end section \$255,150	\$ 255,150.00	\$ 212,625.00
450 cu.yds. of riprap \$56,250	\$ 56,250.00	\$ 46,875.00
Excavation \$76,500	\$ 76,500.00	\$ 63,750.00
15% Technical/engineering \$58,185	\$ 58,185.00	\$ 48,487.50

Savings on Flapgates (OPC \$900 each OR Argyle Company \$200 each)
Less SWI's currently 90 for 10 miles
Bond Costs
Bids come in at???

Army Corps of Engineers regarding the proposed Wetland Banking Project and has not received a response back.

Administrator Jesme discussed the funding agreement from the RRWMB for the Thief River Oxbow Project, RLWD Project No. 46Q. Construction on this project is anticipated to take place this summer.

The RRWMB passed and approved last summer the RRWMB Water Quality Base Funding Program in the amount of \$100,000 for each watershed within the RRWMB. In order to receive the funding, each watershed puts in a request for water quality projects that would fit into their criteria.

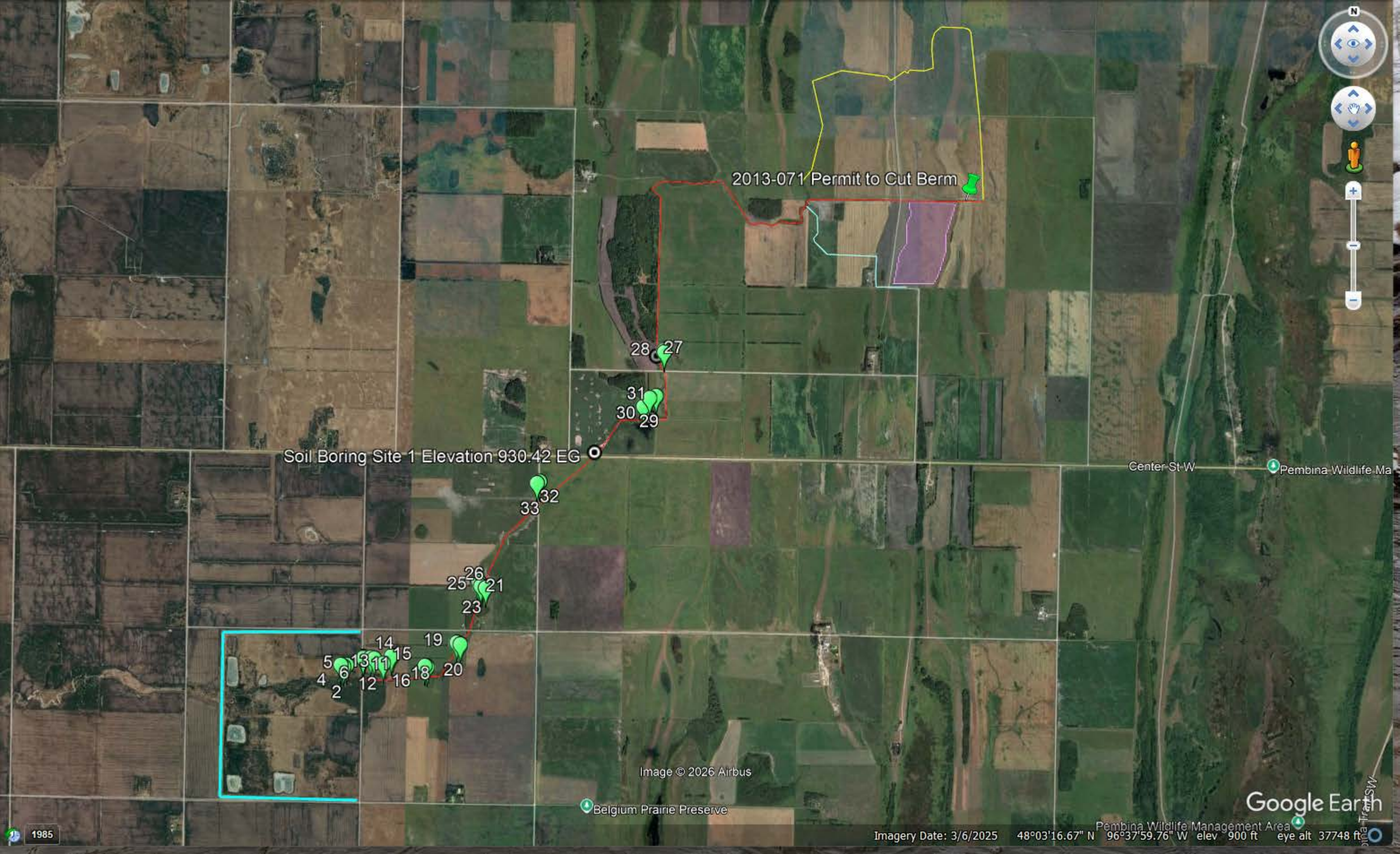
Executive Director Rob Sip, RRWMB, stated that the RRWMB allocated \$3 million for funding Water Quality projects, with \$1.3 million committed. The \$100,000 is meant to assist with smaller water quality projects, the competitive funds are for larger projects. Four projects were submitted as larger water quality projects. Sip stated that the RRWMB is looking for recommendations on what kind of funding needs there are for water quality projects through the RRWMB. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to support continuation of the RRWMB Water Quality Base Funding and Competitive Funding for Water Quality Projects within the RRWMB area. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the Notice of Filing Order received for the Appeal to the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Sparby indicated that a scheduling conference was held with Judge Corey Harbott. Sparby indicated that Staff member Tammy Audette is working on gathering information to complete a Certification of Record that will be filed with all the parties and the court. The motion date is scheduled for March 5, 2021, with a trial date of June 1, 2021. Discussion was held on invoices from Rinke Noonan for legal services pertaining to the appeal. Administrator Jesme stated that the District has not asked for an additional bond from the petitioners. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to pay all invoices related to the Appeal for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179, until the matter is resolved. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Page, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the renewal of two Civil 3D (AutoCAD) Government Annual Subscription license at a cost of \$3,292.82. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve RLWD Permit No. 20315, Wade Joppru, North Township, Pennington County, with conditions stated on the permit. Upon roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

Staff member Tammy Audette stated that Sjobergs was informed that the District would be switching internet service to Garden Valley Technologies. Audette presented a quote that Sjobergs submitted for services. It was the consensus of the Board to go to Garden Valley Technologies for internet service.



2013-071 Permit to Cut Berm

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Pembina Wildlife Management Area

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July 7, 2026

Tammy Audette, Administrator
Red Lake Watershed District
1000 Pennington Avenue South
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

RE: Proposal – Mud River – Task Order #4 – Final Design

Dear Ms. Audette,

In response to your request for engineering services for the **Mud River Enhancement Project**, HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR) is pleased to provide the following proposal for final design of the Mud River Enhancement Project. Future tasks and services required to successfully complete the project may be identified separately as they arise, under additional task orders.

We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this project. If you have any questions regarding the attached scope of services, please contact Nate at (218) 681-6100.

Sincerely,
HDR Engineering, Inc.



Nathan Dalager, P.E.
Project Manager



Keith Quernemoen, P.E.
MN/WI Area Professional Services Manager

Encl:

Proposal, Task Order #4

Project Budget

HDR Engineering, Inc. Terms and Conditions for Professional Services

Mud River Enhancement Engineering Services

Proposed Action Description

HDR understands that the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) is interested in completing the final design of an enhanced channel with natural resource enhancement, water quality, and flood damage reduction benefits on portions of the Mud River (Judicial Ditch 11 system) in Eckvold Wildlife Management Area and Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. In the previous phase of planning and alternatives analysis, the Project Team reached consensus and recommended further development of an enhanced channel with floodplain access.

This scope of work includes tasks and deliverables that will enable the project sponsors (US Fish and Wildlife, MN Department of Natural Resources, and RLWD) to apply for funding, apply for permits, hold a public hearing to establish the project, and ultimately construct the project. These tasks include the following:

1. Assistance with Project Funding Package, Project Team & Partner Coordination
2. Final Design of Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) Project Components
3. Permitting & Environmental Review
4. Final Plans & Specifications and Construction Access Easements
5. Engineer's Report

Proposed Project Team

The project team will consist of HDR staff that will provide engineering, evaluation, and relevant engineering project management-related services. Key members of the team may consist of the following staff:

Role	Staff
Client and Project Manager	Nate Dalager, PE (MN)
Senior Civil Engineer	Glen Krogman, PE
Water Resources Engineer	Jacob Huwe, PE (MN)
Water Resources Coordinator	Aly Foty
Design Technician	Randy Knott
Structural Engineer	Erin Krug, P.E. (MN)
Geotechnical Engineer	Kerrie Berg, PE (MN)
Senior Geotechnical Engineer	Matt Schuster, PE (MN)
Environmental Scientist	Torin McCormack

Scope of Services

1.0 Project Management and Coordination

This task consists of the overall management of the project, project communication, and coordination conferences/meetings.

- 1.1 Project Management:** Monitor and control the project budget, scope of work and schedule; manage the project goals and objectives; manage and coordinate resources including staff scheduling and invoicing.
- 1.2 Project Meetings:** Schedule, review, prepare, participate, and help conduct meetings and teleconferences. This includes RLWD Board of Managers meetings, one public hearing, landowner meetings, and project team meetings.
- 1.3 Coordinate with Funding Partners:** HDR will provide assistance in coordinating with funding partners such as the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group, Red River Watershed Management Board, and the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

Deliverables:

- Monthly invoices for each individual task and coordination with RLWD Administrator.
- Attendance at RLWD Board meetings, presentations, and updates to the Board.
- Attendance and presentation at one public hearing.
- Attendance at up to two landowner meetings.
- Attendance and presentation at up to three project team and two sub-committee meetings.

Assumptions:

- Duration of the task is 12 months.
- All meetings will be held in Thief River Falls and attended by one or two HDR team members.
- A total of three RLWD Board meetings are anticipated.

2.0 Final Design

This task includes final design analyses of the project concept for channel enhancement. Each subtask will have HDR internal quality control reviews and documentation. The following subtasks will be included:

- 2.1 Enhancement design criteria:** This sub-task will define the criteria needed to design the Mud River Enhancement. HDR has completed preliminary modeling of an enhanced channel fitting normal criteria for stream restorations. Additional criteria may be beneficial to the Project, and continued coordination with DNR Ecological staff will help in clearly defining the proposed channel and all its associated features.
- 2.2 Alternative alignments:** Evaluate up to two alternative alignments for the enhanced channel. One option will be entirely on public lands.
- 2.3 Data collection:** Field survey is required to establish design elevations and quantity calculations for the areas likely to be affected by the proposed project. Survey may include one day for up to 3 miles of existing ditch, structures and other miscellaneous Project features. Processing publicly available elevation data is included in this task. HDR may solicit soils borings from a third party procured by RLWD, and then review and incorporate the data into the preliminary design of the Project.

- 2.4 Hydraulics.** Perform modeling of the design for the 24-hour, 10-year precipitation event. This task includes updating the previously developed hydraulic models with design of channels, structures, and bypass structures.
- 2.5 Hydraulic Structure and Channel Design:** Perform structure design including sizing/selection of hydraulic structures required for the preferred alternative and determined by the hydraulic model. The anticipated structures include two diversion weir structures and up to one gated control structure.

Deliverables:

- Deliverables for design are included in Task 5 – Engineer’s Report.
- Field survey and topographic data.
- Hydraulic model.

Assumptions:

- Up to three coordination meetings will be held with be USFWS/DNR Ecological staff.
- Reference reach will not require additional study.
- Peak flows and volumes developed in previous phase of the project are sufficient for preliminary design and no additional hydrological analysis will be required.
- Additional design alternatives will be considered as additional services.
- RLWD will hire a third party to complete soil borings and lab testing.

3.0: Permitting and Environmental Assessment Worksheet

This task involves support activities which are necessary for early coordination with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources and local agencies. The following sub-tasks will be completed in order to determine potential avoidance, minimization, or mitigation of wetland impacts associated with the project.

- 3.1 Wetland Delineation:** HDR will perform the wetland delineation as needed for the preferred alternative. HDR will provide support information such as the Project footprint and temporary working limits as it relates to potential wetland impacts.
- 3.2 Preparation of Technical Data and Coordination:** HDR will provide technical data and assistance in the completion of permit applications pertaining to environmental review and permitting as requested by RLWD. Anticipated permit applications are a MN Public-Waters-Work Permit, USACE 404 Wetlands Permit, WCA Permit, and MPCA Stormwater Permit.
- 3.3 Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAW):** HDR will provide technical data and assistance in the finalization of an EAW submittal. HDR will coordinate with the USF&W to obtain the final Federal EA, and will modify the EAW format accordingly. HDR will coordinate the EAW process including responding to comments prior to finalization of the EAW.

Deliverables:

- Level 2 wetland delineation and report
- Permit applications
- Supporting mapping for applications
- EAW submitted for review and completion

Assumptions:

- Field delineation will be two HDR staff and up to 2 days of field work.
- One round of review to approve the delineation.

- Natural resource enhancement or water quality benefit calculations are not included in this task.
- If necessary, a cultural resources survey will be done under separate task order.
- A mitigation plan for project impacts is not included in this task.
- EAW response to comments level of effort is estimated in the budget.

4.0: Final Plans & Specifications

This task involves the drafting of final plans and specifications for construction of the Project. The plans will include components of the preferred Alternative in detail. HDR will utilize the previous work completed for preliminary engineering designs and estimated quantities in AutoCAD Civil3D.

- 4.1 Site Plan:** A site plan will be produced within the limits of proposed construction. They will include existing and proposed main features, construction limits, alignment stationing, structures, benchmarks and GPS control points, section lines and numbers, utilities, and aerial imagery.
- 4.2 Quantities & Construction Notes:** Estimated quantities will be tabulated for the preferred alternative and will be documented in the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost.
- 4.3 SWPPP:** Required SWPPP will be included for the proposed Project.
- 4.4 Typical Sections & Details:** Up to 4 typical sections will be provided including one for each alignment and unique design aspect.
- 4.5 Structure Details:** Details from final designs are to be shown for proposed structures in the Project. Up to 4 individual typical details will be provided.
- 4.6 Plan & Profile Sheets:** Profiles will be provided for each Project alignment and will include existing and proposed grades, structures, notes, and utility information.
- 4.7 Cross Sections Sheets:** Cross sections will be provided for each Project alignment at 400 foot intervals.
- 4.8 Specifications & Contract Documents:** Current MnDOT construction specifications and standards will be referenced and amended for the purposes of the Project. Based on the preferred alternative, items for construction will be noted and defined for pay quantities. Labor information, Equal Employment Opportunity provisions, and wage statements will also be included.
- 4.9 Construction Access Easements:** Exhibits will be prepared for up to 3 landowners in order to establish construction access for the Project.
- 4.10 Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost:** Design quantities will be developed and a cost estimate will be developed for project planning and bidding purposes.

Deliverables:

- One Electronic copy (PDF) of the plans and specifications.
- Engineer's Estimate of Probable Cost.

Assumptions:

- There will be one round of review and edits by USF&W and RLWD.

5.0: Engineer's Report

This task involves documentation of the design of the Preferred Alternative, including impact considerations and project implementation. Grant applications will be supported by providing plans, maps, and cost estimates.

- 5.1 Engineer's Report:** This task includes an Engineer's Report of the analyses of the preferred alternative. The resulting Engineer's Report will be compliant with MN Statutes 103D.711 for engineer's reports for watershed projects, and HDR will deliver an Engineer's Report with information and results from Tasks 2 - 4 as well as recommendations.

Deliverables:

- One Electronic copy (PDF) and two bound versions of the Engineer's Report will be provided.

Assumptions:

- The report will be filed and submitted to MnDNR and BWSR prior to the public hearing to solicit review and comments.

Cost Estimate

The design fee estimates for the completion of Tasks 1 through 5 is \$225,290.00, which will be performed on a time and materials not-to-exceed basis. HDR will invoice monthly based on work progress. Our estimated costs are based upon our understanding of the scope of work and assumptions listed. Should the scope of work be modified, it may be necessary to review scope changes and our cost estimate.

Future Task Orders – Engineering

The following tasks are anticipated for future phases of this project. *These tasks are not included in the price proposal provided herein*, and would be scoped, estimated, and authorized separately at such time as the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) elects to initiate them.

- Legal Boundaries and Property Right-of-Way Survey
- Bidding Services
- Construction Management Services

Notice to Proceed

Please indicate your acceptance of this proposal by signing the Notice to Proceed (below) and returning one copy of the signed proposal to HDR.

If you have any questions, please contact me (Nate) at 218.681.6100.

NOTICE TO PROCEED

Client

Red Lake Watershed District

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Consultant

HDR Engineering, Inc.

By: 

Name: Keith Quernemoen, P.E.

Title: MN/WI Area Professional Services Manager

Task No.	Task/Title	Client and Project Manager	Senior Civil Engineer	Water Resources Engineer	Water Resources Coordinator	Design Technician	Structural Engineer	Geotechnical Engineer	Senior Geotechnical Engineer	Environmental Scientist	Hours	Labor Fee
Hourly Rates		\$ 265	\$ 260	\$ 210	\$ 125	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 180	\$ 230	\$ 190		
1	Project Management and Coordination	34	0	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	50	\$ 11,860
2	Final Design	16	8	44	124	52	8	20	2	14	288	\$ 48,580
3	Permitting and Environmental Compliance	18	4	16	40	38	0	0	2	180	298	\$ 55,670
4	Plans and Specifications	15	18	54	124	160	32	4	4	4	415	\$ 72,455.00
5	Engineer's Report	16	40	24	24	24	0	0	0	40	168	\$ 34,600.00
	Totals	99	70	148	318	274	40	24	8	238	1,219	\$ 223,165
											HDR Labor Subtotal	\$ 223,165
											Mileage (\$0.75/mile)	\$ 525
											GPS Equipment Rental (\$350/day)	\$ 1,400
											Printing / Plotting	\$ 200
											HDR Direct Expenses Subtotal	\$ 2,125
											Total Fee	\$ 225,290

HDR Engineering, Inc. Terms and Conditions for Professional Services

1. STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE

Notwithstanding any other provision of any contract term between the ENGINEER and the CLIENT, the standard of care for all professional engineering, consulting and related services performed or furnished by ENGINEER and its employees under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of ENGINEER's profession practicing under the same or similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. ENGINEER makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with ENGINEER's services.

ENGINEER and CLIENT agree that no other party is an intended or unintended third-party beneficiary of this contract, and that ENGINEER's duties run solely to CLIENT.

2. INSURANCE/INDEMNITY

ENGINEER agrees to procure and maintain, at its expense, Workers' Compensation insurance as required by statute; Employer's Liability of \$250,000; Automobile Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage covering all vehicles, including hired vehicles, owned and non-owned vehicles; Commercial General Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage; and Professional Liability insurance of \$1,000,000 per claim for protection against claims arising out of the performance of services under this Agreement caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions for which ENGINEER is legally liable. Upon request, OWNER shall be made an additional insured on Commercial General and Automobile Liability insurance policies and certificates of insurance will be furnished to the OWNER. ENGINEER agrees to indemnify OWNER for claims to the extent caused by ENGINEER's negligent acts, errors or omissions.

3. OPINIONS OF PROBABLE COST (COST ESTIMATES)

Any opinions of probable project cost or probable construction cost provided by ENGINEER are made on the basis of information available to ENGINEER and on the basis of ENGINEER's experience and qualifications, and represents its judgment as an experienced and qualified professional engineer. However, since ENGINEER has no control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, or over the contractor(s)' methods of determining prices, or over competitive bidding or market conditions, ENGINEER does not guarantee that proposals, bids or actual project or construction cost will not vary from opinions of probable cost ENGINEER prepares.

4. CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

ENGINEER's observation or monitoring portions of the work performed under construction contracts shall not relieve the contractor from its responsibility for performing work in accordance with applicable contract documents. ENGINEER shall not control or have charge of, and shall not be responsible for, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures of construction, health or safety programs or precautions connected with the work and shall not manage, supervise, control or have charge of construction. ENGINEER shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of the contractor or other parties on the project. ENGINEER shall be entitled to review all construction contract documents and to require that no provisions extend the duties or liabilities of ENGINEER beyond those set forth in this Agreement. OWNER agrees to include ENGINEER as an indemnified party in OWNER's construction contracts for the work, which shall protect ENGINEER to the same degree as OWNER. Further, OWNER agrees that ENGINEER shall be listed as an additional insured under the construction contractor's liability insurance policies.

5. CONTROLLING LAW

This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the state where ENGINEER's services are performed.

6. CLIENT-PROVIDED SERVICES AND INFORMATION

CLIENT will provide all criteria and information pertaining to the project in CLIENT's possession, and any requirements or budgetary limitations. The CLIENT agrees to bear full responsibility for the technical accuracy and content of CLIENT-furnished documents, information and services.

In performing services hereunder, it is understood by CLIENT that ENGINEER is not engaged in rendering any type of legal, insurance or accounting services, opinions or advice. Further, it is the CLIENT's sole responsibility to obtain the advice of an attorney, insurance counselor or accountant to protect the CLIENT's legal and financial interests.

7. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

OWNER and ENGINEER, respectively, bind themselves, their partners, successors, assigns, and legal representatives to the covenants of this Agreement. Neither OWNER nor ENGINEER will assign, sublet, or transfer any interest in this Agreement or claims arising therefrom without the written consent of the other.

8. RE-USE OF DOCUMENTS

All documents, including all reports, drawings, specifications, computer software or other items prepared or furnished by ENGINEER pursuant to this Agreement, are instruments of service with respect to the project. ENGINEER and CLIENT retain joint ownership of all such documents. OWNER may retain copies of the documents for its information and reference in connection with the project; however, none of the documents are intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by OWNER or others on extensions of the project or on any other project. Any reuse without written verification or adaptation by ENGINEER for the specific purpose intended will be at OWNER's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to ENGINEER, and OWNER will defend, indemnify and hold harmless ENGINEER from all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising or resulting therefrom.

9. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

OWNER or ENGINEER may terminate the Agreement, in whole or in part, by giving seven (7) days written notice, if the other party substantially fails to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement through no fault of the terminating party. Where the method of payment is "lump sum," or cost reimbursement, the final invoice will include all services and expenses associated with the project up to the effective date of termination. An equitable adjustment shall also be made to provide for termination settlement costs ENGINEER incurs as a result of commitments that had become firm before termination, and for a reasonable profit for services performed.

10. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and binding upon the parties. One or more waivers by either party of any provision, term or condition shall not be construed by the other party as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same provision, term or condition.

11. INVOICES

ENGINEER will submit monthly invoices for services rendered and OWNER will make prompt payments in response to ENGINEER's invoices.

ENGINEER will retain receipts for reimbursable expenses in general accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules pertaining to the support of expenditures for income tax purposes. Receipts will be available for inspection by OWNER's auditors upon request.

If OWNER disputes any items in ENGINEER's invoice for any reason, including the lack of supporting documentation, OWNER may temporarily delete the disputed item and pay the remaining amount of the invoice. OWNER will promptly notify ENGINEER of the dispute and request clarification and/or correction. After any dispute has been settled, ENGINEER will include the disputed item on a subsequent, regularly scheduled invoice, or on a special invoice for the disputed item only.

OWNER recognizes that late payment of invoices results in extra expenses for ENGINEER. ENGINEER retains the right to assess OWNER interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, but not to exceed the maximum rate allowed by law, on invoices which are not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice. In the event undisputed portions of ENGINEER's invoices are not paid when due, ENGINEER also reserves the right, after seven (7) days prior written notice, to suspend the performance of its services under this Agreement until all past due amounts have been paid in full.

12. CHANGES

The parties agree that no change or modification to this Agreement, or any attachments hereto, shall have any force or effect unless the change is reduced to writing, dated, and made part of this Agreement. The execution of the change shall be authorized and signed in the same manner as this Agreement. Adjustments in the period of services and in compensation shall be in accordance with applicable paragraphs and sections of this Agreement. Any proposed fees by ENGINEER are estimates to perform the services required to complete the project as ENGINEER understands it to be defined. For those projects involving conceptual or process development services, activities often are not fully definable in the initial planning. In any event, as the project progresses, the facts developed may dictate a change in the services to be performed, which may alter the scope. ENGINEER will inform OWNER of such situations so that changes in scope and adjustments to the time of performance and compensation can be made as required. If such change, additional services, or suspension of services results in an increase or decrease in the cost of or time required for performance of the services, an equitable adjustment shall be made, and the Agreement modified accordingly.

13. CONTROLLING AGREEMENT

These Terms and Conditions shall take precedence over any inconsistent or contradictory provisions contained in any proposal, purchase order, requisition, notice-to-proceed, or like document. In resolving inconsistent or contradictory provisions between this Agreement and any other document or understanding, the terms of these Terms and Conditions shall control.

14. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND NONDISCRIMINATION

In connection with the services under this Agreement, ENGINEER agrees to comply with the applicable provisions of federal and state Equal Employment Opportunity for individuals based on color, religion, sex, or national origin, or disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, other protected veteran and armed forces service medal veteran status, disabilities under provisions of executive order 11246, and other employment, statutes and regulations, as stated in Title 41 Part 60 of the Code of Federal Regulations § 60-1.4 (a-f), § 60-300.5 (a-e), § 60-741 (a-e).

15. CERTIFICATIONS

The use of the word "certify" or "certification" by a registered professional engineer in the practice of professional engineering or land surveying constitutes an expression of professional opinion regarding those facts or findings which are the subject of the certification, and does not constitute a warranty or guarantee, either expressed or implied. Certification of analyses is a statement that the analyses have been performed correctly and in accordance with sound engineering practices. Certification of structural works is a statement that the works are designed in accordance with sound engineering practices and client approved design loads. Certification of "as built" conditions is a statement that the structure(s) has been built according to specifically identified drawings, specifications and contract documents to the extent the structure(s) is readily observable, is in place, and is fully functioning. The definition and legal effect of any and all certifications shall be limited as stated herein.

16. EXECUTION

This Agreement, including the exhibits and schedules made part hereof, constitute the entire Agreement between ENGINEER and OWNER, supersedes and controls over all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented or modified only by a written instrument duly executed by the parties.

17. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

In the event that any damage, loss, or claim is asserted by a third party, and said damage, loss, or claim arises out of or is in connection with the performance of ENGINEER'S services, including ENGINEER and its employees professional negligent acts, errors, or omissions, each party (ENGINEER and CLIENT) shall release, indemnify, and hold the other harmless, together with their agents, employees and assigns, PROVIDED THAT, said damage, loss, or claim is within the parties' combined limits of applicable insurance. In the event that any damage, loss or claim exceeds the parties' combined available limits of applicable insurance, then each party shall bear their own liability in direct proportion to their own individual fault.

18. LITIGATION SUPPORT

In the event ENGINEER is required to respond to a subpoena, government inquiry or other legal process related to the services in connection with a legal or dispute resolution proceeding to which ENGINEER is not a party, CLIENT shall reimburse ENGINEER for reasonable costs in responding and compensate ENGINEER at its then standard rates for engineering services when gathering information and documents and shall pay ENGINEER its standard rates for providing expert witness services when attending depositions, hearings, and trial.

If ENGINEER and CLIENT are made a party to any litigation concerning CLIENT's flood control structures, CLIENT and ENGINEER shall each bear their own costs and expenses for defense pending a final determination of each party's liability. Upon a finding by a court of competent jurisdiction of any negligence, all of the parties' reasonable total costs for defense of the matter shall be combined, and the total reasonable defense costs of both parties shall be pro-rated between the parties based on their respective shares of fault.

19. MAINTENANCE OF STRUCTURES AND SYSTEMS

CLIENT agrees that structures and systems studied, reviewed, analyzed or designed by the ENGINEER's are dependent upon CLIENT's continued operation and maintenance of the project structures and systems in accordance with all, permits, laws and regulations that permit the construction and operations of the structure(s) and systems including any Engineer prepared operations and maintenance plans. Should CLIENT fail to maintain the structures to be in full compliance permits, approvals, and operations and maintenance plans, ENGINEER shall have no liability to CLIENT, and CLIENT shall indemnify, release and hold ENGINEER and its employees harmless from any liability resulting from any direct or consequential damage resulting from such non-compliance, including but not limited to claims made by third-parties against ENGINEER.

20. VISUAL INSPECTIONS

For visual inspections, CLIENT hereby releases, holds harmless, indemnifies and agrees to defend ENGINEER against any claims, damages, losses, liabilities, expenses or costs arising out of any failure to detect hidden, covered, inaccessible, or internal structural or material defects, corrosion, or damages in components, embedment, reinforcing, anchorages and parts of equipment, structures, or mechanisms being inspected, that are not readily discernible by external visual inspection through reasonable efforts.

I know I sent you this request back in the beginning of June, but I wanted to let you know that some things have changed with this grant opportunity. Red Lake County SWCD is going to team up with Pennington and Marshall County SWCDs on this project as well. I don't know if this is something you could take to your board to see if it is something they would support or if there is no eligible funding available from the RLWD. The \$10,000.00 could be for all three counties... we would just plan to purchase additional test kits with this funding. Let me know what you think?

Thank you and have a great day!!

Tanya Waldo, District Manager
Red Lake County SWCD
2602 Wheat Drive
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

Marshall \$18,900⁰⁰
Pennington \$21,420⁰⁰
Red Lake \$11,340⁰⁰

From: Tanya Hanson

Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2026 7:41 AM

To: Tammy Audette <tammy.audette@redlakewatershed.org>

Subject: Well Water Testing Project

Good morning, Tammy:

Red Lake County SWCD is looking into applying for a grant. If this grant is awarded, do you think the Red Lake Watershed District would be interested in providing some matching funds? The grant is in the amount of \$11,340.00 (two year grant). I was wondering if the Red Lake Watershed District would be willing to provide \$10,000.00 for this two year project? Just wanted to send you an email and see what you thought about the project.

Project details:

Test for free of charge household well water for five parameters (Coliform bacteria, Nitrates, Arsenic, Manganese, and Lead). One free well water testing kit set per household. With this well water testing results information, Red Lake County SWCD would be able to obtain some baseline data of the well water quality throughout Red Lake County, track trends, and identify contamination sources. This information will be shared with partnering agencies.

The \$10,000.00 that is being requested from the RLWD will go for Well Water Testing Kits & Laboratory Expenses – each well water testing kits costs is \$40.00 each parameter x 5 test kits = \$200.00 / participant (these are RMB lab costs, but we are waiting to see quotes from AC Analytic which have been around \$30.00/kit). Estimated to test 50+ household. Outreach efforts will be prioritized on homes with infants and children and low-income households.

Please let me know what you think.

Thank you and have a great day!!

Tanya Waldo, District Manager
Red Lake County SWCD
2602 Wheat Drive
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750



Permit # 18-124

Status Report: Approved**Expiration:****Applicant Information**

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Brent Strand		3542 6th Street East West Fargo, ND 58078		tel: 218-686-7886

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)**
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Lessor** Range: **41** Section: **6**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Clean road ditch
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Ditch has silted in and needs to be cleaned out. Work had been previously done under RLWD Permit No. 14215.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved		09/27/2018
Received		09/18/2018

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.

- Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approval as per approval of both Lessor and Lambert Townships specs/conditions; proposed work is within township road Right-of-Way. Applicant must also obtain approval from Red Lake County Highway Dept. as a portion of the proposed work is in county road #7 Right-of-Way and must adhere to their specs/conditions. Contact person at Red Lake Co. Hwy. Dept. is Randy Konickson at 218-253-2697. 1) All excavation shall be consistent with the existing road slopes with no vertical excavation faces and no excavation within the in-slope of the roadway. 2) The ditch may have an approximate bottom width of 6 to 8 feet 3) Excavate the back-slope to a 4 foot horizontal to 1 foot vertical (4 to 1) slope (the existing topography is already quite steep and soils are very 'sandy') 4) Existing drainage/flow patterns shall not be changed or diverted and existing culverts shall remain "as-is" and not changed. 5) The entire area needs to be monitored for erosion; and vegetative cover is very important to get established immediately after excavation. For proposed work on lands not owned by applicant, he/she must obtain, in writing, permission from the affected landowners to perform proposed work. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)
- Other
- Work in road right-of-way is subject to approval of road authority (Township, County, or State).
- For work within Legal drainage system right-of-way or RLWD Project Easement Areas, applicant agrees to move their utilities at their own expense if it is determined that the utility needs to be moved in the future by the RLWD.
- Unless otherwise noted, all approved permit applications expire one year from the date of board approval. A permit renewal can be applied for prior to the expiration date by contacting the district office.
- This Permit does not relieve you of any requirements for other permits, which may be necessary from Township, County, State, or Federal Government Agencies.
- Please be aware of the requirements of the Rules of the District, found on our web-site at http://www.redlakewatershed.org/PDF_Files/RED%20LAKE%20WATERSHED%20DISTRICT%20RULES_Adopted%208-27-15.pdf

In the matter of the application of: Brent Strand, Earl Pederson, 3542 6th Street East, West Fargo, ND 58078

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D, the Permit and Drainage Rules of the Red Lake Watershed District, and on the basis of the statement and information contained in the permit application submitted by applicant, including all letters, maps, and other supporting data furnished by applicant, all of which are made a part hereof by reference, permission is hereby granted to Brent Strand, Earl Pederson address for the purposes of notice and other communications pertaining to this permit is 3542 6th Street East, West Fargo, ND 58078 the purpose of doing the work applied for with the following exceptions, changes, and/or special conditions:

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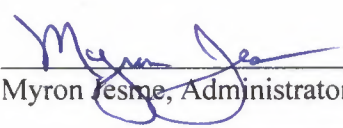
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This permit is granted subject to the following provisions:

- 1) This permit is permissive only and shall not release the permittee from any liability or obligation imposed by Minnesota Statutes, Federal Law or Local Ordinances and shall be subject to all conditions and limitations now or hereafter imposed by law. The Red Lake Watershed District makes no representations to the applicant in granting the permit that the proposed work complies or does not comply with the existing law. No liability shall be imposed upon or incurred by the District or any of its officers, agents or employees, officially or personally, on account of the granting of this permit, or on account of any damage to any person or property resulting from any act or omission of the permittee or any of its agents, employees or contractors relating to any matter hereunder. This permit shall not be construed as estopping or limiting any legal claim or right of action of the District against the permittee, its agents, employees, or contractors for violation of or failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or applicable provisions of law.
- 2) Work authorized under this permit shall be completed by October 3, 2019, unless extended by the District.
- 3) The permittee shall grant access to the site at all reasonable times during and after construction to authorized representatives of the District for inspection of the work authorized by this permit.
- 4) This permit may be terminated by the District without notice at any time deemed necessary for the management of the water resources of the District, or in the interest of the public health and welfare, or for violation of any of the provisions of this permit.

Dated this 3 day of October, 2018.

Red Lake Watershed District


Myron Jesme, Administrator

P.A. No. 18124

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

1000 Pennington Avenue South
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
218-681-5800

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Applicant's Name: <u>Brant Strand</u> <u>Earl Pederson</u>		Telephone Number: <u>218-686-7886</u>	
Address (Street, RFD, Box No., City, State, Zip): <u>3547 6th St East</u> <u>West Fargo, ND 58078</u>			
Project Location: Government Lot <u>47.00026.00</u> Quarter Section(s) <u>NE 1/4, NE 1/4</u> Section(s) <u>31</u> <u>Polk</u> <u>Red Lake</u>			
Township (Name & #) <u>Lessor</u> <u>Lambert 150N</u> Range # <u>41-W</u> County <u>Polk</u> <u>Red Lake</u>			
Type of Work Proposed:			
☐ Excavate	☐ Install	☐ Channel	☐ Dike
☐ Fill	☐ Remove	☐ Culvert (Size <u> </u>)	☐ Erosion Control
☐ Drain	☐ Other	☐ Bridge (Size <u> </u>)	☐ Tile
☐ Construct	☒ <u>Clean Rd Ditch</u>	☐ Dam	☐ Other

Be sure to attach all necessary reports, maps, drawings, photos, other data, etc., to support permit application.

Description of work to be done: <u>Clean Rd Ditch</u>
Estimated drainage area: acres <u> </u> or sq. mile(s) <u> </u>
Work is necessary because: <u>We just did this project in 2014 but it</u> <u>has silted in & needs to be cleaned</u> <u>your office # from 2014 is 14215</u>

I hereby make application for a permit to proceed with the proposal described above and have attached all supporting maps, plans, and other information submitted with this application. The information submitted and statements made concerning this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Obtaining a permit from the Managers does not relieve the applicant from the responsibility of obtaining any other additional authorization or permits required by law.

Signature of landowner: <u>Brant Strand</u> <u>Earl Pederson</u>	Date: <u>9-18-19</u>
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For Office Use Only
P.A. No. 18124



Permit # 18-124

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Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)

(2) Legal Description

(3) County: **Polk** Township: **Lessor** Range: **41** Section: **6 1/4: NE1/4**(4) Describe in detail the work to be performed. **Clean road ditch**(5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Ditch has silted in and needs to be cleaned out. Work had been previously done under RLWD Permit No. 14215.****Status**

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	None	Sept. 27, 2018
Received	None	Sept. 18, 2018

Conditions

P.A. #18124 – this same scope of work was approved in 2014 - Per. #14215 Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approval as per approval of both Lessor and Lambert Townships specs/conditions; proposed work is within township road Right-of Way. Applicant must also obtain approval from Red Lake County Highway Dept. as a portion of the proposed work is in county road #7 Right-of-Way and must adhere to their specs/conditions. Contact person at Red Lake Co. Hwy. Dept. is Randy Konickson at 218-253-2697. 1) All excavation shall be consistent with the existing road slopes with no vertical excavation faces and no excavation within the in-slope of the roadway. 2) The ditch may have an approximate bottom width of 6 to 8 feet 3) Excavate the back-slope to a 4 foot horizontal to 1 foot vertical (4 to 1) slope (the existing topography is already quite steep and soils are very 'sandy') 4) Existing drainage/flow patterns shall not be changed or diverted and existing culverts shall remain "as – is" and not changed. 5) The entire area needs to be monitored for erosion; and vegetative cover is very important to get established immediately after excavation. For proposed work on lands not owned by applicant, he/she must obtain, in writing, permission from the affected landowners to perform proposed work. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)

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.

BROOKS CREEK

PERMITTED RE-ROUTE OF CHANNEL

Legend

- EARTHEN LEVEE
- NATURAL WATERCOURSE
- RCPA
- RE-ROUTE ALIGNMENT

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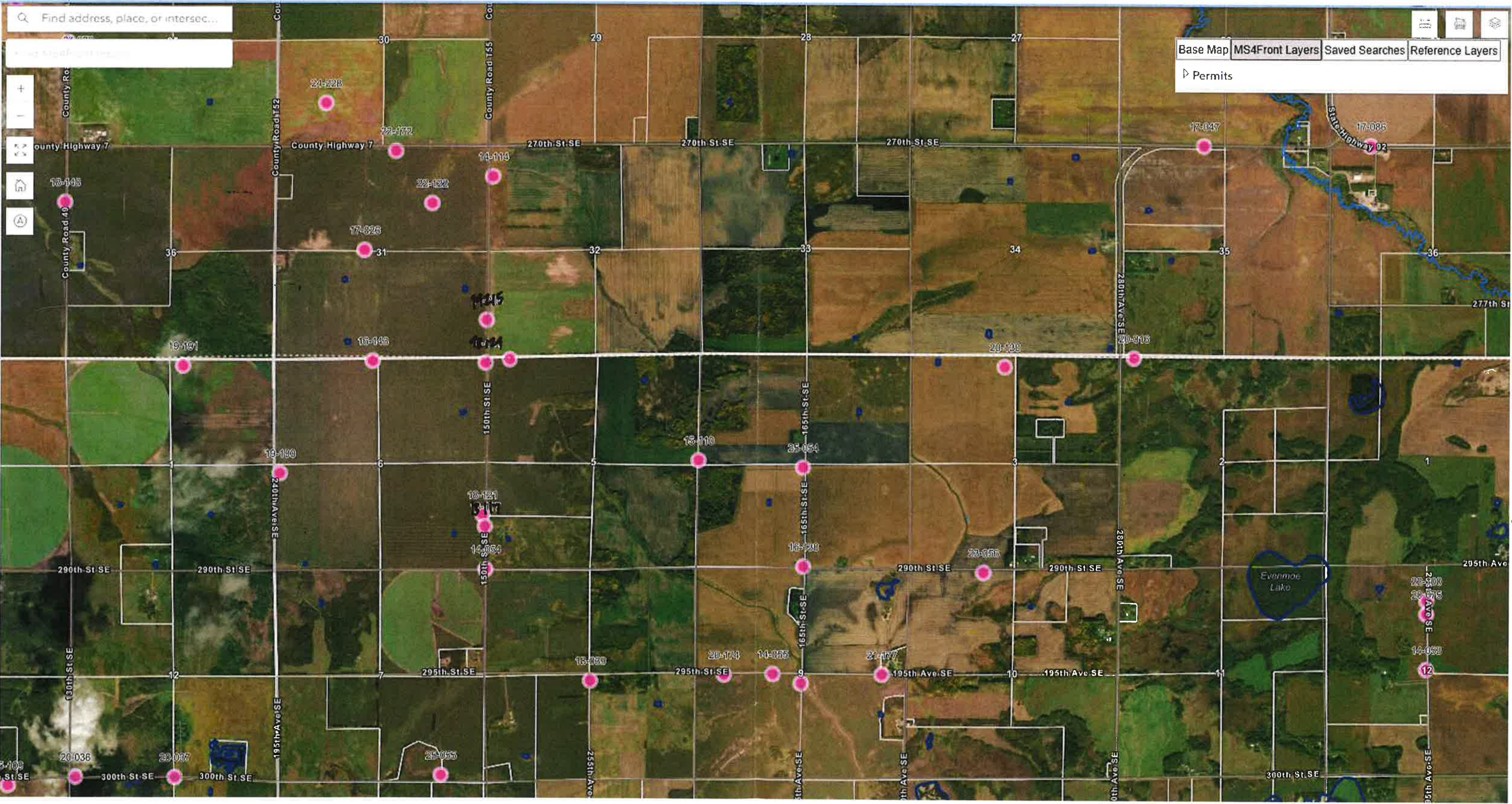
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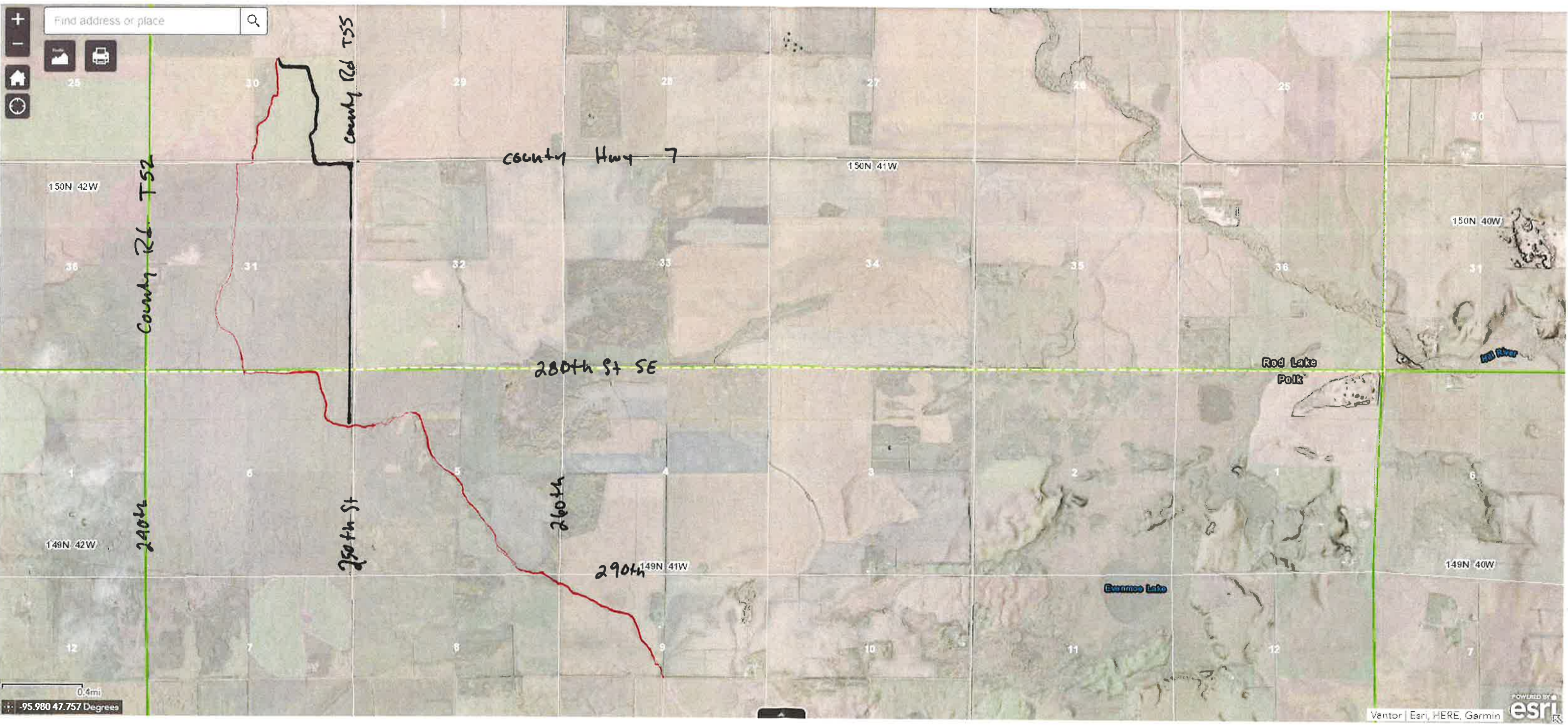
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Permits

Evermore Lake





Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-049

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:06/25/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Larry Love		25219 us hwy 75 sw CROOKSTON, MN 56716	Ljlove5@msn.com	tel: 218-289-1875

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Lowell** Range: **47** Section: **23**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Survey existing ditch to figure out why water pools up and doesn't drain.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved.

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves cleaning the ditch on the West side of Hwy 75 south of Hwy 2 NW of Crookston contingent upon approval from MnDOT as they have jurisdiction along this portion of highway. RLWD staff surveyed the ditch. (See Attached Plans). Set culverts at existing invert/flowline. 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. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall ensure that all disturbed areas are seeded with appropriate seed mixture and that consideration for rock riprap with filter fabric is placed at the outlet end of the permitted culverts. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the project outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	06/25/2026
Received		06/03/2026



Permit # 26-050

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 06/25/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Ricky Neuschwander		29041 State HWY 89 NE Grygla, MN 56727	ricky.neuschwander@naucount ry.com	tel: 218-686- 2329

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Other**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Marshall** Township: **Valley** Range: **39** Section: **28**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Install a new 60 foot culvert and aprons as we install a new crossing as one does not exist presently.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Crossing to enter the field.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves installing an 18" culvert for a new crossing into property, with the understanding that this pipe will not increase the amount of water that will be headed to the downstream 15" culverts. Set culvert(s) at existing invert/flowline. 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. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall ensure that all disturbed areas are seeded with appropriate seed mixture and that consideration for rock riprap with filter fabric is placed at the outlet end of the permitted culverts. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the project outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	06/25/2026
Received		06/04/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-053

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:06/25/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Nathaniel Muzzy	Farmer/Tennent	130 HILL AVE S APT DOOR MIDDLE RIVER,MN 56737	natem@steineragteam.com	tel: 218-791-7936

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Marshall** Township: **Excel** Range: **43** Section: **4**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Put in a culvert/crossing wide enough for modern farm equipment and semis
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Current crossing on the north end of the field is narrow and steep, and cannot accommodate modern planters, semi-trucks, combines, etc. The crossing is very steep.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to extend an 18" culvert for a wider crossing for equipment. Set culvert(s) at existing invert/flowline. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. All excavation shall be consistent with the existing road and ditch slopes and there shall be no vertical excavation faces. Applicant shall ensure that all disturbed areas are seeded with appropriate seed mixture and that consideration for rock riprap with filter fabric is placed at the outlet end of the permitted culverts. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the project outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	06/25/2026
Received		06/12/2026

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.

- Work in road right-of-way is subject to approval of road authority (Township, County, or State).
- For work within Legal drainage system right-of-way or RLWD Project Easement Areas, applicant agrees to move their utilities at their own expense if it is determined that the utility needs to be moved in the future by the RLWD.
- Unless otherwise noted, all approved permit applications expire one year from the date of board approval. A permit renewal can be applied for prior to the expiration date by contacting the district office.
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Permit # 26-054

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 06/25/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Jake Duden		21596 180th Ave SE Red Lake Falls, MN 56750	jakecduden@gmail.com	tel: 218-686-5033

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Red Lake** Township: **River** Range: **43** Section: **36**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: new crossing installed
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **better farming access**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install a 24" culvert for a new crossing and access to property. Install new culvert at the current inverts. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved seed mixtures. *Note: Please be aware of and review the 'bullet points' on the bottom half of the application. This application does not exempt the permit applicant from local, state, or federal authority that might require their approval. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	06/25/2026
Received		06/15/2026

Conditions

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Permit # 26-057

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 07/07/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Greg Hilgeman	Landowner	32470 140th St SE Oklee, MN 56742	hilgeman@gvtel.com	tel: 218-686-1059

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Pennington** Township: **Mayfield** Range: **41** Section: **12**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: replace culvert
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **culvert is too short - landowner would like to downsize the culvert - would like to put in an 18 x 60 culvert**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to replace an 18" culvert for a crossing to make it safer for farm equipment and access to property. Install new culvert at the current inverts. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved seed mixtures. *Note: Please be aware of and review the 'bullet points' on the bottom half of the application. This application does not exempt the permit applicant from local, state, or federal authority that might require their approval. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	07/07/2026
Received		06/22/2026

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.

- Work in road right-of-way is subject to approval of road authority (Township, County, or State).
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Permit # 26-059

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 07/07/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Robert Miller		38577 140th st ne Goodridge, MN 56725	Robbienevmanmiller@gmail.com	tel: 218-689-1920

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Pennington** Township: **Star** Range: **39** Section: **15**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: 40ft culvert and crossing installed to access bin site
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved.

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install an 18" culvert for a new crossing and access to property. Install new culvert at the current inverts. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved seed mixtures. *Note: Please be aware of and review the 'bullet points' on the bottom half of the application. This application does not exempt the permit applicant from local, state, or federal authority that might require their approval. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	07/07/2026
Received		06/23/2026

Conditions

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- Work in road right-of-way is subject to approval of road authority (Township, County, or State).
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Permit # 26-062

Status Report: Approved**Expiration:07/07/2027****Applicant Information**

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Dave Geatz		34092 350 th Street NE Gatzke, MN 56724	dgeatz181@gmail.com	tel: 218-689-1929

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Marshall** Township: **Veldt** Range: **39** Section: **30**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: installing new SWI to help with drainage
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved.

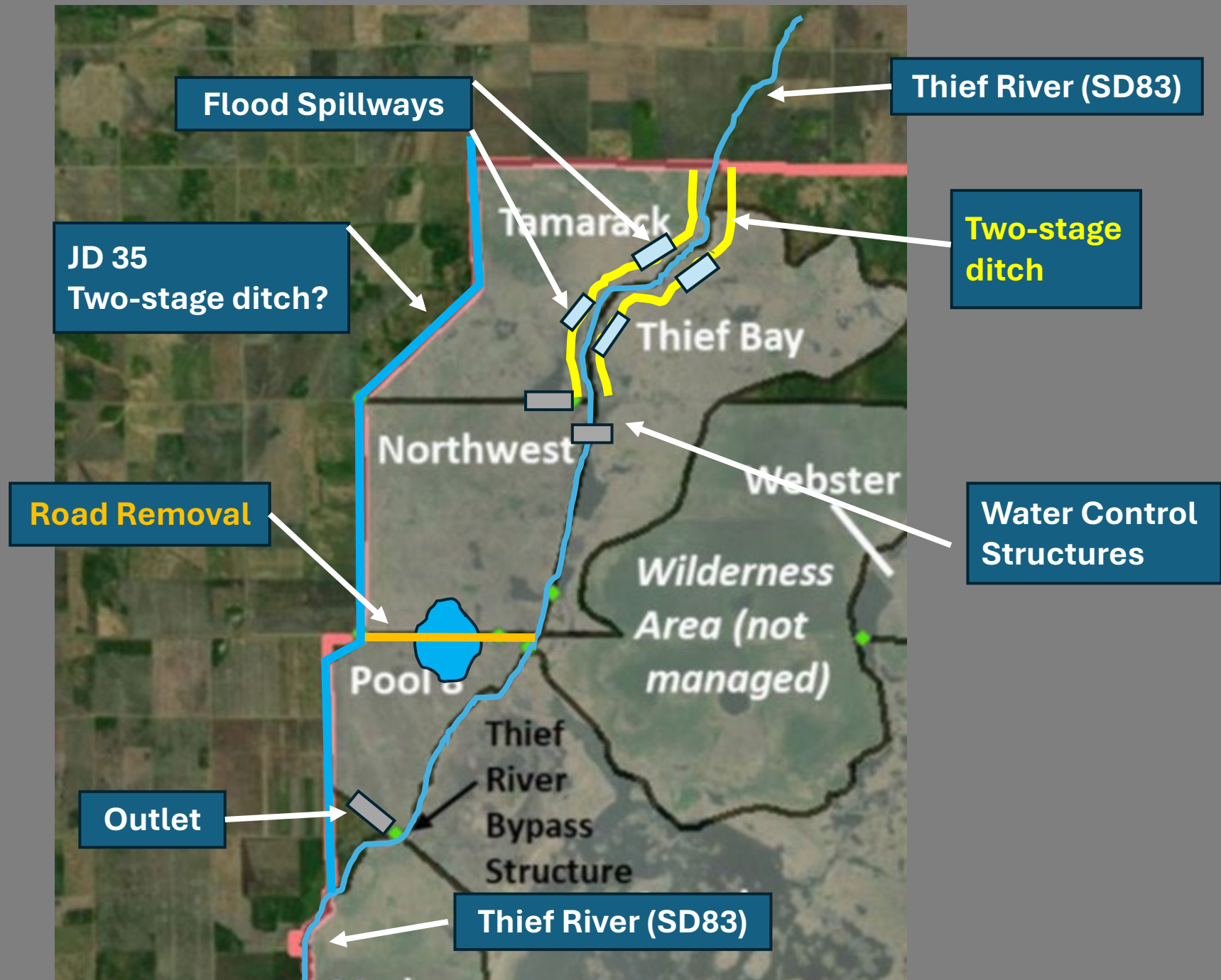
Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install a Side Water Inlet to help drain applicant property. Applicant is working with SWCD in Marshall County to design the project and will comply with all of their requirements. Install new culvert at the current inverts. If any work is within a public road and/or public ditch Right-of-Way, applicant shall contact the appropriate road/ditch authority for their approval and must meet their specs/conditions. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved seed mixtures. *Note: Please be aware of and review the 'bullet points' on the bottom half of the application. This application does not exempt the permit applicant from local, state, or federal authority that might require their approval. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	07/07/2026
Received		07/01/2026

Conditions

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June 26, 2026

Red Lake Watershed District
Board of Managers
1000 Pennington Ave. S
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Subject: Clearwater River Stabilization Project Bid Withdraw

Dear Managers,

After detailed discussion with the Project Engineer upon review of the construction and material specification requirements for multiple bid items, we wish to withdraw our bid. The supplier material used in our bid pricing for Bid Item Random Riprap Class III and Bid Item Granular Filter Modified has substantial and material deficiencies/discrepancies and does not meet the material specifications for the project. We also misinterpreted the construction specifications and installation requirements for the Bid Item Toe-Wood Debris, which resulted in a substantial bid error. We acknowledge our mistakes in assembling this bid and respectfully request the Red Lake Watershed District to withdraw our bid and allow the bid security to be returned to LP Contracting, LLC.

Sincerely,
LP Contracting, LLC


Andrew Lundmark
Member


Nick Paulson
Member

BID ABSTRACT
Clearwater River Stabilization Project
Thief River Falls, Minnesota
Red Lake Watershed District

Engineer: Houston Engineering, Inc.
125 3rd Street East
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Tony Nordby, PE

Bid Opening: 6/25/26
9:15 AM

ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE		Anderson Excavating		LP Contracting (Bid Withdrawn)		Tunheim Construction		Gordon Construction of Mahnommen		MNL		Northern Harbor LLC	
				Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost	Unit Cost	Cost
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00		\$0.00	\$16,700.00	\$16,700.00	\$64,000.00	\$64,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
2501.501	MAINT AND RESTORATION OF HAUL ROADS	LUMP SUM	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00		\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
2101.501	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	LUMP SUM	1	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00		\$0.00	\$82,800.00	\$82,800.00	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
2104.604	SALVAGE RIPRAP SPECIAL	S.Y.	58	\$110.00	\$6,380.00	\$100.00	\$5,800.00		\$0.00	\$27.00	\$1,566.00	\$50.00	\$2,900.00	\$100.00	\$5,800.00	\$60.00	\$3,480.00
2106.507	EXCAVATION - COMMON (P)	C.Y.	12148	\$9.00	\$109,332.00	\$9.00	\$109,332.00		\$0.00	\$10.00	\$121,480.00	\$12.00	\$145,776.00	\$15.00	\$182,220.00	\$7.50	\$91,110.00
2511.507	RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS I	C.Y.	259	\$120.00	\$31,080.00	\$81.43	\$21,090.37		\$0.00	\$129.00	\$33,411.00	\$124.00	\$32,116.00	\$200.00	\$51,800.00	\$132.00	\$34,188.00
2511.507	RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS II	C.Y.	400	\$120.00	\$48,000.00	\$88.60	\$35,440.00		\$0.00	\$149.00	\$59,600.00	\$124.00	\$49,600.00	\$200.00	\$80,000.00	\$135.00	\$54,000.00
2511.507	RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS III	C.Y.	1829	\$125.00	\$228,625.00	\$97.00	\$177,413.00		\$0.00	\$163.00	\$298,127.00	\$124.00	\$226,796.00	\$200.00	\$365,800.00	\$148.00	\$270,692.00
2511.507	GRANULAR FILTER MODIFIED	C.Y.	586	\$80.00	\$46,880.00	\$99.16	\$58,107.76		\$0.00	\$177.00	\$103,722.00	\$122.00	\$71,492.00	\$200.00	\$117,200.00	\$125.00	\$73,250.00
2511.601	ROCK WEIR (36" TO 60" DIAMETER BOULDERS)	LIN. FT.	308	\$85.00	\$26,180.00	\$70.00	\$21,560.00		\$0.00	\$130.00	\$40,040.00	\$100.00	\$30,800.00	\$130.00	\$40,040.00	\$105.00	\$32,340.00
2511.601	ROCK BOULDERS (36" TO 60" DIAMETER BOULDERS)	EACH	14	\$300.00	\$4,200.00	\$200.00	\$2,800.00		\$0.00	\$464.00	\$6,496.00	\$400.00	\$5,600.00	\$600.00	\$8,400.00	\$300.00	\$4,200.00
2573.503	FLOATATION SILT CURTAIN TYPE MOVING WATER	LIN. FT.	2620	\$25.00	\$65,500.00	\$20.00	\$52,400.00		\$0.00	\$5.50	\$14,410.00	\$31.00	\$81,220.00	\$10.00	\$26,200.00	\$20.00	\$52,400.00
2573.503	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG TYPE STRAW	LIN. FT.	2680	\$4.00	\$10,720.00	\$4.00	\$10,720.00		\$0.00	\$4.00	\$10,720.00	\$4.68	\$12,542.40	\$5.00	\$13,400.00	\$4.00	\$10,720.00
2573.601	TEMPORARY STREAM CROSSING	LUMP SUM	1	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$0.00	\$16,600.00	\$16,600.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
2574.508	FERTILIZER TYPE 3	POUND	500	\$1.00	\$500.00	\$1.00	\$500.00		\$0.00	\$9.00	\$4,500.00	\$2.00	\$1,000.00	\$1.00	\$500.00	\$1.00	\$500.00
2575.504	ROLLED EROSION PREVENTION CATEGORY 25	S.Y.	12379	\$3.00	\$37,137.00	\$3.00	\$37,137.00		\$0.00	\$2.00	\$24,758.00	\$2.50	\$30,947.50	\$3.00	\$37,137.00	\$3.00	\$37,137.00
2575.505	SEEDING	ACRE	3	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,250.00		\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,750.00
2575.608	SEED NORTHEAST ROADSIDE (NER)	POUND	65	\$12.00	\$780.00	\$15.00	\$975.00		\$0.00	\$143.00	\$9,295.00	\$10.00	\$650.00	\$30.00	\$1,950.00	\$40.00	\$2,600.00
2577.601	TOE - WOOD DEBRIS	C.Y.	2732	\$70.00	\$191,240.00	\$65.00	\$177,580.00		\$0.00	\$62.00	\$169,384.00	\$40.50	\$110,646.00	\$90.00	\$245,880.00	\$48.00	\$131,136.00
2577.601	SOD MAT	S.Y.	1224	\$25.00	\$30,600.00	\$25.00	\$30,600.00		\$0.00	\$20.00	\$24,480.00	\$22.22	\$27,197.28	\$50.00	\$61,200.00	\$25.00	\$30,600.00
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Greetings!

You are receiving this message because you've been identified as a coordinator for one or more One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) partnerships. **PLEASE forward the invitation below to local and Tribal staff and policy committee members in the 1W1P partnership(s) you coordinate.**

Thanks!

Julie Westerlund | One Watershed, One Plan Program Coordinator

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)

We want to hear from you!

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The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will be hosting listening sessions in July and August to have a forward-looking conversation about the One Watershed, One Plan Program. These sessions will be designed to identify opportunities to make your plan work better for you.

After ten years of watershed planning and with the next generation of comprehensive watershed management plans already underway, this is a great time to look into the future. The listening sessions will ask questions like:

- How can your plan be more useful and effective?
- What do you envision for the future of planning?
- If you had a magic wand, what would you take away or add?

These sessions are for local and Tribal staff and policy committee members who have participated in One Watershed, One Plan. BWSR will use your input to determine how the One Watershed, One Plan program can best support partnerships as they move into the next generation of planning and what program improvements, if any, BWSR should pursue.

BWSR will compile ideas gathered at the sessions and share them, along with a follow-up survey, with program participants.

BWSR will invite ideas from state water agency and NGO partners in separate conversations.

BWSR will seek additional input from program participants and partners before taking any actions on the ideas generated in these sessions.

Please join us at the session that works best for you:

Alexandria on Tuesday, July 14 (morning)

Marshall on Tuesday, July 21 (afternoon)

Cambridge on Tuesday, July 28 (afternoon)

Rochester on Thursday, July 30 (afternoon)

Grand Rapids on Tuesday, August 4 (afternoon)

Thief River Falls on Wednesday, August
5 (morning)



For more information, contact Julie Westerlund, BWSR One Watershed, One Plan Program Coordinator at julie.westerlund@state.mn.us or your BWSR board conservationist.



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Administrator's Report

July 9, 2026

BWSR: Included in the packet is the BWSR Snapshots article regarding riparian restoration and a notice that the Red Lake and Pennington SWCD's both received Clean Water Fund grants.

FDRWG: Included in the packet is the FDRWG June 23, 2026 meeting highlights.

Polk/Red Lake County Legal Ditches: I plan to attend this afternoon's meeting regarding Ditch Redetermination for Polk and Red Lake County Joint Ditches. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Lake Falls Community Hall.

City of Grygla: Included in the packet are the Grygla NRCS PIFR Kickoff meeting notes from June 24, 2026.

Drainage Work Group: Included in the packet is a DWG agenda for July 9, 2026 and VERY DRAFT Mocked up Contract Decision Matrix.

Brule Bank Stabilization Project: The MnDNR MPARS permit application was submitted on July 6, 2026 for the Brule Bank Stabilization Project.

River Watch Retreat: Included in the packet is an update and thank you from the River Watch Retreat held at UMC

Pine Lake: Dyrdal Construction removed a beaver dam from the fish passage on the Pine Lake Outlet. Staff was present during the removal to assure that no rocks were disturbed.

In the Red River Basin, a new approach to riparian restoration



YOUR Clean Water
Fund AT WORK

The Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program is currently funded by more than \$9 million in Outdoor Heritage Funds, including \$5.12 million in 2024 and \$3.92 million in 2026.

A partnership between the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) is tapping the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation easement program to restore priority riparian habitat corridors across northwestern Minnesota. The aim: improve water quality, reduce flood damage, and create valuable habitat for fish and wildlife.

When riparian areas — the lands adjacent to rivers, streams, ditches and other watercourses — are protected and restored with deep-rooted perennial plants, they help to stabilize streambanks, filter runoff, reconnect floodplains, and provide critical habitat and travel corridors for wildlife and pollinators.

Over the past 25 years, watershed districts throughout the Red River Basin have completed eight projects that restored more than 55 miles of corridor with nearly 1,000 acres of riparian habitat. The benefits have included reduced sediment- and nutrient-loading, improved channel stability, lower long-term maintenance costs, enhanced wildlife habitat, and reduced flood damage to crops. In many ways, the corridors function like a road right-of-way.

While successful, those corridor restorations typically were completed project-by-project. Individual watershed districts would identify a priority watercourse, work directly with landowners and soil and water conservation district (SWCD) staff to secure necessary easements, seek competitive grant funding, and then complete restoration activities — often in phases as funding was available.

But watershed districts often competed for funds. Project schedules, grant timelines and landowner interest — most projects involved a host of funding sources and dozens of landowners and renters — rarely aligned precisely.

To address these challenges, BWSR and the RRWMB established the Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program.

The program is currently funded by more than \$9 million in Outdoor Heritage Funds, as recommended by the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and approved by the state legislature — including \$5.12 million in 2024 and \$3.92 million in 2026. Those funds cover the cost of permanent conservation easement payments to landowners, and related administration.

The shift from individual projects to a coordinated regional approach allows more flexible funding within the

The first phase of the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District's 9-mile-long Swift Coulee restoration was constructed in 2025 (left), and the easements were seeded (middle, right) that year. Phase 1 involved about 250 acres of permanent easements, 18 parcels and 12 landowners. Phase 2, expected to finish in late 2027, would involve nearly 475 acres of easements. Swift Coulee is one of three projects currently being funded by the Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, a partnership between BWSR and the Red River Watershed Management Board that employs RIM easements to restore priority riparian habitat corridors. Photos Contributed by Houston Engineering

region's priority corridors. RRWMB and BWSR staff rank the corridors, which are suggested by the watershed districts, and then rank the individual easements within.

"Having a program with funding gives partners the flexibility to move money around a bit to accommodate realities on the ground related to landowner interest. These projects are likely to have dozens of landowners that need easements for project completion," said Henry Van Offelen, BWSR clean water specialist. "Now that this is a regional program, we have the flexibility to work with landowners among multiple project areas to meet their needs better."

The current Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program projects are restoring 9 miles of Swift Coulee in the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District in Marshall County, 8 miles of Doran Creek in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District in Wilkin County, and 21 miles of the Wild Rice River in the Wild Rice River Watershed District in Norman County. The Wild Rice River project is a particularly ambitious long-term effort that would restore more than 3,500 acres of corridor.

SWCDs work with landowners on perpetual RIM easements, which secure the rights to land necessary to complete permanent corridor restorations. The expense of securing land rights alone can be enough to stop a project. In some instances, watershed districts would incur that cost. Traditional funding sources for best management practices do not exist for corridor restoration.

“The importance of this program extends well beyond habitat restoration. It highlights the need for long-term water management approaches that protect natural resources while still allowing communities to actively care for and maintain their systems.”

— Mori Maher, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District administrator

"Without that outside funding to do this work, it's very unlikely that these projects would occur, and they would be occurring at a slower pace," Van Offelen said.

These coordinated efforts often also use water quality funds available from the RRWMB, and other funding sources including Watershed-Based Implementation Funding from BWSR, for project elements such as channel restoration.

"This programmatic approach allows us to secure funding at a regional scale and provide the flexibility needed to advance priority projects when landowners are ready to participate," said RRWMB Executive Director Rob Sip.

Project priorities are guided by locally developed comprehensive watershed management plans from the One Watershed, One Plan program, which ensures investments are directed toward the highest-priority watercourses across the 17,700 square miles within the Minnesota watersheds of the Red River Basin.

The Red River Basin contains more than 1,000 miles of ditched channels that were once natural watercourses. Restoring and protecting riparian corridors along these systems will require

continued collaboration, funding and landowner participation.

"These watercourses erode and contribute sediment. Getting them back into a more functional riparian corridor is going to stabilize them and improve water quality and habitat," Van Offelen said.

Through the Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, partners are building a framework that allows this work to occur more strategically and efficiently, guided by local watershed plans, and creating lasting benefits for Minnesota's waters, wildlife and communities.

Since the program's 2024 launch, watershed planning efforts have identified additional project areas. Watershed districts' interest continues to grow.

For landowners, the program offers an opportunity to permanently address areas that frequently erode and flood, and are often difficult to farm profitably. The easements generally encompass the 10-year floodplain, which gives landowners a measure of certainty that crops are not at risk from more frequent floods.

For watershed districts, the benefits are equally significant. Protected

corridors create more stable channels that require less maintenance and reduce future infrastructure and erosion repair costs.

For fish and wildlife, habitat benefits come in the form of sinuous channels, stabilized streambanks and hundreds of acres of restored native grasslands that further improve water quality and support pollinators, birds and other species.

"The importance of this program extends well beyond habitat restoration," said Mori Maher, Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District administrator. "It highlights the need for long-term water management approaches that protect natural resources while still allowing communities to actively care for and maintain their systems."

Tara Jensen, Wild Rice Watershed District administrator, said the long-term goal for the Wild Rice River project was to enroll more than 3,500 acres in easements — a first step toward restoring the river, which was channelized in the 1950s.

"It is an investment in long-term water resource management that benefits landowners, local communities and future generations," Jensen said.

The benefits also extend to taxpayers and conservation partners. Permanent riparian corridors help protect public investments by stabilizing channels, improving water quality, restoring habitat and reducing future flood damage.

BWSR staff members write and produce Snapshots, a monthly newsletter highlighting the work of the agency and its partners.

BWSR Awards \$6.7 million in Clean Water Fund Grants

18 grants will support projects to improve water quality in Minnesota

June 24, 2026

Projects and Practices Grants: Projects that protect, enhance and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation.

Grantee	Total Requested (\$)
Coon Creek Watershed District	\$ 500,000
Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District	\$ 796,270
Cedar River Watershed District	\$ 280,000
Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District	\$ 1,034,825
Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District	\$ 470,000
Red Lake Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 371,000
Waseca Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 299,000
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	\$ 248,400
Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 704,234

TOTAL: \$ 4,703,729

Drinking Water Allocations: Projects that protect groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation.

Grantee	Total Requested (\$)
Anoka Conservation District	\$ 199,232
Hibbing, City of	\$ 85,000
Dakota County	\$ 100,000
Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 210,000
Watonwan Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 382,360
Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 231,225
Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District	\$ 309,000
Vadnais Heights, City of	\$ 240,000
Ramsey County	\$ 125,000
TOTAL:	\$ 1,881,817

FDRWG Meeting Highlights

June 23, 2026



Information and Announcements.

- The Nelson Slough project will be celebrating groundbreaking on June 30, 2026. To learn more about the event and RSVP, please see the attached flyer.
- The Red River Watershed Management Board has summarized activity from the 2026 Minnesota Legislative Session, including funding of flood damage reduction projects. More information can be found in their [June Meeting Highlights](#).
- The MPCA has revised the TMDL report for the Red River of the North based on comments received earlier this year. The report will be available for additional comment in the coming weeks, see the [MPCA website for more information](#).

Mediation Agreement Focus. A new standing agenda item has been added to the quarterly FDRWG meetings. The Work Group will take time to review and discuss a portion of the Mediation Agreement. Going forward, the Work Group will also seek to hear from Project Team Sponsors at each meeting so members can aid with resolving any issues.

28th Joint Annual Conference. The conference will take place on March 16-17, 2027 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Moorhead, MN. Pending the Red River Watershed Management Board final decision, the North Dakota Red River Joint Water Resource District and the Red River Retention Authority have agreed to attend the conference and contribute to program planning.

Fiscal Year 2027. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027) was approved by consensus. As with past years, the bulk of the \$264,000 legislative allocation will be committed to Project Team support, with additional line items supporting the Technical Scientific Advisory Committee (TSAC), Natural Resource Evaluation Panel, outreach and communications, quarterly meetings and the annual conference.

New Technical Paper Development. The Work Group approved the recommendation from TSAC to develop a Technical Paper providing guidance on impoundment discharge as a natural resource enhancement feature of flood damage reduction projects.

Upcoming Committee Activity. At the direction of the Work Group these will be convened:

- Planning Committee – to discuss developing on-demand training videos to support Project Teams and the various participants in the process.
- Communications Committee – to begin planning the next annual conference and to discuss development of outreach materials.
- Finance Committee – to disperse remaining fiscal year 2026 funds to Project Teams Sponsors through the approved reallocation process. Also, to refine the Project Team reimbursement process, pending Watershed District Administrator feedback.

- Watershed District Administrators – to provide guidance on improving the process for allocating and obtaining reimbursement for Project Team expenses from the FDRWG.

The *next quarterly meeting* of the FDRWG is scheduled for **September 22, 2026**, at the Red River Watershed Management Board office conference room, with an online attendance option. The meeting will begin at 10 AM.

Other meeting dates for 2026:

- Dec. 9 at 10 AM. Location: Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND - with the Prairie Grains Conference. No online attendance option.

Nelson Slough Groundbreaking!



Join us as we celebrate an investment that proves Northwest Minnesota is every bit as important as any other corner of our state.

Stay Tuned Details forthcoming!

When: June 30th, 2026

10:30AM- 3PM

Where: Click [here](#) for Location

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Nelson Slough Groundbreaking
RSVP



GRYGLA PIFR KICKOFF / SCOPING MEETING MINUTES OF MEETING

Date:	24 JUN 2026	Time:	1100 – 1200 CT
Location:	Virtual / teleconference		
Chair:	Jim Lewis	Prepared by:	EH

Attendee Name	Affiliation	Initials
Danielle Heil	NRCS, St. Paul, MN (PIFR manager / COR)	DH
Dave Jones	NRCS (advisory / oversight)	DJ
Scott Crist	NRCS (contract administration)	SC
Jim Lewis	Baird-Stantec (technical lead)	JL
Edmund Howe	Baird-Stantec	EH
Cami Inman	Baird-Stantec (presented PIFR outline)	CI
Zach Thoma	Moore Engineering (city's engineer)	ZT
Tammy Audette	Red Lake Watershed District (manager)	TA
Karla Byklum	City of Grygla (mayor)	KB
Dave Dunrud	City of Grygla (city council)	DD
Rose Aune	City of Grygla (city clerk)	RA
Dustin Nelson	City of Grygla (city council)	DN
Rocky Hagen	City of Grygla (employee)	RH
Gavin Nordby	City of Grygla (council)	GN
Regrets:	Ryan Lorimor - NRCS (contracting; handles contractual questions)	

MINUTES / ACTIONS

No.	Item	Action by	Date Required
1	Introductions		
1.1	Participants introduced themselves and their roles; affiliations are listed in the attendee table above.	N/A	N/A
2	PIFR Overview		
2.1	NRCS described the PIFR as a high-level review to determine whether to advance the effort with additional partners involved: goals and objectives, documented damages, and potential solutions that could be permitted, along with any insurmountable barriers. The emphasis is on potential; the PIFR does not conclude that a cost-effective project will result. It produces a general outline of damages, goals, and objectives so NRCS can decide whether to proceed.	N/A	N/A
2.2	Baird (Jim Lewis): Added that this is a feasibility-level effort addressing resources and constraints, the purpose of the improvements, and whether the project would have authority through agricultural and rural benefits. It tests whether the project should advance to the next phase, a larger planning study of alternatives and their environmental and economic costs and benefits. After planning, a project can move toward design and then construction.	N/A	N/A
3	Base Information and Map Slides		
3.1	Baird has begun assembling base information on hydrology, soils, and land cover to understand how the system behaves.	N/A	N/A
3.2	Slides showed Grygla and the general path of water through the area.	N/A	N/A
3.3	Baird requested any existing water quality reports, measurements, or analyses the group can share.	Group	TBD
4	PIFR Content Outline (presented by Baird)		
4.1	Baird (Cami) reviewed the standard PIFR report sections: watershed description and eligibility; potential benefits and purposes; project overview; effects of alternatives on SWAPA + E + H resources; purpose, need, and resource concerns; opportunities; potential stakeholders; three alternatives (structural, non-structural, and an unconstrained option); facilitating factors; obstructing factors; the environmental document; potential cooperating agencies (federal agencies and tribes); and the recommendation.	N/A	N/A
5	Questions and Discussion		
5.1	NRCS (Danielle Heil, COR): Documentation of damages will be important for the city to share with Baird.	DH	TBD

No.	Item	Action by	Date Required
5.2	City (Gavin Nordby): The city holds many photographs of flooding. Over the past 10 years the community has experienced repeated flooding, including several events in close succession that exceeded their expected frequency. Basements have flooded and pumping capacity has been overwhelmed. Grygla takes on substantial water during prolonged snow cover followed by late rains, faster than it can be pumped out. Some landowners prefer not to receive additional water. A nearby highway is being reconstructed. The city is hopeful a workable solution can be found, and identified Rose and Rocky as the best sources for photos and information.	RA/RH	TBD
5.3	City (Gavin): Water flow was described at a high level. East of Grygla a dike is in place, and water moves through the Mud River. About 6 miles north of town the land divides, so water reaching that point runs either north to the Moose River or south toward Grygla. The divide is roughly half a mile north of the second curve on County Road 54. The town has difficulty managing water where the Mud River enters.	N/A	N/A
5.4	City (Gavin), historical note: Records from the 1930s and 1940s indicate that culverts once conveyed water west through the highway corridor. Those culverts are no longer in place, and water now routes south, which the town's system struggles to handle.	N/A	N/A
5.5	NRCS (Scott Crist): Asked about community support for construction. The city reported broad support for pursuing a solution, while noting that some landowners have concerns that will need to be addressed through the public process.	N/A	N/A
5.6	NRCS: There is no fixed threshold or vote required to advance the project. The sponsor has authority to acquire land and implement a project, but at this stage the effort is only a PIFR, and complete agreement is never expected. If the sponsor chooses to continue and the plan is reasonable and serves the general public benefit, it can move forward through the process.	N/A	N/A
5.7	Red Lake Watershed District (Tammy Audette): County and commissioner engagement will be important, given the ditch systems involved. Temporary measures such as portable pumps have provided only short-term relief.	N/A	N/A
5.8	NRCS: The project will not satisfy everyone, but all parties will have a voice. Through the Federal Register process, the public can respond and have concerns and comments addressed. No one is excluded.	N/A	N/A
5.9	Red Lake Watershed District (Tammy Audette), Moose River impoundment: Gates are fully closed during large precipitation events.	N/A	N/A

No.	Item	Action by	Date Required
5.10	City (Gavin): Along County Road 54 to the northeast, numerous road and driveway crossings over ditch systems were washed out and had to be replaced by the county.	N/A	N/A
5.11	City (Gavin): The town has no system to remove the water quickly. During events, crews work for hours to keep sewer systems from backing up, and at least one recent event had significant basement flooding.	N/A	N/A
5.12	Moore Engineering (Zach Thoma): A stormwater analysis is underway. The in-town stormwater system discharges to the Mud River, with outlets at or below the ordinary high water elevation, so the river can back up into town regardless of the levee. This is compounded by overland flooding. Some stormwater pipes may have flap gates. There are culverts across County Road 54; some downstream landowners have raised concerns, while landowners within the existing drainage area have not expressed opposition. Overland flooding enters from the west side of town. Flap gates may help, and a stormwater lift station may be needed. Based on FEMA mapping, the levee is not too low but could potentially be extended.	ZT	TBD
5.13	Data and measurements: Baird requested a conceptual levee layout (Moore Engineering to provide), a list of documented flood events with dates (city to provide), and any monitoring data. The watershed district reported about 40 years of water quality monitoring, possible flow and gage records, a water control and operating plan, and plans for the 1999 flood control levee. A completed 10-year mapping and modeling effort on the Thief River is available if useful. Materials will be routed through Danielle Heil (COR) to Baird.	ZT/TA/DH	TBD
5.14	Project purpose: Flooding is the primary purpose. There is no opposition to ancillary benefits such as water quality improvements, which can also support additional funding avenues. The role of the impoundments in flooding, and whether the structure overtopped during a recent event, will be confirmed by the watershed district.	TA	TBD
5.15	Stakeholders and coordination: The planning phase will be fully public; the PIFR does not require that, but the team intends to gather complete information. The watershed district recommended engaging county engineers regarding the judicial ditch systems and the joint ditch board, and Moore Engineering concurred. Flooding problems extend downstream, west of the Moose River. NRCS asked the team to focus on purpose and need, noting that both flood prevention and watershed protection are options, that watershed protection can be implemented through landowner practices without acquisition (at a higher cost share), and that county commissioner engagement is important given the city's limited jurisdiction. Zach Thoma (Moore Engineering) will coordinate as the sponsor-side point person, with Rose handling the city side.	ZT	N/A

No.	Item	Action by	Date Required
5.16	Agricultural drainage: Increased tile drainage with pumping into the ditch system benefits agriculture but does not relieve the town's flooding.	N/A	N/A
MEETING ADJOURNED			
'Parking Lot' Items:	None at this time.		
Next Meeting:	TBD		
Minutes Drafted:	24 JUN 2026		
Minutes Finalized:	6/26/26		
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Drainage Work Group Meeting

When: Thursday July 9, 2026 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: MNDOT Contact District 3
St. Cloud Office and Training Center
3725 12th Street North
St. Cloud, Mn 56303-2107

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Agenda:

11:00 Welcome and Introductions

11:05 Overview and any updates of agenda for the meeting

Assessment update – Tom G.

11:10 **Share information about recent and upcoming drainage related events** – All

- ISG Drainage Tour May 20-21 Mankato, MN
- MN Drainage Inspectors Assn Fall meeting, TENTATIVE August 19-20. Location St. Cloud (Specifics to come).

11:20 **Other Group updates/information**–

11:30 **St. Louis County Abandonment Project Overview/discussion** – St. Louis County Staff.

St. Louis County staff will provide an overview of the project which has lead to their interest in exploring a more streamline abandonment proceeding when a system is not financially sustainable.

Time will include general discussion from group along with overview.

12:15 **Break**

12:25 **Conservation Contracts and Drainage Authorities** – Tom

Conversation will set the stage for future discussion about “who needs to sign contracts” when drainage authorities are doing larger scale conservation efforts on drainage systems like retrofits or mass installation of side water inlets.

1:00 Road Crossing examples and discussion – Chuck Brandel ISG

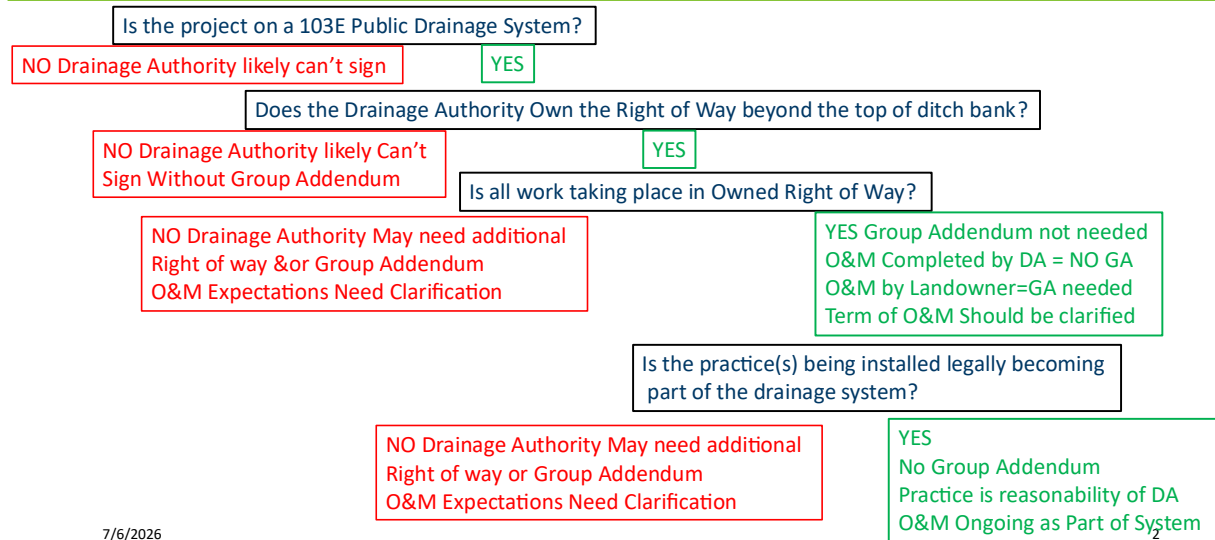
Chuck has a couple example projects to discuss to provide context and examples of road crossings on tile systems. The complexities of these crossings, cost allocations (where applicable), and the process that has been used to date.

1:45 Next DWG meeting, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2026

MN DOT St. Cloud

2:00 Adjourn

DWG & Legislative Updates



7/6/2026

River Watch 2026



The trip began on June 23rd and ended on the 25th. During that time, we took two field trips off the Crookston Campus, one to collect macroinvertebrate samples in Red Lake Falls and the other to tour the diversion project around Fargo ND.

Day 1:

Students began arriving on the UMC Campus at 10:00 AM, checked in and were given some time to settle in and meet the other kids. There was a total of 13 students attending the retreat. With 3 of them being from within the RLWD boundary (Clearbrook-Gonvick). Others came from Lakota, DGF, MCC, Valley Edinberg and others.

Due to inclement weather, we could not go Kayaking but made the most of that time to play games and teach students about the importance of water quality and water management. Once the weather had passed, we made our way down to RLF to do Macroinvertebrate sampling!



After identifying all the invertebrates that the students collected, we returned to Crookston campus where we continued the afternoon with pizza, yard games, volleyball and basketball.

Around 7:00 students were tasked with starting a small bonfire with only ONE match, they did succeed again this year.

Day 2:

The day started early, with packing lunches and having a quick breakfast. Everyone hopped on the bus, and we headed down to Fargo to have a tour of the Fargo Diversion project. Students had a lot of good questions and were fascinated with how large the structures needed to be to handle such a large volume of water.



Final Day:

The last day of the retreat was finished with some River of Dreams canoe decorating and t-shirt signing. All students were headed home by 11:00AM after they had breakfast and the dorm rooms had been cleaned.

From the RLWD Students to the Board:

