

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

January 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Action
	Review and approve agenda	Action
	Requests to appear	Information
	December 30, 2025 Minutes	Action
	Financial Report dated January 7, 2026	Action
	Auto Pay Vendors List	Info/Action
	Manager Appointment	Information
	Election of Board of Officers	Action
	Advisory Committee	Action
	Committees for 2026 (committee list in packet)	Action
	Schedule Board Meetings	Action
	Designate Depositories	Action
	Conflict of Interest Policy Review	Action
	2026 MN Watersheds Dues	Information
	2026 IRS Mileage Rate	Information
	WBIF_SWCD Conservation Practice Assistance Contract Memorandum of Agreement	Info/Action
	Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, CRP Easement	Info/Action
	Summer Intern	Info/Action
	Administrator's Report	Information
	Legal Counsel Update	Information
	Managers' Updates	Information
10:30 am	Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39 Petitioners	Info/Action
	Adjourn	Action

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 8, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
January 13-15, 2026	43 rd Annual RRBC Land & Water International Summit Conference, Winnipeg
January 19, 2026	RLWD Closed – HOLIDAY
January 20, 2025	RRWMB Regular Meeting, Moorhead 9:00 am
January 20, 2025	Legislative Open House, Moorhead, 10:30 am
January 22, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
February 12, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
February 17, 2026	RRWMB Meeting, Ada, 10:00 am
February 25, 2026	Riverwatch Forum, Alerus Center, 9:00 am
February 26, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Minutes
December 30, 2025

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, Brian Dwight, LeRoy Ose, Terry Sorenson, Al Page, and Grant Nelson. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Melissa Bushy, Elaine Rychlock, Lindsey Deselich, Nate Koland, and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the December 11, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the December 11, 2025, Board meeting minutes, with corrections as noted. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated December 29, 2025. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Dwight, to approve the Financial Report dated December 29, 2025. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette discussed the updated proposal from Moriya Rufer, HEI, for the BWSR Strategic Planning Assessment. Audette submitted a Grant Application to BWSR in the amount of \$10,000 to assist in paying for the assessment.

Administrator Audette and Tony Nordby, HEI, reviewed the Concurrence Point 1 presentation slides that were shown at the last SD 83/Thief River Area Flooding Concerns Project Team Meeting held on December 17, 2025.

Administrator Audette discussed the letter from USDA relating to planning assistance, NRCS PL-566, for the City of Grygla, RLWD Project No. 183.

The Board reviewed the following permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 25189, MN DNR, Moose River Township, Marshall County. Motion carried.

Administrator's Update:

- **2026 County Drainage Conference:** Audette and staff member Erick Huseth plan to attend the 2026 County Drainage conference January 27-29, 2026, in Alexandria.
- **MPCA Press Release:** Included in the packet was a news article prepared by the MPCA regarding Red Lake River Watershed Projects focusing on restoration where it matters most.
- **BWSR:** Staff members Hanson, Rychlock and Audette participated in the BWSR Cradle to Grave Workshop for grants training held in TRF on December 22nd.
- **Flood Damage Reduction Work Group:** The FDRWG that was scheduled for December 10th was postponed due to the weather is now scheduled for February 18th.

- **Pine Lake Aeration:** Staff member Olson delivered the dissolved oxygen sensor to the Sportsman's Club for aeration monitoring on Pine Lake. The Leader Record no longer publishes a printed copy of their paper; however, the Farmers Independent still produces a paper, therefore, all notices of aeration will be placed in the Farmers Independent.
- **Dugdale WMA:** Audette and Engineer Dalager met with MnDNR staff regarding the Dugdale WMA. Discussion was held on the function of the WMA.

Administrator Audette and Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, updated the board on RLWD Project No. 114, Turtle Connection Cross Lakes Project. Dalager discussed the Munter property. Mr. Munter requested repairs that would allow him to cross over to his property. It was the consensus of the Board, to offer the installation of a Texas crossing, which would allow access to Munters' property.

Manager Dwight shared that he was re-appointed by Beltrami County for another three-year term on the RLWD Board.

Manager Ose shared that he was re-appointed by Marshall County for another three-year term on the RLWD Board.

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

LeRoy Ose, Secretary

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Financial Report for January 7, 2026

Ck#	Check Issued to:	Description	Amount
online	EFTPS/MN Withholding	Withholding FICA, Fed, Medi, & MN Tax (pp 12/31/25)	\$6,394.49
online	PERA	pp 12/31/25	\$3,128.39
42083	Ace Hardware	Plumbing Supplies	\$50.95
42085*	Clearwater County SWCD	Swag Mileage & billable time for Lake Testing	\$4,173.05
42086	Clifford Schulz	Gopher Trapping Project #60C/60D Grand Marais	\$940.00
42087	Digi-Key Corporation	Batteries for office	\$124.69
42088	Evelynn Klamm	2025 Scholarship (board approved 9-25-25)	\$1,000.00
42089	Farmers Union Oil TRF	Fuel for vehicles	\$273.92
42090	Gene Tiedemann	Mileage	\$328.20
42091	HDR	Turtle, Mud, SD #83 T & E Fees	\$21,328.44
42092	Hugo's	Nov & Dec Statements - Meeting expenses	\$570.40
42093	Lee's Plumbing & Heating	Plumbing issue	\$462.95
42094	Marco	Monthly Copier Fee	\$286.12
42095	Marshall County SWCD	Fees for WBIF Thief River 1W1P	\$1,307.68
42096	Matrix	Deferred Comp.	\$645.73
42097	Pennington SWCD	Admin, proj. dev. & T& E Fees for 1W1P	\$1,918.63
42098	Red Lake County SWCD	1W1P T&E for 2024 for Huot Streambank	\$883.20
42099	TRF Hardware	Ice Melt	\$14.99
online	Corporate Technologies	Managed IT Services	\$1,740.00
online	Corporate Technologies	Microsoft 365 Monthly Subscription	\$240.00
online	WEX	FSA Medical Reimbursement	\$37.45
online	Voya	Staff Health Care Savings Plan (12/31/25 pp)	\$365.73
online	Vestis	Rug Rental x 2	\$157.30
online	Medica	Health Insurance Premiums	\$11,319.06
online	Delta Dental	Dental Insurance Premiums	\$631.22
online	WEX	FSA Medical Reimbursement	\$21.79
online	WEX	FSA Medical Reimbursement	\$404.11
online	WEX	FSA Medical Reimbursement	\$40.00
online	WEX (12/23/25)	Dependant Care Reimbursement (found during reconciliation)	\$8.25
online	WEX (12/23/25)	FSA Medical Reimbursement (found during reconciliation)	\$782.00
online	WEX	FSA Medical Reimbursement	\$17.64
online	AFLAC	Staff Insurance	\$489.36
online	Cardmember Services	MAWD Registration & Lodging, Adobe, Office Supplies	\$4,705.64
direct	Leroy Ose	Mileage	\$25.20
direct	Terry Sorenson	Mileage	\$317.80
direct	Grant Nelson	Mileage	\$67.20
direct	Tom Anderson	Mileage	\$156.80
direct	Al Page	Mileage	\$308.00
direct	Brian Dwight	Mileage	\$571.90
direct	Salaries Staff & Board	(pp 12/31/25)	\$18,654.70
Total Checks			\$84,892.98

<u>Northern</u>	Balance as of December 30, 2025		\$700,768.28
<u>State</u>	Total Check Written		-\$84,892.98
<u>Bank</u>	Receipt # 12460	Marshall County Riparian Aid	\$1,280.00
<u>TRF</u>	Receipt # 12461	December Interest	\$4,180.07
	Receipt # 12463	Dakota Heritage Monthly CD Interest	\$7,490.83
	Receipt # 12464	Pennington County Riparian Aid	\$3,213.50
	Receipt # 12465	Polk County Taxes	\$1,230.49
	Receipt # 12466	Beltrami County Taxes	\$38.60
	Balance as of January 7, 2026	Current interest rate is 3.25%	\$633,308.79

<u>American</u>	Balance as of December 30, 2025		\$3,853,096.62
<u>Federal</u>	Receipt # 12462	December Interest	\$11,147.98
<u>Fosston</u>	Balance as of January 7, 2026	Current interest rate is 3.35%	\$3,864,244.60

<u>CD's</u>	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.50% Expiry 02-05-26	\$ 250,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.50% Expiry 02-26-26	\$ 500,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.50% Expiry 02-26-26	\$ 250,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.50% Expiry 05-07-26	\$ 500,000.00
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.50% Expiry 5-7-26	\$ 500,000.00
	Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.25% Expiry 5-29-26	\$ 237,000.00
	Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.30% Expiry 6-18-26	\$ 239,000.00
	Northern State Bank	7 month CD 4.2% Expiry 2-15-26	\$ 250,000.00
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	Total CD Investments		\$2,976,000.00

Total Cash (NSB + AFB + CD's)

\$7,473,553.39

**Cash that has been received and earmarked for projects:
(taken from remaining balance on financials)**

	2024 Grant Red Lake River 1W1P Project #149	\$817,343.48
40% coming after reconciliation	2024 Grant Thief River 1W1P Project #149A	-\$16,382.11
	2023 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	\$155,385.76
	2025 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	\$1,485,882.00
	Mid Point Grant Project Red Lake River #149	\$25,000.00
	Chief's Coulee Project #46S	\$214,375.00
	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	\$353,194.00
		\$ 3,136,930.13

Payables committed to by board action:

	Chief's Coulee Proj. #46S	\$800,000.00
	City of Grygla	\$12,500.00
	Mud River 180C	\$500,000.00
		\$ 1,312,500.00

Total accessible cash (Est.)

\$ 3,024,123.26

RLWD Advisory Committee

Steve Holte, Thief River Area
Dave Rodahl, Thief River Area
Loiell Dyrud, Thief River Area
Trent Stanley, Thief River Area
Jim Sparby, Thief River Area
Robyn Dwight, Upper Red Lake Area
John Ungerecht, Upper Red Lake Area
John Barrett, Grand Marais/Red Lake Area
Kelly Dahlen, Red Lake River Area
Shane Bowe, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
John A. Nelson, Walker Brook Area
Steve Linder, Clearwater River Area
Ben Linder, Clearwater River Area
John Gunvalson, Clearwater River Area
Roger Love, Grand Marais Area
Dan Schmitz, Black River Area
Curt Beyer, Black River Area
Greg Dyrdal, Black River Area
Wayne Larson, Moose River Area
Elroy Aune, Moose River Area
Larry Peterson, Gully Sportsman's Club
Jim Counter, Pennington County Sportsman's Club
Mike Solsten, Pine Lake
Dave Dalager, Pine Lake Area
Gary Mathis, Lost River Area

Pennington SWCD
Peter Nelson
Greg Hilgeman

Red Lake SWCD
Tanya Waldo

West Polk SWCD
Nicole Bernd

East Polk SWCD
Rachel Klein

Marshall SWCD
Darren Carlson

Beltrami SWCD
Claire Hansen

Clearwater SWCD
Chester Powell

Advisory Committee Members

Black River Area

*Dan Schmitz, RLF
Curt Beyer, RLF
Greg Dyrdal, TRF

Moose River Area

Wayne Larson, Middle River
Elroy Aune, Gatzke

Burnham Creek Area

Clearwater River Area

Steve Linder, Oklee
Ben Linder
Mark Larson
*John Gunvalson, Gonvick

Lost River Area

Gary Mathis, Gonvick

Grand Marais/Red Area

Roger Love
John Barrett

Poplar River Area

Clearwater Lake Area

Thief River Area

*Dave Rodahl, TRF
Trent Stanley
*Steve Holte
Jim Sparby
Loiell Dyrud

Walker Brook Area

*John A. Nelson, Clearbrook

Pine Lake Area

Dave Dalager
Mike Solsten
Larry Peterson

Red Lake River Area

Kelly Dahlen

Upper Red Lake Area

*John Ungerecht, Northome
Robyn Dwight
Shane Bowe

Hill River Area

Sportsmen Club

Larry Peterson-Gully
Jim Counter-Pennington County

*Overall Advisory Committee Members

2025 Board Committees

Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB)

LeRoy Ose-Delegate (2021 1st year of a 3-year term)
Gene Tiedemann-Alternate
Grant Nelson

Minnesota Watershed (aka: MAWD)

LeRoy Ose-Delegate
Gene Tiedemann-Delegate
Allan Page-Alternate

Budget/Salary/Personnel Committee

Terry Sorenson
Al Page
Brian Dwight

Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board

Grant Nelson
Gene Tiedemann
Allan Page
Terry Sorenson-Alternate

Joint Ditch 100 and 101

(formerly JD 72) Joint Ditch Board

Terry Sorenson
Tom Anderson

20% Flood Reduction Committee

Tom Anderson
LeRoy Ose
Brian Dwight

Blackduck Lake Structure Joint Powers Board

Brian Dwight
Tom Anderson

Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

Gene Tiedemann-Policy Committee
Grant Nelson-Alternate
Grant Nelson-Advisory Committee
Allan Page-Advisory Committee

Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

LeRoy Ose-Policy Committee
Grant M. Nelson-Alternate
Grant M. Nelson-Advisory Committee
Brian Dwight-Advisory Committee

Clearwater River 1W1P

Tom Anderson-Policy Committee Delegate
Terry Sorenson-Policy Committee Alternate
Allan Page-Advisory Committee

Upper/Lower Red Lake 1W1P

Brian Dwight-Policy Committee Delegate
Tom Anderson, Policy Committee Alternate
Tom Anderson – Advisory Committee

Mud River Project Work Team

LeRoy Ose
Brian Dwight, Alternate

Turtle Connection Cross Lakes Project Work Team

Terry Sorenson
Tom Anderson, Alternate

SD 83/Thief River Area Flooding Concerns Project Work Team

LeRoy Ose
Grant Nelson

2026 CALENDAR

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
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Conflict of Interest Policy

The Board of Managers hereby adopts for themselves and successor Managers the following guidelines in an effort to avoid real and perceived conflicts of interest and to enhance the credibility of the District's actions:

1. All Managers shall comply with MSA Sec. 471.87. No Manager shall have a personal financial interest in any sale, lease, or contract entered into by the Board as it applies to MSA Sec. 471.87.
2. Disclosure. At the beginning of the discussion on any subject, all Managers shall disclose any potential conflict of interest and/or direct pecuniary interest they may have. Examples of matters which should be disclosed by the Managers include:
 - a. They own land which may be assessed.
 - b. They own land which may benefit or be damaged other than by a direct tax.
 - c. They have close relatives who have lands as described in (a) and (b) above, and that said relationship is such that it may affect their judgment.
 - d. They have close friends or business associates who have lands as described in (a) and (b) above, and that said relationship is such that it may affect their judgment.
 - e. They are a public officer, such as a township officer, which has potential interest or that may be affected by said project.
3. All Managers shall abstain from Board discussion and voting on any resolution that involves a direct pecuniary interest.
4. Each Manager shall use his own judgment in other situations and when in doubt should probably abstain from discussion and voting.
5. To avoid the appearance of wrongdoing, it is suggested that a Manager should remove himself from the Manager's chair and sit in the audience when he wishes to participate in a public discussion, particularly a public meeting on subjects where he may have a direct conflict of interest.
6. To the extent applicable, the Watershed staff is instructed to follow the above guidelines.

Adopted March 11, 1992

Amended April 8, 2010

I have reviewed this policy and agree to abide by these rules.

Signed _____ Dated _____



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 29, 2025
TO: Watershed District and Watershed Management Organization Administrators
FROM: Jan Voit, Executive Director
CC: Minnesota Watersheds Board of Directors
Angie Obremski, Accountant
RE: 2026 Annual Membership Dues

As a non-profit organization that serves local governments, both rural and urban, that focus on water management on watershed boundaries, Minnesota Watersheds is a membership-driven organization. We greatly appreciate your membership in our organization.

Member services include regular communication regarding Minnesota Watersheds activities, as well as education and training opportunities at workshops, our legislative event, our summer tour, and our annual conference and trade show. We also provide lobbying services and worked with the Lockridge Grindal Nauen lobbying firm in 2025 on our legislative priorities – state agency permitting efficiency and chloride management.

Please find attached a 2026 membership dues invoice and a spreadsheet that shows the amount due from each watershed district or watershed management organization in 2026. **The dues formula remains the same as in 2025.** Our bylaws state that the dues payable date is January 31 each year.

2026 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues Calculation = Estimated Market Value (EMV) x 0.00048 x 0.005, not to exceed cap
103D rural member Cap = \$5,000
103D rural member with additional tax revenue options Cap = \$7,500
103B metro WD member (EMV ≤ \$10B) Cap = \$7,500
103B metro WD member (EMV ≥ \$10B) Cap = \$12,500

**Minnesota Watersheds
c/o Obremski Ltd.
1005 Mainstreet
Hopkins, MN 55343**

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT DIRECTLY TO OUR ACCOUNTANT.

We cannot be successful without our members. We are grateful for your support. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 507-822-0921 or jvoit@mnwatersheds.com.

We are stronger TOGETHER!

Enclosures:

- Dues invoice
- Member Services
- 2026 dues spreadsheet
- BWSR memo dated August 7, 2025 re: 2025 Estimated Market Values

PRESIDENT
Brad Kramer (Region 2)
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507-369-6050 | Term 2025

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651-260-0916 | Term 2026

Jan Voit
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INVOICE

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Hopkins, MN 55343
507-822-0921
jvoit@mnwatersheds.com

Invoice No : 100
Date : 10/29/2025

Name
Red Lake Watershed District

2026	Minnesota Watersheds	Dues	Line Total
Amount due			\$ 7,500.00

Subtotal	\$ 7,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,500.00

Make all checks payable to Minnesota Watersheds.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!



IRS sets 2026 business standard mileage rate at **72.5** cents per mile, up 2.5 cents

IR-2025-128, Dec. 29, 2025

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the optional standard mileage rate for business use of automobiles will increase by 2.5 cents in 2026, while the mileage rate for vehicles used for medical purposes will decrease by half a cent, reflecting updated cost data and annual inflation adjustments.

Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable, and medical purposes. Additionally, the optional standard mileage rate may be used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and now, under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, certain members of the intelligence community.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be:

- 72.5 cents per mile [driven for business use](#), up 2.5 cents from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, down a half cent from 2025.
- 20.5 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces (and now certain members of the intelligence community), reduced by a half cent from last year.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2025.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.

Under the law, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses, except for certain educator expenses. However, deductions for expenses that are deductible in determining adjusted gross income remain allowable, such as for certain members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, certain state and local government officials, certain performing artists, and eligible educators. Alternatively, eligible educators may claim an itemized deduction for certain unreimbursed employee travel expenses. In addition, only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty or certain members of the intelligence community may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

PERCENT BASED CONSERVATION PRACTICE ASSISTANCE CONTRACT

General Information

Organization	Contract Number	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/> Date(s):	Canceled <input type="checkbox"/> Date:
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*If contract amended, attach amendment form(s) to this contract.

Applicant

Land Occupier Name	Address	City/State	Zip code
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* If a group contract, this must be filed and signed by the group spokesperson as designated in the group agreement and the group agreement attached to this form.

Conservation Practice Location

Township Name	Township	Range	Section	1/4,1/4
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Contract Information

I (we), the undersigned, do hereby request assistance to help defray the cost of installing the following practice(s) listed on the second page of this contract. It is understood that:

1. The land occupier is responsible for full establishment, operation, and maintenance of practice(s) and upland treatment criteria applied under this program to ensure that the conservation objectives are met and the effective life, a **minimum of ____ years**, is achieved. The specific operation and maintenance requirements for the conservation practice(s) listed are described in the Operation and Maintenance Plan prepared for this contract by the technical assistance provider.
2. Should the land occupier fail to maintain the practice(s) during the effective life, the land occupier is liable to the organization for up to ____% of the amount of financial assistance received to install and establish the practice(s) unless the failure was caused by reasons beyond the land occupier’s control, or if conservation practices are applied at the land occupier’s expense that provide equivalent protection of the soil and water resources.
3. If title to this land is transferred to another party before expiration of the aforementioned effective life, it shall be the responsibility of the landowner who signed this contract to advise the new owner that this contract is in force and to notify other parties to the contract of the transfer.
4. Practice(s) must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications of the Organization: _____
5. Increases in the practice(s) units or cost must be approved by the Organization through amendment of this contract as a condition to increase the financial assistance payments.
6. This contract, when approved by the organization, will remain in effect unless canceled or amended by mutual agreement. If the practice(s) covered by this contract have not been installed by ____ (date), this contract will be automatically terminated on that date.
7. Items of cost for which reimbursement is claimed are to be supported by invoices/receipts for payments and will be verified by the organization as practical and reasonable. The invoices/receipts must include: the name of the vendor; the materials, labor or equipment used; the component unit costs; and the date(s) the work was performed. The Organization has the authority to make adjustments to the costs submitted for reimbursement. Reimbursement requests must also be supported by a completed Percent Based Voucher Form.

Applicant Signatures

The land occupier's signature indicates agreement to:

1. Grant the Organization's representative(s) access to the parcel(s) where the conservation practice(s) will be located.
2. Have all required legal land rights, including but not limited to: access and authority to both construct and maintain the conservation practice(s) agreed upon in this contract for the effective life of the practice(s).

3. Obtain any permits required in conjunction with the installation and establishment of the practice(s) prior to starting construction of the practice(s).
4. Be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the conservation practice(s) applied under this program in accordance with an Operation and Maintenance Plan prepared by the technical assistance provider.
5. Not accept financial assistance funds, from state sources in excess of ____ percent, or state and non-state sources that when combined are in excess of ____ percent of the total cost to establish the conservation practice(s).
6. Provide copies of all forms and contracts pertinent to any other state or non-state programs that are contributing funds toward this project.

Date	Land Occupier
Date	Landowner, if different from applicant Address, if different from applicant information:

Conservation Practice

The primary practice for which assistance is requested is _____

Practice standard(s) or eligible component(s)	Total Project Cost Estimate
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Technical Assessment and Cost Estimate

I have the appropriate technical expertise and have reviewed the site where the above-listed practice(s) will be installed and deem the practice(s) needed and that the estimated quantities and costs are practical and reasonable.

Date	Technical Assistance Provider
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Amount Authorized for Financial Assistance

The Organization has authorized the following for financial assistance: total not to exceed ____ percent of the total cost to establish the conservation practice. Payment will be made by the Red Lake Watershed District, as fiscal agent for the Organizer, Red Lake River Watershed Partnership, after the work has been certified complete by the Organization.

Approval Date	Authorized Signature	Total Amount Authorized \$
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Red Lake River Watershed Based Implementation Funding
Project Cost Share Payments
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

This agreement was made and entered into on this day by and between the West Polk Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD).

PURPOSE

This Agreement is to facilitate the coordinated implementation of the Red Lake River Watershed Based Implementation Fund (RLR WBIF). Specifically, this MOA outlines the process for cost share payments for completed/certified conservation practices identified under the Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP).

WITNESSETH: The RLWD, as the RLR WBIF Fiscal Agent, submits cost share payments directly to the approved Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract holder for conservation practices implemented within the Red Lake River CWMP planning boundary of West Polk County.

TERMS

Payment: The RLWD, RLR WBIF Fiscal Agent, submits project cost share payment directly to the contract holder from the appropriate WBIF fiscal year grant funds once all required documentation is received from the West Polk SWCD.

Administration: West Polk SWCD will submit required documentation to the RLWD and conduct/process all project and contractual responsibilities as stated in the BWSR Grants Administration Manual (GAM), [“Providing Financial Assistance to Land Occupiers”](#).

DURATION AND TERMINATION

Term: This Agreement is effective from January 8, 2026, through _____ unless earlier terminated or extended by written agreement.

Cancellation: Either party may cancel this Agreement with 30 days’ written notice.

SIGNATURES

Authorized representatives of both parties must sign below to complete this agreement.

For West Polk SWCD:

_____ Date: _____
District Manager/Board Chair

For Red Lake Watershed District:

_____ Date: _____
President

LEASE AGREEMENT

This Lease Agreement is made, effective on January 8, 2026 ~~uly 25, 2022~~, by and between the Red Lake Watershed District, (hereinafter referred to as Lessor) and Scott Sorvig Niek Knott, (hereinafter referred to as Lessee).

1. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY. Lessor leases to Lessee, to occupy and use for agricultural farming and for no other purposes, the following real estate located in the County of Pennington, State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Tract in the Southeast Quarter Southeast Quarter (SE1/4 SE1/4), Section Three (3), That part of the Lot 1 and the Southeast Quarter Northeast Quarter (SE1/4 NE1/4), Section Four (4), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North, of Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian consisting of 3.75 acres.; and

Lots Three (3) and Four (4), and South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S1/2NW1/4), Section Three (3), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North, of Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian; and

The Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) and the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N1/2SE1/4), Section Three (3), Township One Hundred Fifty-two (152) North of Range Forty-five (45) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING TWO PARCELS:

Beginning at a point on the North Line of Section 3, Township 152, Range 45, 1264 feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Section; thence East 1264 feet; thence South 2652 feet to the quarter Section corner; thence West 522 feet; thence Northwesterly to the point of beginning.

AND

Beginning at a point 522 feet West of the quarter Section corner on the East line of Section 3, Township 152, Range 45; thence East 522 feet; thence South 1320 feet; thence West 95 feet; thence northwesterly to a point of beginning.

2. The term of this Lease Agreement shall be from January 8, 2026 to September 30, 2033 for CRP Contract No. 11306A, which Lessee will receive 100% of CRP annual rental payment for Fiscal Years 2025-2033. Lessor reserving the right to re-negotiate the lease term rate in regard to any new lease agreements. However, Lessor shall have no right to terminate said written contract during the term of the CRP contract relating to the leased real property which is in effect at the time of the creation of this lease agreement, as long as Lessee is current in all other lease obligations, unless the same is done under eminent domain.

3. BINDING EFFECT. The provisions of this Lease Agreement shall be binding on the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of both Lessor and Lessee in like manner as upon the original parties, unless modified by mutual agreement.

4. RENTAL. Lessee agrees to pay to Lessor, as annual cash rent for the above described real property, the initial amount of 25% of rental rate per acre (~~\$103.22~~~~112.66~~) in accordance to Section 9A of the CRP Contract ~~11306A~~ ~~11264~~ (3.75 acres contract) or twenty ~~five~~ and ~~81~~/100ths Dollars (~~\$25.81~~) per acre per acre as shown in Exhibit "A". The first installment is to be paid on October 1, 2026, and subsequent installments on October 1st of each year thereafter for the term of this lease agreement. Attached is Exhibit "B" which list per/acre amounts to be paid during the above-described CRP contracts. \$96.79

5. EXPENSES. Lessee shall be responsible for all costs associated with the establishment of grass in accordance with the CRP contract. Upon satisfaction of established CRP grassed and after approval of establishment is had by Farm Service Agency (FSA), any future reseeding caused by operation of the Black River Impoundment which causes flooding and damages to the established grass, the Lessee and Lessor will each share 50% cost of reseeding CRP to the requirement of the contract. This 50/50 cost share only applies to parcels CRP Contract 11263 and that any reseeding on CRP Contract 11264 is sole responsibility of Lessee. ??????

6. LAND USE. Lessor and Lessee agree that the leased real property will only be used for hay or other grass crop purposes or may be enrolled in what is commonly known as the CRP program and in that case, all use of said real property by Lessee shall remain consistent with the terms and regulations of said program.

7. LESSOR'S INVESTMENTS AND EXPENSES. Lessor agrees to furnish the property, and to pay the items of expense listed below:

(a) Lessor shall pay all real estate taxes, if any, when due.

8. LESSEE'S INVESTMENTS AND EXPENSES. Lessee agrees to furnish the property and services, and to pay the items of expense listed below:

(a) Liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$100,000.00.

(b) All machinery, equipment, materials and labor necessary to comply with the terms, rules and regulations of the CRP program, if the leased real property is so enrolled.

(c) Lessee shall bear the full burden and liability for any failure to carry out the provisions or requirements of any enrolled CRP program, and shall hold Lessor harmless therefrom except for provisions stated in Section 4 of this document.

9. RIGHT OF RE-ENTRY. Lessor reserves the right to enter upon the leased premises at any reasonable time for the purpose of viewing the leased premises, or making repairs, maintenance or improvements on or to the leased premises, provided that such entry and activity shall not interfere with the occupancy of Lessee or violate any of the provisions of the CRP program requirements. If any action of Lessor results in a violation of any of the conditions or requirements of said program, Lessor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Lessee for any

damages arising as a result of said violations caused by the direct actions of Lessor. If Lessor, in its activities, directly causes any of the leased real property to become out of compliance with the CRP program, Lessor shall be responsible for ensuring that the leased premises are repaired and brought back into compliance with said program. At the discretion of Lessor, this property may also be open to the public for fall hunting. Lessor will be responsible for any damages caused by the public as a result of the public access.

10. ASSIGNMENT OR SUBLETTING. Lessee shall not assign this Lease Agreement, or any interest in this Lease Agreement, nor sublet the Leased Premises, or any part of the Leased Premises. Lessee shall also not permit the Leased Premises, or any part of the Leased Premises, to be occupied or possessed by any other person or persons other than Lessee's agents and employees. Any such assignment or subletting shall be cause for termination of the Lease Agreement.

11. WATER RIGHTS. Lessee shall take no action, nor alter or improve any portion of the Leased Premises in a manner which would affect the source, flow or outlet of any surface water on said Leased Premises. Lessee shall not affect or divert in any way the surface water now located or to be located on the Leased Premises without the express written permission of Lessor.

12. GOVERNING LAW. It is agreed that this Lease Agreement shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

13. WAIVERS. Waiver by Lessor of any breach of any covenant or duty of Lessee under this Lease Agreement is not a waiver of a breach or of any other covenant or duty of Lessee, or of any subsequent breach of the same covenant or duty.

14. EFFECT OF PARTIAL INVALIDITY. Invalidity of any provision of this Lease Agreement will not and shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other provision. In the event that any provision of this Lease Agreement is held to be invalid, the parties agree that the remaining provisions shall be deemed to be in full force and effect as if they had been executed by both parties subsequent to the expungement of the invalid provision.

15. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Lease Agreement shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this Lease Agreement shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated in this Lease Agreement.

16. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT. Any modification of this Lease Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if evidenced in a writing signed by each party or an authorized representative of each party.

17. HEADINGS. The titles to the paragraphs of this Lease Agreement are solely for the convenience of the parties and shall not be used to explain, modify, simplify, or aid in the interpretation of the provisions of this Lease Agreement.



Farm Service Agency
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Pennington County Service Center
201 Sherwood Ave S
Thief River Falls, MN 56701
Phone: (218)681-1612
Email: mnthiefriv-fsa@usda.gov

Red Lake County Service Center
2610 Wheat Drive
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750
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Email: mnredlakef-fsa@one.usda.gov

December 17, 2025

RECEIVED

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
1000 PENNINGTON AVE
THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN 56701

DEC 19 2025

Initial: LS

Re: CRP Revision

Dear Producer:

Enclosed are the forms for the revision of your CRP. Please read the forms, initial, sign, and date where indicated and return them to the county office within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you do not return the required documentation within 30 days the contract will be terminated, and a refund will be required of all payments earned under contract.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the County FSA Office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Luke Sadler

Luke Sadler
County Executive Director
Pennington County FSA Office
Red Lake County FSA Office

Emma Carlson

CRP-1 (05-05-25) CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM CONTRACT	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Commodity Credit Corporation		1. ST. & CO. CODE & ADMIN. LOCATION 27 113	2. SIGN-UP NUMBER 59
			3. CONTRACT NUMBER 11306A	4. ACRES FOR ENROLLMENT 3.75
5A. COUNTY FSA OFFICE ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) PENNINGTON COUNTY FARM SERVICE AGENCY 201 SHERWOOD AVENUE S THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN56701-3407			6. TRACT NUMBER 5551	7. CONTRACT PERIOD FROM: (MM-DD-YYYY) 06-01-2023 TO: (MM-DD-YYYY) 09-30-2033
5B. COUNTY FSA OFFICE PHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code): (218) 681-1612 x2			8. SIGNUP TYPE: Continuous	

INSTRUCTIONS: RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO YOUR COUNTY FSA OFFICE.

THIS CONTRACT is entered into between the Commodity Credit Corporation (referred to as "CCC") and the undersigned owners, operators, or tenants (referred to as "the Participant"). The Participant agrees to place the designated acreage into the Conservation Reserve Program ("CRP") or other use set by CCC for the stipulated contract period from the date the Contract is executed by the CCC. The Participant also agrees to implement on such designated acreage the Conservation Plan developed for such acreage and approved by the CCC and the Participant. Additionally, the Participant and CCC agree to comply with the terms and conditions contained in this Contract, including the Appendix to this Contract, entitled Appendix to CRP-1, Conservation Reserve Program Contract (referred to as "Appendix"). By signing below, the Participant acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Appendix/Appendices for the applicable contract period. The terms and conditions of this contract are contained in this Form CRP-1 and in the CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto. BY SIGNING THIS CONTRACT PARTICIPANTS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS: CRP-1; CRP-1 Appendix and any addendum thereto; and, CRP-2, CRP-2C, CRP-2G, or CRP-2C30, as applicable.

9A. Rental Rate Per Acre	\$ 103.22	10. Identification of CRP Land (See Page 2 for additional space)				
9B. Annual Contract Payment	\$ 387.00	A. Tract No.	B. Field No.	C. Practice No.	D. Acres	E. Total Estimated Cost-Share
9C. First Year Payment	\$	5551	2	CP23A	3.70	\$ 422.00
(Item 9C is applicable only when the first year payment is prorated.)		5551	4	CP23A	0.05	\$ 6.00

11. PARTICIPANTS (If more than three individuals are signing, see Page 3.)

A(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code) RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT 1000 PENNINGTON AVE THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN56701-4013	(2) SHARE 100.00 %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)	(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY	(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
B(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)	(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY	(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
C(1) PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS (Include Zip Code)	(2) SHARE %	(3) SIGNATURE (By)	(4) TITLE/RELATIONSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUAL SIGNING IN THE REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY	(5) DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)

12. CCC USE ONLY	A. SIGNATURE OF CCC REPRESENTATIVE	B. DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)
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NOTE: Privacy Act Statement: The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 552a - as amended). The authority for requesting the information identified on this form is the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter Act (15 U.S.C. 714 et seq.), the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.), the Agricultural Act of 2014 (16 U.S.C. 3831 et seq.), the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-334), the Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024 (Pub. L. 118-22), the American Relief Act, 2025 (Pub. L. 118-158), and the Conservation Reserve Program 7 CFR Part 1410. The information will be used to determine eligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program. The information collected on this form may be disclosed to other Federal, State, Local government agencies, Tribal agencies, and nongovernmental entities that have been authorized access to the information by statute or regulation and/or as described in applicable Routine Uses identified in the System of Records Notice for USDA/FSA-2, Farm Records File (Automated). Providing the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to furnish the requested information will result in a determination of ineligibility to participate in and receive benefits under the Conservation Reserve Program.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		CONSERVATION PLAN OR SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS			NRCS-CPA-1155	
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE						
PARTICIPANT	COUNTY AND STATE	PROGRAM AND CONTRACT NUMBER			FUND CODE	
Red Lake Watershed District	PENNINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA					
LAND UNITS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION		WATERSHED	ACRES	EXPIRATION DATE		
Tract 5551 Fields 2, 4			3.75	9/30/2033		

Total Cost-Share or Payment by Year											Contract Payment
Year	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023-33	
Amount(\$)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTES: A. All items numbers on form NRCS-CPA-1155 must be carried out as part of this contract to prevent violation.
 B. When established, the conservation practices identified by the numbered items must be maintained by the participant at no cost to the government.
 All cost share rates are based on average cost (AC) with the following exceptions:
 AA = Actual costs not to exceed average cost. FR = Flat rate. PR = Payment rate. NC = Non cost-shared. AM = Actual cost not to exceed the specified maximum.
 D. By signing, the participant acknowledges receipt of this conservation plan including this form NRCS-CPA-1155 and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions here of.

Certification of Participants

Signature	Date
Red Lake Watershed District	

Signatures of Reviewing Officials

NRCS -Technical Adequacy Certification Signature Date	Approved by Conservation District Representative Signature Date
FSA Representative Signature Date	

PARTICIPANT Red Lake Watershed District	COUNTY AND STATE Pennington County, Minnesota	PROGRAM AND CONTRACT NUMBER CRP 43-23-6539	FUND CODE
LAND UNITS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION Tract: 5551 Fields: 2 4	WATERSHED Not Applicable	ACRES 3.75	EXPIRATION DATE 9/30/2033

Contract Item 1 Wetland Restoration (657)														
Restoration - Restore a wetland and its functions to a close approximation of its original condition as it existed prior to disturbance on a former or degraded wetland site.														
Fields: Tract: 5551 Fields: 2 4														
Contract Item	PLANNED CONSERVATION TREATMENT	Planned Amount	Unit Cost	Cost Share Rate/Method	Completion Schedule and Estimated Cost Share or Payment by Year									
					2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1	Wetland Restoration (657)	3.75 Ac		\$0.00										
1a	2001 Seedbed Prep and Seeding – New Land	3.75 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM	0.00									
1b	CRPSEEDNAT Native Species Mixture	3.75 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	50% AM	0.00									

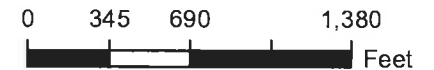
Contract Item 2 Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)														
Upland Wildlife Habitat Management; Low - Enable movement and / or provide food and cover to sustain wildlife that inhabit uplands. Application of this practice will meet wildlife habitat planning criteria.														
Fields: Tract: 5551 Fields: 2 4														
Contract Item	PLANNED CONSERVATION TREATMENT	Planned Amount	Unit Cost	Cost Share Rate/Method	Completion Schedule and Estimated Cost Share or Payment by Year									
					2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
					\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645)	3.75 Ac		\$0.00										
2a	MCMNOCMOW mid contract management - No Cost Share Mowing	3.75 Ac	\$0.00/Ac	0% AM					0.00	0.00	0.00			

Farm Tract

2025 Program Year

Map Created May 02, 2025

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- Unless otherwise noted:
 Shares are 100% operator
 Crops are non-irrigated
 Corn = yellow for grain
 Soybeans = common soybeans for grain
 Wheat = HRS, HRW = Grain
 Sunflower = Oil, Non-Oil = Grain
 Oats and Barley = Spring for grain
 Rye = for grain
 Peas = process
 Alfalfa, Mixed Forage AGM, GMA, IGS = for forage
 Beans = Dry Edible
 NAG = for GZ
 Canola = Spring for seed

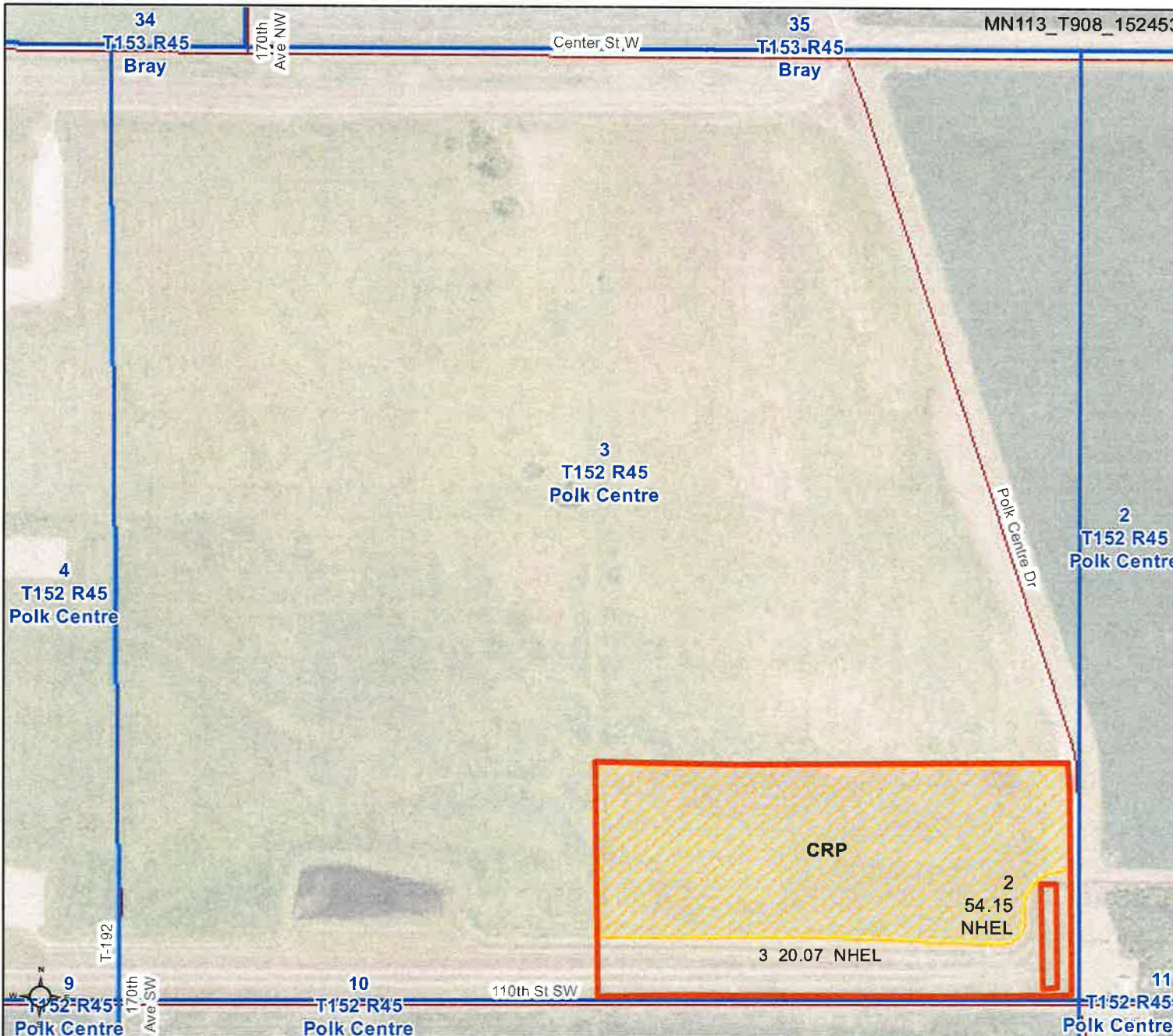
Common Land Unit

- Cropland
- CRP
- Tract Boundary

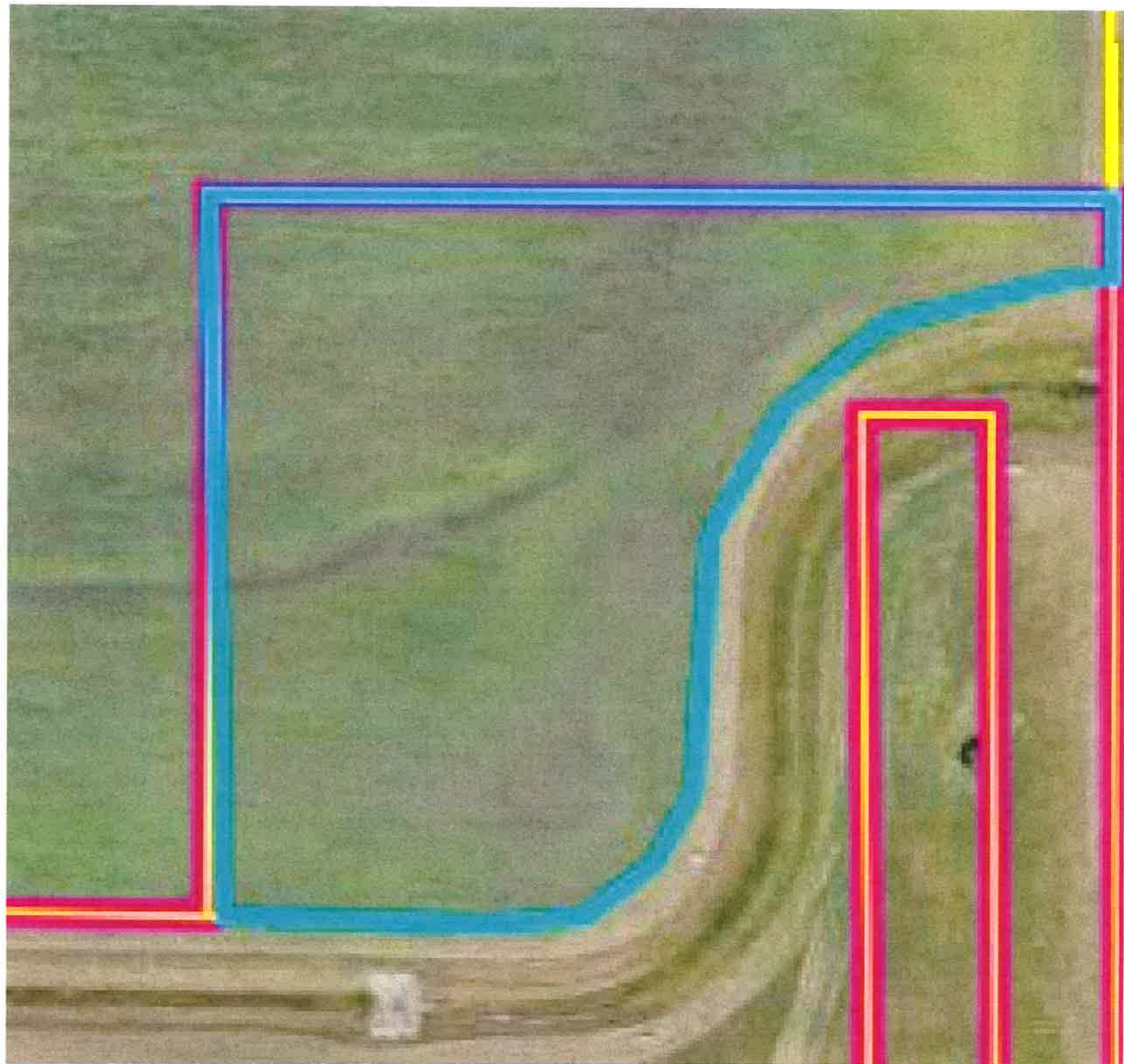
Wetland Determination Identifiers

- Restricted Use
- Limited Restrictions
- Exempt from Conservation Compliance Provisions

Tract Cropland Total: 74.22 acres



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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 Jopru, 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.

Staff member Nate Koland stated that water elevations on the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 35 are above target elevation, and continue to release water. Both the pools on the Moose River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 13, began releasing water on the evening of April 26th. Gates on the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176 were closed, due to the downstream trigger level at Oslo.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby discussed the MN Court of Appeals Opinion on the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Sparby gave a brief overview of the landowners objections to the project, and the legal process that took place once the project was appealed. Engineer Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, discussed the benefits and damage costs of the project, stating that with the time that has passed, costs are skewed, noting that in his estimate costs have increased dramatically. Pribula noted that with the increase of land values, the Viewers for the project most likely will have to review present day values. Administrator Jesme stated that the Petitioners are bonded for \$120,000, and very little was left of that amount when the District Board issued the final Order to proceed with the project. Sparby reminded the Board that Minnesota Watersheds (MAWD) and the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) presented an Amicus Brief in support of the District. Discussion was held on who should be responsible for paying for legal fees associated with the appeal. Sparby noted that legal fees could be paid for by the District, considering there is some latitude that this is an issue with larger scope and general benefit than just this ditch system. Petitioner, Paul Novacek stated that he would like to proceed with the project, however, requested the review of the final mile on the east end to satisfy the landowners against the project. Landowner, Mark Holy, one of the Appellants, believes the request of the Petitioners to have that final mile removed is possible as there are other alternatives. Sparby indicated that the District cannot proceed until the District Court Order is received, after the matter was remanded by the Court of Appeals.

Administrator Jesme gave a presentation on the Turtle Connection Cross Lakes area. Jesme indicated that this is a chain of lakes with several structures that have failed. The area also includes a legal ditch system built in 1918, known as Polk County Ditch 68 that was used to drain the lakes. In 1933, all three dams were built, and water levels established by court order. In 1940, much debate was held on removing the dams. Since this time, two structures have washed out and are non-functioning and the third should most likely be replaced as well. Discussion was held on the possible replacement of the structures, so that the District could look at potential Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) components. Jesme indicated that in order to change the lake elevations, a hearing would need to be held with 100% of landowners in agreement. Jesme stated that after the landowner meeting was held in April, a Project Work Team should be appointed to further look into the possibilities of a potential project. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to establish the Turtle Connection Cross Lakes Area, RLWD Project No. 114, Project Work Team and appoint Manager Sorenson as the Delegate and Manager Anderson as alternate, to bring recommendations back to the full Board. Motion carried.

Staff member Ann Joppru distributed the updated RLWD Board of Managers' Handbook.