

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

August 27, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 am	Call to Order	Action
	Review and approve agenda	Action
	Requests to appear	Information
	August 13, 2026 Minutes	Action
	Financial Report as of August 26, 2026	Action
	Proposed 2027 Special Revenue Ditch Levy	Info/Action
9:30 am	2027 General Fund Budget Hearing	Info/Action
	RLWD Project No. 149, Brule Bank Stabilization	Information
	RLWD Project No. 174, Chuck Flage Red Lake River 1W1P – Pay Estimate No. 1	Action
	RLWD Project No. 149A, Thief River Streambank Stabilization Project, 2026 Sites - Pay Estimate No. 1	Action
	TRF Westside FDR Project No. 178	Information
	FDRWG Conference Input Requested from WD Board Managers	Information
	FDRWG FY27 Project Team Funding Allocations	Information
	SD 83 Project Work Team Meeting Recap	Information
	Permits: 26081, 26084, 26085, 26089, and 26092-26099	Action
	Administrator's Report	Information
	Legal Counsel Update	Information
	Managers' Updates	Information
	Adjourn	Action

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

August 27, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
September 7, 2026	LABOR Day – RLWD Closed
September 9, 2026	Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
September 10, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am
September 14, 2026	Thief River 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, 9:00 am
September 15, 2026	RRWMB Meeting, 10:00 am, Ada
September 16, 2026	Mud River Project Work Team Meeting, 9:00 am
September 22, 2026	Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Quarterly Meeting, 10:00 am, Ada
September 23, 2026	River Watch Fall Kick-Off Event, RLWD
September 24, 2026	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 am

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Minutes
August 13, 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, Brian Dwight, and LeRoy Ose. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Melissa Bushy, Elaine Rychlock, Tony Olson, Lindsey Deselich, Corey Hanson, and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the July 23, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the July 23, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the August 7, 2026, Special Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Page, to approve the August 7, 2026, Special Board meeting minutes. Motion carried, with Manager Dwight abstaining. (Manager Dwight abstained from voting as he was absent for the meeting on August 7, 2026).

The Board reviewed the Financial Report as of August 12, 2026. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the Financial Report as of August 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Staff member Elaine Rychlock reviewed the current Certificate of Deposit (CD) rates for Dakota Heritage Bank, Ultima Bank MN of Fosston, Northern State Bank of Thief River Falls, Edward Jones, and American Federal Bank, Fosston. After much discussion, a motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Nelson, to purchase a \$500,000 CD for three months and a \$500,000 CD for six months, both at Ultima Bank at an interest rate of 4.06; and a \$250,000 CD at Dakota Heritage Bank for twelve months at the current interest rate of 4.14%. Motion carried.

Staff member, Corey Hanson, discussed the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F, stating that an assessment by MPCA and DNR staff indicated ponding water conditions at crossings from the outlet of County Ditch 2 to the Red River of the North. Hanson stated that there is concern with fish passage within the channel. It was the consensus of the Board to direct staff to perform a survey of the system to determine if there are any barriers within the channel.

Kelly Dahlen, the designated gate tender for the Good Lake Impoundment, appeared before the Board requesting that his submission of billings for maintenance related to the Good Lake Impoundment be budgeted by the Board at an increase from \$15,000 to \$40,000 annually. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to approve the request of Dahlen, as gate tender, to increase the Good Lake maintenance submission budget from \$15,000 to \$40,000. Further discussion ensued. Motion by Dwight, to amend the motion from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

Manager Dwight's motion died for the lack of a second. President Tiedemann called for a vote. Motion carried with Managers Tiedemann and Sorenson opposed. Motion carried.

Bryanna Grefthen, Pennington County SWCD was present to discuss the Clean Water Funds SWAA Non-Structural Land Management Drinking Water Grant. The goal of the project is to reduce sediment by entering the Thief River and Red Lake River Watersheds by promoting long-term adoption of non-structural land management practices (i.e. cover crops, conservation tillage, crop residue management, field shelter belts, and filter strips. Grefthen stated that both Marshall SWCD and Pennington SWCD would be working on this project. The total grant amount requested was \$210,000, with a grant match amount of \$21,000. Administrator Audette stated that she had requested assistance in the Mud River watershed. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dwight, to approve the request of the Pennington and Marshall SWCD's office for a grant match in the amount of \$21,000 for the Clean Water Funds SWAA Non-Structural Land Management Drinking Water Grant. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette discussed the Mud River, RLWD Project No. 180C. Audette reviewed the MnDNR Grant Contract Agreement in the amount of \$2,957,000 for Phase I construction of the Mud River Enhancement Project, RLWD Project No. 180C. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to authorize Administrator Audette the authority to sign the Grant Contract Agreement for the Mud River Enhancement Project, RLWD Project No. 180C. Motion carried. Audette, Nate Dalager-HDR Engineering, and Jim Graham-USFWS, will be presenting at the LSOHC Hearings on August 25, 2026, at 9:15 am for Phase II funding. The next Mud River Project Work Team meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026. Landowners upstream of the project will be invited to participate in the meeting.

Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, presented the updated plans and specifications for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to approve the updated Plans and Specifications for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179, call for bids and to set the bid opening for October 8, 2026, at 9:30 am at the District office. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the development of a blanket easement for Permanent and Temporary easements. Legal Counsel Sparby will develop a blanket easement, with Engineer Jerry Pribula providing the legal land descriptions.

Administrator Audette and staff member Erick Huseth reviewed pictures and drone footage of the Burnham Creek Project, RLWD Project No. 43B, discussing needed maintenance. Huseth stated that there is a major blowout on the upstream end of the Burnham Creek channel, where Polk County Ditch 106 outlets into Burnham Creek. After speaking with Rich Sanders, Polk County Engineer, the trail system will be able to assist with a portion of the random riprap to repair the site. Huseth reviewed plans prepared by HDR Engineering for the removal of sediment in various locations. Discussion was held on the potential of incorporating an area in Section 10, Russia Township, Polk County that was not improved. Huseth stated that the landowner at the time did not want his land to be involved in the ditch improvement process. The new landowner is interested in completing the improvement process as the area upstream and downstream from his property has been improved. Discussion was held on the benefitted area, and Polk County

ditches that drain into the Burnham Creek channel. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the maintenance plans developed by HDR Engineering for removal of sediment within the Burnham Creek Channel, RLWD Project No. 43B. Motion carried.

Staff member, Erick Huseth, discussed maintenance and violation in RLWD Project No. 49, Main JD #2. Huseth noted that he has contacted a contractor regarding brushing one mile of JD #2 at a cost of \$10,000. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed with the brushing of the system. Huseth further discussed a violation in the ditch system where a landowner installed cattle gates into the bottom of the channel to allow his cattle access to water. The Board authorized Huseth to work with the Clearwater SWCD to develop other water sources for the owner's cattle, and removal of the fence within the system.

Administrator Audette and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby, reviewed the Conveyance of Real Property Resolution for TRF Westside FDR Project, RLWD Project No. 178. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Conveyance of Real Property Resolution for the TRF Westside FDR Project, RLWD Project No. 178. Motion carried, With Manager Dwight abstaining. (Manager Dwight abstained from voting as he was absent from the meeting on August 7, 2026, regarding the TRF Westside FDR Project).

Administrator Audette reviewed construction site photos from the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174.

Included in the packet was the BWSR 2026 Estimated Taxable Market Values. This is the taxes payable 2026 estimated & taxable market values for Watershed Districts in Minnesota.

RLWD Permit No. 25102 in Section 5, Belgium Township, Polk County, was discussed. The recommendation by the Board was to grant the permit extension request. A motion was made by Dwight, seconded by Nelson, to approve the permit extension request for RLWD permit no. 25102. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following permits to be tabled. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dwight, to table the following permits: RLWD Permit No. 26069, Chester Township, Polk County; RLWD Permit No. 26070, Chester Township, Polk County; RLWD Permit No. 26072, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County; RLWD Permit No. 26074, Terrebonne Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

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. 26048, Dean Peterson, Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 26051, Andy Anderson, North Township, Pennington County; No. 26056, Nathan Bukowski, Cedar Township, Marshall County; No. 26061, Paul Engelstad, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 26063, Deb Moran, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 26064, Karen Fossum, Equality Township, Red Lake County; No. 26065, Paul Engelstad, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 26067, Crescent Holdings LLLP, Badger Township, Polk County; No. 26071, Earl Pederson, Grove-Park Tilden Township, Polk County; No. 26073, Darin Glass, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lave County; No. 26075,

Brandon Carlson, Kertsonville Township, Polk County; No. 26076, Double Down Farm GP, Greenwood Township, Clearwater County; No. 26077, Jake Dietsch, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 26078, Lake Pleasant Township-Jordan Chaput, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lake County; No. 26079, Marshall County Highway Dept., Eckvoll Township, Marshall County; No. 26080, Jay Giroto, Thief Lake Township, Marshall County; No. 26086, Bruce Peterson, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 26087, Bruce Peterson, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 26088, Ted Linder, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 26090, Greg Dyrdal, Clover Leaf Township, Pennington County; and No. 26091, Kraig Kainz, Clover Leaf Township, Pennington County.

Administrator Audette asked the Board for their approval to have our summer intern stay on through the end of September 2026. Motion by Page, seconded by Nelson, to approve our summer intern to remain working with the RLWD through the end of September 2026. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette recommended that Patrick Skoe be appointed to the RLWD Advisory Board. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson to appoint Patrick Skoe to the RLWD Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette discussed the August 27, 2026, board meeting date as Manager Ose has requested to move it to August 28, 2026. After much discussion on the possibility of moving the meeting, it was decided to keep the meeting as scheduled due to the 2027 General Fund Budget Hearing previously scheduled and advertised for August 27, 2026.

Administrator's Report:

- Discussion was held on gopher trapping on the Black River Diversion.
- Audette attended the BWSR North Regional Meeting on August 5, at the District office.
- Construction will begin on the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization next week.
- Construction on the Thief River Bank Stabilization started this week.
- Permit applications were submitted for the Brule Site, Red Lake River 1W1P.
- Approximately two miles of maintenance has been completed on RLWD Project No. 119. There was approximately 30" of sediment removed from various locations.
- Audette discussed the Goose Lake meeting she and Manager Nelson attended on July 30th. Manager Nelson addressed concerns from landowners near Pennington County Bridge No. 8 with the amount of Common Tansy. Nelson requested for RLWD staff to spray it and try rid the area of the noxious weed. Audette stated that staff will complete the task.

Discussion was held on obtaining Easements from the Turtle Connection Cross Lakes Project, RLWD Project No. 114. Legal Counsel Sparby is working with Polk County on their easement. Audette noted that the MnDNR Lands and Minerals is reviewing their easement. Further discussion was held on two other remaining easements needed.

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

LeRoy Ose, Secretary

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Financial Report as of August 26, 2026

Ck#	Check Issued to:	Description	Amount
online	EFTPS/MN Withholding	Withholding FICA,Fed, Medi, & MN Tax (8/12/26 pp)	\$6,898.19
online	EFTPS/MN Withholding	Withholding FICA,Fed, Medi, & MN Tax (8/26/26 pp)	\$6,525.57
online	PERA	pp 8/26/26	\$3,402.47
42373	Ultima Bank Minnesota	3 mo CD & 9 mo CD @ 4.06% (Board Approved 8/13/26)	\$1,000,000.00
42374	Dakota Heritage	12 mo CD @ 4.16% (Board Approved 8/13/26)	\$250,000.00
42375	Polk County Recorder	TCC Easement 30x \$46.00 ea.	\$1,380.00
42376	American Engineering	Red Lake/Polk Co.Line Geotechnical Investigation	\$17,246.00
42377	APG	2027 General Fund Hearing Ad	\$196.66
42378	Brault Construction	Clean Ditch #119 Section 8 Hammon Twshp	\$20,848.00
42379	David Myhrer	TRF Planning Area Flood Concerns Meeting Pro. #181	\$25.84
42380	David Rodahl	TRF Planning Area Flood Concerns Meeting Pro. #181	\$15.20
42381	Houston	**see details below	\$18,716.75
42382	Karvakk	Engineering for Northome Stormwater 1W1P #149C	\$2,000.00
42383	Kristie Huseth	Office Cleaning	\$735.00
42384	L&M	Garden Supplies & For Rent Sign	\$81.94
42385	Lunke Construction	Mowing State Ditch 83 - Project #14	\$8,910.00
42386	Mahnomen Pioneer	2027 General Fund Hearing Ad	\$102.00
42387	Mike Illies	Gopher Trapping Winsor Twshp. (23)	\$115.00
42388	Patrick Erickson	TRF Planning Area Flood Concerns Meeting Pro. #181	\$150.48
42389	Randy Eckert	Gopher Trapping Clifford Arveson Proj. #109 (120)	\$600.00
42390	RMB	Lab Analysis & Courier Fees	\$1,754.00
online	Les's Sanitation	Garbage Services	\$36.46
online	WEX	Medical Reimbursement	\$42.22
online	Sun Life Financial	Staff Life Insurance	\$144.64
online	WEX	Medical Reimbursement	\$59.65
online	WEX	Medical Reimbursement	\$30.17
online	Intuit Quick Books	Monthly fee	\$636.00
online	MN Energy	Monthly Utility fee	\$20.00
online	Pure Water	Office H2O monthly	\$38.00
online	Voya	Staff Health Care Savings Plan (8/26/26pp)	\$457.59
online	WEX	Monthly Fee	\$11.00
online	AT&T	Cell Phone Monthly Bill	\$395.55
direct	Tom Anderson	Mileage	\$193.04
direct	Erick Huseth	Per Diem for MADI Ditch Conference	\$75.00
direct	Board & Staff Payroll	pp (8/26/26)	\$18,175.68
<u>NSB</u>	Total Checks		\$1,360,018.10

***Houston	Thief River/SD 83 T&E Services	\$2,114.75
	Clearwater River Channel Stab.	\$3,970.75
	Thief River FRD T&E Services	\$11,399.50
	Brule Streambank Stab. T&E	\$1,231.75
		\$18,716.75

<u>NSB</u>	Balance as of August 12, 2026		\$264,990.28
<u>TRF</u>	Total Checks Written		-\$1,360,018.10
	Receipt #12550	Beltrami County Taxes	\$625.65
	Receipt #12551	Transfer from American Federal 8-19-26	\$500,000.00
	Receipt #12552	Transfer from American Federal 8-20-26	\$500,000.00
	Receipt #12553	Transfer from American Federal 8-21-26	\$250,000.00
	Receipt #12554	MN State SWAG Invoice #15	\$10,756.00
	Receipt #12555	Agassiz Natl Wildlife Refuge - 2026 Lunke Mowing #14	\$80.00
	Receipt #12556	Transfer Funds from American Federal 8-26-26	\$300,000.00
	Balance as of August 26, 2026	Current interest rate is 2.75%	\$466,433.83

<u>American</u>	Balance as of August 12, 2026		\$5,961,700.61
<u>Federal</u>	Receipt #12551	Transfer Funds to NSB CD 8-19-26	-\$500,000.00
<u>Fosston</u>	Receipt #12552	Transfer Funds to NSB CD 8-20-26	-\$500,000.00
	Receipt #12553	Transfer Funds to NSB CD 8-21-26	-\$250,000.00
	Receipt #12556	Transfer Funds to NSB to cover bills 8-26-26	-\$300,000.00
	Balance as of August 26, 2026	Current interest rate is 3.3%	\$4,411,700.61

<u>CD's</u>	Dakota Heritage	7 month CD 3.89% Expiry 11-12-26	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Ultima Bank	3 month CD 4.06% Expiry 11-20-26	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Ultima Bank	6 month CD 4.0% Expiry 11-29-26	<u>\$ 237,000.00</u>
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 2-11-27	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
	Ultima Bank	12 month CD 3.75% Expiry 2-27-27	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 3-4-27	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 3-4-27	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.04% Expiry 5-06-27	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Ultima Bank	9 month CD 4.06% Expiry 5-20-27	<u>\$ 500,000.00</u>
	Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.05% Expiry 6-23-27	<u>\$ 239,000.00</u>
	Dakota Heritage	12 month CD 4.14% Expiry 8-19-27	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
	Total CD Investments		\$4,226,000.00

	NSB, AFB +CD's	\$9,104,134.44
	Cash that has been recvd and earmarked for projects: (taken from remaining balance on financials)	
10% pmt coming - no reconciliation needed	2023 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	-\$136,475.20
	2024 Grant Red Lake River 1W1P Project #149	\$60,183.43
	2024 Grant Thief River 1W1P Project #149A	\$51,780.12
	2025 Grant Clearwater 1W1P Project #149B	\$665,569.57
	2024 CRP Payment Red Lake 1W1P	\$2,132.00
	2025 CRP Payment Red Lake 1W1P	\$100,000.00
	2026 Grant Red Lake River 1W1P Project #149	\$856,311.50
	2026 Grant Thief River 1W1P Project #149A	\$352,474.00
	2026 MIDPOINT Red Lake River Project #149	\$10,000.00
	2025 MIDPOINT Thief River Project #149A	\$21,809.15
		\$1,983,784.57
	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.)	\$6,607,849.87

2026, PAYABLE 2027, PROPOSED RLWD SPECIAL REVENUE PROJECTS (updated 8-21-26)

Pjt.#	Project Name	Fund Balance As of 01-01-26	Total '26 Exp. As of 8/1/2026	2026 Levy	RIPARIAN AID to 12-31-26	2026 Revenue to 07-31-26	Remain, '26 levy to collect	Anticipated Expenses	Potential Fund Balance Dec 2026	PROPOSED 2027 LEVY
2	Red Lake River	104,558.95	0.00	0.00	3,912.00	1,956.00	(1,956.00)	0.00	108,470.95	0.00
3	Clearwater River	81,666.87	0.00	0.00	6,616.00	1,694.50	(1,694.50)	15,000.00	73,282.87	15,000.00
4	Lost River	27,643.87	(234.87)	0.00	3,316.00	9,934.00	(9,934.00)	10,000.00	20,725.00	0.00
5	RLWD Ditch No. 1	9,362.14	(152.71)	4,000.00	604.00	3,048.21	951.79	6,000.00	11,813.43	8,000.00
7	RLWD Ditch No. 3	1,005.03	(1,675.88)	6,000.00	994.00	4,180.53	1,819.47	6,000.00	6,323.15	6,000.00
14	State Ditch 83	121,950.94	(13,698.05)	50,000.00	2,560.00	35,046.69	14,953.31	75,000.00	135,812.89	34,000.00
20	RLWD Ditch No. 7	10,314.38	(643.58)	20,000.00	2,101.00	13,100.39	6,899.61	20,000.00	31,771.80	20,000.00
35	Pine Lake Maintenance	(17,370.68)	(10,745.91)	10,000.00	0.00	256.50	9,743.50	5,000.00	(13,116.59)	15,000.00
36	RLWD Ditch No. 8	(4,323.74)	(769.06)	4,000.00	224.00	1,993.77	2,006.23	5,000.00	(1,868.80)	10,000.00
39	RLWD Ditch No. 9	(387.85)	(256.80)	2,000.00	38.00	38.00	1,962.00	4,000.00	(606.65)	10,000.00
41	J.D. No. 72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
41A	J.D. No. 100 maint.	(7,426.84)	0.00	7,000.00	0.00	3,558.89	3,441.11	0.00	6,573.16	7,000.00
41AA	J.D. No. 100 redeterm.	8,513.66	(277.23)	0.00	822.00	3,988.39	(3,988.39)	5,000.00	4,058.43	0.00
41B	J.D. No. 101 maint.	(2,459.30)	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	713.24	2,286.76	0.00	3,540.70	3,000.00
41BB	J.D. No. 101 redeterm.	17,551.42	(152.70)	3,000.00	1,564.00	1,924.17	1,075.83	4,000.00	20,962.72	0.00
43B	Burnham Creek	3,374.16	(56,298.01)	80,000.00	1,605.00	46,592.45	33,407.55	75,000.00	33,681.15	100,000.00
45	Wild Rice Allocation	(17,223.68)	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	2,209.42	2,790.58	5,000.00	(12,223.68)	5,000.00
48	JD 2 Br. A & Br. 1 of A	(9,177.99)	(956.32)	5,000.00	894.00	1,012.70	3,987.30	3,000.00	(2,240.31)	10,000.00
49	Anderson Lake Laterals B & C	(12,932.04)	(792.63)	5,000.00	907.00	881.24	4,118.76	15,000.00	(17,817.67)	10,000.00
51	JD 2 Main (Eck Pet) Downstream Anderson Lake	4,450.67	0.00	5,000.00	263.00	304.22	4,695.78	5,000.00	9,713.67	5,000.00
53	Krostue Petition	12,108.93	(267.23)	5,000.00	189.00	4,623.45	376.55	5,000.00	17,030.70	10,000.00
101	JD 4	8,345.28	(11,820.00)	0.00	886.00	443.00	(443.00)	1,000.00	(3,588.72)	0.00
102	JD 5 (4 Legged Lake)	(5,332.27)	(1,043.58)	2,200.00	447.00	406.96	1,793.04	1,000.00	(2,528.85)	2,200.00
103	County Ditch 1	2,664.21	0.00	0.00	904.00	452.00	(452.00)	0.00	3,568.21	0.00
109	Arveson Petition	12,767.01	(1,502.70)	2,500.00	256.00	1,704.18	795.82	1,500.00	15,020.31	2,500.00
113	Winsor-Hangaard	(30,027.31)	(472.66)	10,000.00	2,285.00	1,652.04	8,347.96	10,000.00	(18,214.97)	15,000.00
115	RLWD Ditch 1 Lat. C	8,366.68	(267.24)	4,000.00	589.00	2,434.39	1,565.61	6,500.00	10,188.44	6,000.00
117	Kenneth Johnson Pet.	2,364.43	(2,421.28)	4,000.00	287.00	1,742.15	2,257.85	5,000.00	3,230.15	8,000.00
119	Polk Co. Dts Improv.	3,589.62	(24,571.55)	30,000.00	1,494.00	18,152.54	11,847.46	60,000.00	(19,487.93)	60,000.00
122	Challenger Ditch	3,635.13	0.00	1,000.00	91.00	895.89	104.11	1,000.00	4,726.13	1,000.00
123	Scott Baatz Petition	920.15	(1,164.53)	4,000.00	163.00	2,879.12	1,120.88	4,000.00	3,918.62	6,000.00
134	Polk Co. Dt. 63	(635.06)	(3,926.35)	10,000.00	324.00	10,062.25	(62.25)	10,000.00	5,762.59	15,000.00
135	Polk Co. Dt. 33	9,444.06	(3,302.70)	6,000.00	492.00	265.73	5,734.27	11,500.00	7,133.36	10,000.00
161	RLWD Ditch No. 10	78,105.33	(190.88)	0.00	917.00	917.00	(917.00)	5,000.00	73,831.45	0.00
166	RLWD Ditch No. 11	(25,853.96)	(343.58)	30,000.00	708.00	16,915.69	13,084.31	6,000.00	28,510.46	40,000.00
169	RLWD Ditch No. 12	(21,747.27)	(12,483.51)	15,000.00	1,930.00	10,861.81	4,138.19	13,500.00	(15,800.78)	40,000.00
170A	RLWD Ditch No. 13	5,336.25	0.00	4,000.00	423.00	1,720.09	2,279.91	3,000.00	10,759.25	6,000.00
171	RLWD Ditch No. 14	10,839.15	(4,665.75)	13,000.00	916.00	8,083.67	4,916.33	6,000.00	27,089.40	13,000.00
171A	TRF FDR Proj.	2,657.11	(1,517.09)	5,000.00	381.00	3,148.68	1,851.32	4,000.00	7,521.02	10,000.00
175	RLWD Ditch No. 15	27,790.76	(1,620.63)	20,000.00	1,476.00	12,065.56	7,934.44	10,000.00	57,646.13	30,000.00
176A	Black River Diversion	3,908.58	(4,518.18)	20,000.00	0.00	12,579.22	7,420.78	5,000.00	34,390.40	30,000.00
177	RLWD Ditch No. 16	463,217.86	(8,397.59)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	444,820.27	0.00
178A	Thief River Westside	36,412.40	(171.79)	20,000.00	0.00	11,288.35	8,711.65	4,000.00	72,240.61	20,000.00
179	Improv. To Po.Co. #39	(265,733.48)	(39,308.54)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(305,042.02)	0.00
	TOTALS	662,233.56	(210,631.11)	414,700.00	41,578.00	255,727.08	158,972.92	441,000.00	881,580.45	582,700.00

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DITCH SYSTEMS WITH MILES AND BENEFITTED AMOUNT

Pjt.#	Project Name	Miles	Benefitted Amt.	Benefitted Acres	2027 Levy	2026 Levy	2025 Levy	2024 Levy	2023 Levy	2022 Levy	2021 Levy	2020 Levy	
2	Red Lake River	18.88	499,041.89	67,873.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Clearwater River	38.24	785,009.28	102,615.77	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Lost River	23.32	971,366.00	101,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	RLWD Ditch No. 1	4.00	160,795.00	3,133.83	8,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	8,000.00	3,000.00	
7	RLWD Ditch No. 3	4.98	136,168.80	2,307.36	6,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	
14	State Ditch 83	23.36	2,021,594.35	38,108.72	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00	50,000.00	
20	RLWD Ditch No. 7	12.27	682,137.31		20,000.00	20,000.00	9,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00	
35	Pine Lake Maintenance		75,835.00	75.835	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
36	RLWD Ditch No. 8	2.01	79,031.00	1,005	10,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
39	RLWD Ditch No. 9	1.00	681,350.00	7,287.11	10,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
41	JD 72	14.51	103,884.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
41A	JD No. 100 Redetermined				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
41B	JD No 101 Redetermined				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
41AA	RLWD Ditch No. 100		495,116.01		7,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00				
41BB	RLWD Ditch No. 101		441,940.95		3,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00				
43B	Burnham Creek	14.43	3,130,346.00	100,795.40	100,000.00	80,000.00	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	
45	Wild Rice Allocation		28,111.60	2811.16	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
48	JD 2 Br. A & Br. 1 of A	5.44	180,207.00	5,050.74	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
49	JD 2 B & C	5.52	122,259.00	3,041.87	10,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
51	Main JD2-Eck Petition	1.60	463,785.00	61,613.61	5,000.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
53	Krostue Petition	1.70	126,166.00	980	10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
101	JD 4	5.39	14,244.50		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
102	JD 5 (4 Legged Lake)	2.72	11,947.60		2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	
103	County Ditch 1	5.50	80,070.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Subject to abandonment
109	Arveson Petition	2.20	98,450.00	2,331	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
113	Winsor-Hangaard	13.90	482,998.00	9,856	15,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	
115	Equality/RLWD Dt. 1	2.95	83,610.00	1,274	6,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
117	Kenneth Johnson Pet.	2.58	213,095.00	1,918	8,000.00	4,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
119	Polk Co. Dts Improv.	13.42	973,484.00	8,298	60,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	8,000.00	
122	Challenger Ditch	0.44	335,616.95	408	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
123	Scott Baatz Petition	1.47	86,875.00	570	6,000.00	4,000.00	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
134	Polk Co. Dt. 63	2.91	189,773.15	2,759.72	15,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	
135	Polk Co. Dt. 33	4.42	390,220.60	3,547.46	10,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	
161	RLWD Ditch No. 10	4.59	217,391.36	2,124.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
166	RLWD Ditch No. 11	6.36	1,349,648.70	8,822.91	40,000.00	30,000.00	6,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
169	RLWD Ditch No. 12	17.34	1,935,546.48	9,135.56	40,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	15,000.00	
170A	RLWD Ditch No. 13	2.04	186,677.00	1,450.49	6,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	
171	RLWD Ditch No. 14	4.42	1,014,311.08	2,734.17	13,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00	
171A	TRF FDR Proj.	1.84	700,000.00		10,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	WMD
175	RLWD Ditch No. 15	13.26	5,488,251.49	51,648.04	30,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
176A	Black Rvr Diversion Ditches	13.00	75,000.00	9,750.62	30,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00				WMD
177	RLWD Ditch No. 16	9.20	3,541,780.35	11,470.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
178A	TRF Westside Diversion Ditch	4.38	500,000.00	8,880.70	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00				WMB
179	Improv. To Po. Co. #39				0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00				Litigation
	TOTALS	279.01	29,153,135.45	710,438.05	598,700.00	411,700.00	275,100.00	204,100.00	194,700.00	159,200.00	118,700.00	162,700.00	

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.911, notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2027 General Fund Budget at 9:30 a.m., August 27, 2026, at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701. The following is the 2027 proposed budget:

	PROPOSED 2027
	<u>BUDGET</u>
Manager's fees and salaries	\$ 40,000.00
Board of Managers' expense	24,200.00
Staff salaries	655,000.00
Payroll taxes	50,000.00
Employee benefits	221,000.00
Travel and meetings	9,000.00
Audit	14,000.00
Legal	16,000.00
Office supplies	20,000.00
Office equipment	20,000.00
Appraisers and Viewers	2,000.00
Professional services	65,000.00
Dues and subscriptions	11,000.00
Insurance and bonds	30,000.00
Repairs and maintenance-building	15,000.00
Utilities	12,000.00
Advertising and publications	4,000.00
Telephone	10,000.00
Vehicle expense & maintenance	17,000.00
Engineering supplies	3,000.00
Engineering equipment	<u>65,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,303,200.00
LESS: ESTIMATED OVERHEAD	(982,500.00)
LESS: MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
PROPOSED 2027 GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$317,700.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

An ad valorem tax of .0003627 times the taxable market value for 2026, collectible for 2027, will be levied on all taxable property within the Red Lake Watershed District. One-half of the levy will remain in the District for projects listed below; the other one-half of the levy will be sent to the Red River Watershed Management Board for projects within the Red River Basin.

Permitting system	Benchmarks
Flood Control studies/projects	Stream gauging
Water quality studies/projects	Rivers
Watershed hydrologic analysis	Lakes
Bank stabilization	

**RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
WORK PAPER(Form B)- 2027 PAYABLE**

<u>Column A</u> <u>Market Value</u>	<u>Column B</u> <u>County Name</u>	<u>Column C</u> <u>Tax Capacity</u>	<u>Column D</u> <u>Tax Capacity %</u>	<u>Column E</u> <u>Levy Amt.</u>	<u>Column F</u> <u>County Share</u>	
1,012,526,232	Beltrami	9,048,864	6.7348%	317,700.00	21,396.61	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	350,140.48	RRWMB
1,831,076,500	Clearwater	21,584,619	16.0649%	317,700.00	51,038.20	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	835,204.15	RRWMB
7,004,009	Itasca	64,000	0.0476%	317,700.00	151.33	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	2,476.44	RRWMB
87,458,700	Koochiching	731,110	0.5441%	317,700.00	1,728.76	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	28,289.87	RRWMB
26,659,700	Mahnomen	214,171	0.1594%	317,700.00	506.42	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	8,287.22	RRWMB
723,849,100	Marshall	5,414,753	4.0301%	317,700.00	12,803.53	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	209,520.69	RRWMB
2,282,669,678	Pennington	23,320,313	17.3567%	317,700.00	55,142.35	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	902,365.81	RRWMB
6,881,362,700	Polk	58,764,324	43.7368%	317,700.00	138,951.96	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	2,273,851.00	RRWMB
1,478,955,946	Red Lake	15,200,797	11.3136%	317,700.00	35,943.25	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	588,185.91	RRWMB
<u>2,423,800</u>	Roseau	<u>15,901</u>	<u>0.0118%</u>	317,700.00	37.60	General Fund
				5,198,936.85	<u>615.28</u>	RRWMB
14,333,986,365		134,358,852	100.0000%		5,516,636.85	
				<u>Admin Levy</u>	<u>RRWMB Levy</u>	
	* Total EMV x .00018135			2,599,468.43	x 2	5,198,936.85
	GENERAL FUND Max. levy \$500,000 GROSS LEVY				<u>317,700.00</u>	**
					5,516,636.85	

*Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) approved setting levy at 75% on July 21, 2026

** Red Lake Watershed District Board (RLWD) approved setting General Fund Budget levy at \$317,700.00 on August 27, 2026

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Application for Payment
Estimate of Work Completed

ESTIMATE NUMBER: 1

PROJECT NAME: Fire Stabilization Project

OWNER: Red Lake Watershed District

CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$84,964.40

CONTRACTOR: Quality Spray Foam/Anderson Excavating

DATE: August 17, 2026

PROJECT NUMBER: 174

CONTRACT DATE: July 16, 2026

WORK COMPLETED:

ITEM NO.	SPEC. NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	CONTRACT QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	QUANTITY COMPLETED			TOTAL AMOUNT
						PREVIOUS	CURRENT	TOTAL	
1	2021.501	Mobilization	LS	1	\$7,500.00	0	1	1	\$7,500.00
2	2101.501	Clearing and Grubbing	LS	1	\$2,500.00	0	1	1	\$2,500.00
3	2104.501	Remove Outlet Structure	LS	1	\$2,500.00	0	1	1	\$2,500.00
4	2104.607	Salvage Random Riprap	CY	22	\$10.00	0	22	22	\$220.00
5	2106.502	Common Excavation (P)	CY	733	\$9.00	0	733	733	\$6,597.00
6	2108.504	Geotextile Type 7	SY	413	\$4.00	0	413	413	\$1,652.00
7	2106.501	Site Grading	LS	1	\$3,500.00	0	1	1	\$3,500.00
8		Structure Gate	EA	1	\$5,500.00	0	0	0	\$0.00
9	2451.507	Granular Bedding	CY	69	\$26.00	0	69	69	\$1,794.00
10	2511.507	Random Riprap Class IV- Special (Granite)	CY	275	\$130.00	0	275	275	\$35,750.00
11	2574.508	Roller Erosion Prevention CAT 25	SY	363	\$4.00	0	0	0	\$0.00
12	2575.504	Roller Erosion Prevention CAT 80A (P)	SY	149	\$90.60	0	0	0	\$0.00
13	2575.501	Turf Establishment	LS	1	\$2,500.00	0	0	0	\$0.00
Subtotal									\$62,013.00

Change Order

Haul excess spoil to low areas downstream. Strip topsoil, place spoil, grade out. (Issue from 2012 project).	LS	1	\$3,000.00
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Total \$65,013.00

SUMMARY:

Total of Work to Date	\$65,013.00
Less 5% Retainage	\$3,250.65
Amount Paid on Previous Payments	\$0.00
Amount Due this Estimate	\$61,762.35
Percentage of work completed	77%

Original Contract Amount Due	\$84,964.40
Amount Deleted from Original Contract	\$0.00
Additional Quantities	\$1,050.00
Change Orders	\$0.00
Total Estimated Contract Costs	\$86,014.40

RECAP OF PAYMENTS:

DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT
08/17/26	\$61,762.35

Total \$61,762.35

Approved by Contractor: Andrew Anderson, Quality Spray Foam/Anderson Excavating

Date

Approved by Administrator: Tammy Audette, Red Lake Watershed District

Date

Northern Harbor, LLC
8065 Sautbinbe Rd NW
Walker, MN 56484



Client Project No.
HEI Project No. 3655-0099-006
Project: Thief River Streambank Stabilization Project
Location: Sec. 24 & 25 Excel Twp., Sec. 7 Agder Twp., Marshall County
Contractor: Northern Harbor, LLC

PAY ESTIMATE

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PAY ESTIMATE #:	1
SUBMITTED:	8/27/2026
BEGIN DATE:	8/10/2026
END DATE:	8/21/2026

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	CONTRACT			CURRENT PAY ESTIMATE		PREVIOUS PAY ESTIMATES		PAY ESTIMATES TO DATE		
			QUANTITY	PRICE	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	QUANTITY	AMOUNT	
Original Contract Items												
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LUMP SUM	1.	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.4	\$ 10,000.00		\$ -	0.4	\$ 10,000.00	
2101.501	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	LUMP SUM	1.	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	0.4	\$ 6,000.00		\$ -	0.4	\$ 6,000.00	
2104.503	REMOVE PIPE CULVERTS	LIN. FT.	46.	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,300.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2106.507	EXCAVATION - COMMON (P)	CU. YD.	15,777.	\$ 7.00	\$ 110,439.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2501.502	FLAP GATE FOR 18" CS PIPE	EACH	1.	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2501.503	18" CS PIPE CULVERT	LIN. FT.	148.	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,660.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2511.507	RANDOM RIPRAP CLASS II	CU. YD.	10.	\$ 130.00	\$ 1,300.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2573.502	CULVERT END CONTROLS	EACH	3.	\$ 150.00	\$ 450.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2573.503	FLOATATION SILT CURTAIN TYPE MOVING WATER	LIN. FT.	300.	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,000.00	50.	\$ 500.00		\$ -	50.	\$ 500.00	
2573.503	SEDIMENT CONTROL LOG TYPE STRAW	LIN. FT.	6,070.	\$ 4.00	\$ 24,280.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2575.501	TURF ESTABLISHMENT	LUMP SUM	1.	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2575.504	ROLLED EROSION PREVENTION CATEGORY 25	SQ. YD.	14,811.	\$ 3.00	\$ 44,433.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -	
2577.601	TOE-WOOD DEBRIS	CU. YD.	3,379.	\$ 35.00	\$ 118,265.00	750.	\$ 26,250.00		\$ -	750.	\$ 26,250.00	
2577.601	SOD MAT	SQ. YD.	1,611.	\$ 15.00	\$ 24,165.00	370.	\$ 5,550.00		\$ -	370.	\$ 5,550.00	
Totals												
Original Contract Amount					\$ 385,792.00							
Extra / Change Order Amount					\$ -							
Work Completed							\$ 48,300.00		\$ -		\$ 48,300.00	

Watershed District Board Manager Feedback Request

2027 Red River Basin Conference Input

Info about conference:

- **Conference dates:** March 16-17, 2027
- **Location:** Marriott in Moorhead
- The Red River Watershed Management Board and Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Annual Joint Conference has been taking place since 2000.
- The conference purpose is to support coordination of flood damage reduction in the Red River Basin and has historically focused on the watershed in Minnesota.
- This year North Dakota organizations are joining the conference, including the Red River Retention Authority and the Red River Basin Joint Water Resources District.
- The past three conference agendas are attached as an example of content covered.

Request:

The Conference Planning Committee is seeking input from Watershed District Board Managers on what topics would be most interesting and worthwhile. We would like the conference to be as relevant and useful to Watershed Districts as possible. Your feedback will be used to develop the conference program and agenda.

Questions:

- 1) What would make this conference attractive for you to attend? What content would make it worth your time?

- 2) What specific topics or speakers would you like to see at the conference?

Please return feedback to Bethany Bethke, Red River Basin Coordinator (Bethany.bethke@state.mn.us)



AGENDA **25TH JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE** **MARCH 19 – 20, 2024** **COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT** **MOORHEAD, MN**



Join us for the 25TH Joint Annual Conference of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) and the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG). The RRWMB will hold a short business meeting on March 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at the Marriott and the Conference will begin that day at 1:00 p.m.

Registration: For registration information, go to the following link:
[25th Annual Joint Conference \(constantcontact.com\)](https://constantcontact.com)

AGENDA: Here is the Agenda as of January 9, 2024, which is subject to change as needed.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19		
12:30 pm		Registration/Check-in
1:00 PM Welcome and Announcements - Day 1		
1:10 pm	20 min	Updated LiDAR for the Red River Basin (RRB)
	20 min	10-Year Floodplain Mapping in Agricultural Areas of the RRB
	20 min	Evaluation of Hydrologic Change in MN
	20 min	MN Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Water Quality Certification program
2:30 Break	20 min	
2:50 pm	25 min	Expected Periodicity of Extreme Low Flows on the Red River Mainstem
	20 min	MN Board of Water and Soil Resources WSR's Water Storage Program
	25 min	Goose Prairie Project: From Origin to Completion
4:00 Announcements/Close Day 1		
4:30 pm		Social Hour at Hotel Lounge
6:00 pm		Dinner - On Your Own/Informal Groups
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20		
7:30 am		Breakfast in Conference Space at Hotel
8:30 Welcome and Announcements - Day 2		
8:35 am	20 min	International Water Institute/Partners: Agricultural Stewardship Tool
	25 min	Project Team Updates Round 1: Klondike Clean Water Retention Project, Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project, and Roseau River Restoration Project
	15 min	RRWMB Updates
	15 min	RRWMB WQ Program 3-year Progress Report
	10 min.	Promotional Videos Grand Premier (1 RRWMB and 1 FDRWG)

10:00 Break	20 min	
10:20 am	10 min	FDRWG Updates
	10 min	MN Department of Natural Resources Flood Hazard Mitigation Program Update
	25 min	Project Team Updates Round 2: Nelson Slough Improvement Project, Lilac Ridge Water Management Project, Swift Coulee Project, and City of Newfolden Flood Prevention Project
	20 min.	MN Department of Agriculture - Controlled Drainage/Saturated Buffers
	35 min	GAME - Family Feud
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch		
1:00 PM	45 min	Tribal Speaker
	30 min	Panel - Career Fulfillment for the Long Haul
2:15 Break	15 min	
2:30 pm	25 min.	Project Teams Updates Round 3 - Recent Startups: Twelve-mile Creek; Turtle/Cross/Connection Lakes; and Juneberry Ridge
	20 min	University of Minnesota - Crookston Update on Woodchip Bioreactor Field Study
	15 min	FDRWG Five-Year Monitoring Program Startup

Conference Contact Information:

- **Conference Registration Questions or Assistance:**

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AGENDA

26TH ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE

12.30	REGISTRATION/ CHECK-IN	03.00	NOT SCARY: DRAINAGE LAW - A CONSERVATION TOOL? <i>-B. Uhler</i>
01.00	WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS <i>-D. Money</i>	03.20	WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT: POTENTIAL IMPACT OF STATUTE CHANGES IN THE RED RIVER BASIN <i>-M. Aanenson, S. Hofstad</i>
01.05	MN DRAINAGE CASE LAW UPDATES <i>-J. Kolb</i>	04.00	DNR UPDATE: PROCESS TO REVISE THE PUBLIC WATERS INVENTORY MAP <i>-W. Saunders-Pearce</i>
01.30	RED LAKE WD: COUNTY DITCH 39 UPDATE <i>-L. Smith</i>	04.15	PANEL DISCUSSION: STUMP THE EXPERTS <i>-Facilitated by L. Smith</i>
01.45	DETERMINATION/ REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS: WHAT'S NEW? <i>-J. Kolb</i>	04.45	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CLOSE DAY 1 <i>-R. Sip</i>
02.10	COORDINATION BETWEEN COUNTIES AND WATERSHED DISTRICTS ON DRAINAGE ISSUES <i>-T. Halstensgard, A. Swenby, E. Jones</i>	05.00	SOCIAL HOUR
02.30	APPLICATION OF CULVERT SIZING TECHNICAL GUIDANCE IN THE RED RIVER BASIN <i>-C. Engels</i>	06.00	EVENING NETWORKING -on your own
02.45	BREAK		



Day 1
March 18



AGENDA

26TH ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE

07.30 BREAKFAST

08.30 ANNOUNCEMENTS

-B. Bergey

08.35 PROGRESS OF THE
FDRWG FIVE-YEAR
MONITORING PLAN

-J. Madejczyk, P. Oswald

08.55 RURAL INUNDATION
MAPPING INITIATIVE

-E. Jones, C. Fritz

09.10 FLOOD IMPACTS ON
HIGHWAYS: THE
NORTHERN RED RIVER
STUDY

-B. Barnes

09.30 WATER BENEATH OUR
FEET: AQUIFERS OF THE
RED RIVER BASIN

-E. Considine

10.00 BREAK

10.20 CURRENT EVENTS AT
THE RRWMB

-R. Sip

10.35 GET TO KNOW THE
RRWMB

11.20 BASIN HISTORY: THE
STOCKWOOD FILL

-M. Peihle

12.00 LUNCH

12.45 FAMILY FEUD - WATER &
NATURAL RESOURCES
EDITION

-Facilitated by M. Rufer

01.15 KINGS IN THE
NORTH-RESTORING
STURGEON IN THE RED
RIVER BASIN

-N. Kludt

01.40 FLOOD PROJECTS IN
PROGRESS IN THE
WATERSHEDS

-D. Nelson, E. Jones, R. Engelstad

02.20 BREAK

02.40 ADMINISTRATORS ROUND
TABLE-WHAT'S HAPPENING
IN YOUR DISTRICT?

03.10 RAPIDAN DAM-WHAT
HAPPENED AND WHAT
COMES NEXT?

-J. Boyle

03.30 CLOSING REMARKS

-R. Sip

Thank You For Attending!

27th Annual RRWMB & FDRWG JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



*Agenda Day 1
March 17, 2026*



12:30 PM	Registration/Check-in
1:00 PM	Welcome & Announcements B. Bergey
1:05 PM	RRWMB, Basin, and Legislative Updates R. Sip
1:20 PM	Drainage Law Updates J. Kolb
2:00 PM	Q & A With John Kolb
2:20 PM	Basin-wide Organization and Law L. Smith
3:00 PM	Q & A With Louis Smith
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 PM	Five-Year Monitoring Program Update J. Madejczyk & P. Oswald
4:00 PM	Water Quality Trading in the Red River Basin D. Kessler
4:30 PM	Announcements/Close Day 1 R. Sip
5:00 PM	Social Hour
6:00 PM	After-Event Networking (on your own)



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*Agenda Day 2 – AM
March 18, 2026*



7:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	Welcome & Announcements D. Money
8:35 AM	Facilitated Discussion: Welcome and Context R. Sip
8:45 AM	Facilitation Framing and Norms M. Rufer & S. Olson
8:55 AM	North Dakota Water Users Perspective D. Quissell
9:25 AM	Agricultural Drainage and Water Management J. Kjaersgaard
9:55 AM	Break
10:10 AM	Facilitated Table Discussions S. Olson & M. Rufer
11:35 AM	Prioritization of Items Identified S. Olson & M. Rufer
11:50 AM	Lunch



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*Agenda Day 2 – PM
March 18, 2026*



12:30 PM	Drainage Policy Panel: Topic Overview L. Smith
12:40 PM	MCEA Goals and Perspectives C. Griffith & A. Hillman
1:00 PM	Moderated Q&A L. Smith
1:20 PM	10 Year Flood Innundation Mapping E. Jones, T. Nordby & G. May
1:50 PM	Fargo-Moorhead Diversion K. Bakkegard
2:20 PM	Break
2:40 PM	Project Update: Turtle-Cross-Connection N. Kludt & N. Dalager
3:00 PM	Watershed Based Implementation Funding: Past, Present, and Future H. Van Offelen
3:30 PM	The NDAWN Expansion in MN: Data Collection and Application D. Ritchison
4:15 PM	Closing R. Sip



Memo

To: Watershed District Administrators in Red River Basin
From: Bethany Bethke, Red River Basin Coordinator
Date: August 24, 2026
Subject: **Project Team Funding in Fiscal Year 2027**



In June the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) finalized its budget for fiscal year 2027 (FY27).¹ The following dollar amounts are budgeted for project teams and facilitation:

- Support for existing, active project teams: \$185,500
- Reserve for new project teams: \$25,000²
- Facilitation services: \$15,000
\$225,500

The process for funding project team activities will be similar to the past fiscal years:

- Project team support funds are awarded **per active project team**. This means districts that have more project teams active in a given year are eligible to receive more funding than districts that have fewer project teams. (Where a single project team is advancing multiple projects, the funding is awarded per project.)
- Facilitation services will continue to be available under a master contract with two organizations arranged by the FDRWG. Watershed districts should contact me if they would like to arrange facilitation services. Funding for facilitation is handled separately from the funding above that's available to project teams, and is drawn from a separate line item in the FDRWG budget.
- Funding is also available for new project teams that may be started up during the fiscal year. Decisions on award levels for new project teams will be case-by-case.
- All funding is awarded on a 1:1 matching basis, up to the limits established in each fiscal year.

Based on the information provided by each of you over the past few months, there are 18 active project teams that will potentially need funding. Additionally, the North Ottawa project team will continue as a standing team, but has a lower anticipated need than other teams (based on past experience). Based on this information, the FDRWG can commit **\$2,500 for the North Ottawa team** and **\$18,300 per other active project team** at this time.

Funding is available for **project team start-ups**. At this time, **one new team** is anticipated to start up over the next fiscal year and has been allocated **\$5,000 from the start-up funds**. Other new teams are eligible to request start-up funds and sponsors should contact the Red River Basin Coordinator when they begin to request an allocation from the FDRWG.

¹ The fiscal year began on July 1, 2026 and will extend through June 30, 2026.

² The budget approved by the FDRWG on June 23, 2026 contained an error that was subsequently corrected, lowering this line item from \$30,000 to \$25,000.

Please see the attached table for information about the active teams, standing team, and start up that have been allocated funds for FY27. **If you note any errors about a team's status or allocation, please contact the Red River Basin Coordinator.**

All active project teams should submit an updated Project Information Form in October and April of the fiscal year. This information is used to track project team activity and update allocations. The FDRWG will be more closely monitoring maintenance of these forms and will reserve the right to withhold reimbursement until forms are submitted. Active teams will receive a reminder in October and April to submit an updated form. Please contact the coordinator if you need a copy of the most recently submitted form for any team.

As in the past, if funds from the FDRWG's other budgeted activities remain unspent at the end of the fiscal year, the FDRWG will consider awarding some portion of those funds to reimburse additional project team costs that were not funded initially.

FDRWG FY27 Project Team Funding Allocations

Date Updated: August 17, 2026

Budget Info	Total FY27* Budget for Active Project Team Funds	\$185,500
	Total FY27* Budget for Project Team Start-Up Funds	\$25,000

*FDRWG FY27 Begins July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027

Watershed District	Project Team Name	FDRWG FY27* Allocation (Requires Local Match)
Standing Project Team		
BdS	North Ottawa	\$2,500
<i>Subtotal</i>		\$2,500
Active Project Teams in need of FY27* FDRWG Funds		
MSTR	Swift Coulee (Phase 2)	\$18,300
RL	Turtle-Cross-Connection	\$18,300
RL	Mud River	\$18,300
SHR	Storage Solutions	\$18,300
BRR	Whisky Creek	\$18,300
RL	SD 83/Thief River	\$18,300
SHR	Bear Park	\$18,300
BdS	Twelvemile/Moonshine	\$18,300
MSTR	SD 3	\$18,300
SHR	Sand Hill River Ecosystem Restoration	\$18,300
<i>Subtotal</i>		\$183,000
Anticipated Project Team Start-Ups in FY27*		
MSTR	Stream/ River Bank Stabilization in City limits	\$5,000
<i>Subtotal†</i>		\$5,000
Project Teams Inactive or Not in Need of FY27* FDRWG Funds		
WR	Norman-Polk	No Allocation
WR	Upper Reaches	
BdS	Redpath	
BdS	Fivemile	
BRR	Lwr Otter Tail Rest	
MSTR	JD 19/Nelson Slough	
RR	Big Swamp North	
RR	Hay Creek	
TR	Klondike	
TR, RR	Juneberry	
RR	Whitney Lakes	
RR	Roseau Lake Rehab	
TR	Lake Bronson Sediment	

†Funds for additional Project Team Start-Ups are available, if additional Teams are established.



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-081

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Mike Hanson		31267 250th Ave SW Crookston, MN 56716	mbhanmn@gmail.com	tel: 218-280-2398

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Tiling**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Fairfax** Range: **46** Section: **7**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: 102 ACRE DRAINAGE PERMIT. 60 narrow slot with 5hp pump
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **improve drainage and water management**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves the Pattern tile project with 'pumped' outlet(s). 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. Directly downstream of the tile and/or pump station(s) outlets, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install appropriate markers to show the outlet end of the pipe, any damage caused by maintenance will be at the expense of the landowner/applicant. 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. If any of the work is done near adjacent wetlands or public watercourse, applicant shall contact the appropriate jurisdictional authority prior to the installation of the tile lines and meet their spec's/conditions. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	08/26/2026
Received		07/29/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-084

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Lucas Thom	King Township clerk	28516 370th st se McIntosh,MN 56556	Lucas.thom1987@gmail.com	tel: 218-280-3796

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification, Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement),**
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **King** Range: **41** Section: **9**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: cleaning ditch on both sides of township road and replacing damaged culvert
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **water not flowing**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to replace and install a new 18" culvert contingent on approval from King Township as this is in a Township Road right of way, also landowners will need to be notified about the spoil that will be placed on their property from the cleaning or the spoil will need to be hauled away at the applicants expense. 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		07/30/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-085

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
John McDonald	Customer	33414 210th St SW Fisher, MN 56723	nandjmcDonald@outlook.com	tel: 218-289-3500

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Nesbit** Range: **48** Section: **35**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Customer would like to put a 30" culvert threw the road diagonally to the northwest. Or if that is not possible can he change the 24" culvert in field crossing to a 30" culvert and make it 60' long.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **During a big rain event the northwest corner of the quarter is under water and drowns out the crop resulting in lost revenue. A larger culvert would help get water to big ditch on the north faster. Customer owns both this quarter and the one to the west of this where diagonal culvert would go.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves installing a 30" culvert with a flap gate to assist in better drainage contingent on approval from Nesbit Township as the project will need to cut a township road. 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 appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install appropriate markers to show the outlet end of the pipe, any damage caused by maintenance will be at the expense of the landowner/applicant 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. 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. 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. 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. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. This permit 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/02/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-089

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Gabriel Boushee		42265 220th st sw East grand forks, MN 56721	gboushee@nd.gov	tel: 701-317-2773

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Bygland** Range: **49** Section: **5**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Adding a new crossing to the west of the one on property
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **We are building a pole barn in future and need a crossing to access it**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install a new 24" culvert for access contingent on approval from Polk county as this new crossing will need to be installed in Polk County Ditch 67. 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/04/2026

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.
- 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



Permit # 26-092

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Gary Salentiny		22933 140th St SW Euclid, MN 56722	gsalentiny@gmail.com	tel: 218-289-1876

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Belgium** Range: **46** Section: **22**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Cleaning ditch along township road.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **water is not flowing like it should.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves cleaning along 130th St SW contingent on approval from Belgium Township as the cleaning is along a township road. 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. 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. 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. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. This permit 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/06/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-093

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Gary Salentiny		22933 140th St SW Euclid, MN 56722	gsalentiny@gmail.com	tel: 218-289-1876

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Belgium** Range: **46** Section: **24**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: clean 1 mile of ditch along township road.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **water not flowing as it should**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves cleaning along 210th Ave SW contingent on approval from Belgium Township as the cleaning is along a township road. 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. 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. 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. Permit Holder shall contact the road authorities when cutting through roads when applicable. Directly downstream of the outlet, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. This permit 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/06/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-094

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
TODD MACK		PO BOX 452 EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721	agmacfarms@hotmail.com	tel: 218-693-1460

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **Sullivan** Range: **49** Section: **3**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: **WISHING TO PUT 50 FT CROSSING FOR ACCESS TO FIELD**
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **NEED BIGGER CROSSING FOR LARGER TRUCKS**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install a new 18" culvert for access to the field. 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/06/2026

Conditions

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Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-095

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Greg Sparby	Veldt TWP	34313 380th Ave Ne Grygla, MN 56727	greg.sparby@gmail.com	tel: 218-686-7302

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Marshall** Township: **Veldt** Range: **39** Section: **23**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Remove old culvert; install new culvert and back fill with material.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Old culvert has collapsed.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to replace a failed 18" culvert with a new 18" culvert. 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/11/2026

Conditions

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- 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.
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- This Permit does not relieve you of any requirements for other permits, which may be necessary from Township, County, State, or Federal Government Agencies.
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Permit # 26-096

Status Report: Approved**Expiration: 08/26/2027****Applicant Information**

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Patrick Wichterman		18497 170TH ST SE Plummer, MN 56748		tel: 701-400-4496

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Tiling**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Red Lake** Township: **Emardville** Range: **42** Section: **5**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Pattern tile the South 80 of the SW quarter of section 5 in Emardville township.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Reduce erosion and increase yields.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves the Pattern tile project with a 'Gravity' outlet. 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. Directly downstream of the tile and/or pump station(s) outlets, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install appropriate markers to show the outlet end of the pipe, any damage caused by maintenance will be at the expense of the landowner/applicant *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. If any of the work is done near adjacent wetlands or public watercourse, applicant shall contact the appropriate jurisdictional authority prior to the installation of the tile lines and meet their spec's/conditions. Directly downstream of the 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/11/2026



Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-097

Status Report: Approved

Expiration: 08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Derek Mogen	Owner	12771 120th st ne Thief River Falls, MN 56701	derekjmogen@gmail.com	tel: 218-684-0970

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Pennington** Township: **Rocksbury** Range: **43** Section: **20**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Add approach to barn
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **We drive through our yard to get to the barn. With heavy equipment, it leaves ruts**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to install a new 18" culvert for a new crossing into 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/11/2026

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.
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Red Lake Watershed District

Permit # 26-098

Status Report: Approved

Expiration:08/26/2027

Applicant Information

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Lucas Thom	King Township Clerk	28516 370th st. se McIntosh, MN 56556	lucas.thom@fosstoncoop.com	tel: 218-280-3796

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Culvert Installation / Removal / Modification, Surface Drainage (New Ditch or Improvement)**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Polk** Township: **King** Range: **41** Section: **1**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: replace damaged culvert on approach and clean ditch that drains culvert.
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **Water not flowing**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves to replace and install a new 18" culvert contingent on approval from King Township as this is in a Township Road right of way. 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. Directly downstream of the culvert applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install black dirt and re-seed any disturbed land with approved MNDOT 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)	08/26/2026
Received		08/13/2026

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.
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Permit # 26-099

Status Report: Approved**Expiration:08/26/2027****Applicant Information**

Name	Organization	Address	Email	Phone Number(s)
Tom Scholin		16656 120th St,NW Thief River Falls,MN 56701	tscholin@gvtel.com	tel: 218-686-0123

General Information

- (1) The proposed project is a: **Tiling**,
- (2) Legal Description
- (3) County: **Pennington** Township: **Bray** Range: **45** Section: **23**
- (4) Describe in detail the work to be performed: Drain tile installation. Pattern tiling of NW 1/4, N1/2 SW1/4, N1/2 SE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4 , SW1/4 SE1/4
- (5) Why is this work necessary? Explain water related issue/problem being solved. **To remove excess rain fall and reduce saturation of soil surface.**

Status

Status	Notes	Date
Approved	The Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) approves extending the Pattern tile project to an already existing outlet. 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. Directly downstream of the tile and/or pump station(s) outlets, applicant shall ensure that adequate grade and drainage is provided. Applicant shall install appropriate erosion control measures for energy dissipation at the tile outlet(s) to prevent erosion. Applicant shall install appropriate markers to show the outlet end of the pipe, any damage caused by maintenance will be at the expense of the landowner/applicant. 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. If any of the work is done near adjacent wetlands or public watercourse, applicant shall contact the appropriate jurisdictional authority prior to the installation of the tile lines and meet their spec's/conditions. Applicant is responsible for utility locates by calling Gopher 1. (1-800-252-1166)	08/26/2026
Received		08/14/2026

NEWSLETTER

Red Lake Watershed District



Water Quality Monitoring

In this issue:

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Throughout the month of July, RLWD staff did district sampling at 75 sites throughout the Thief River, Red Lake River, Clearwater River, Upper/Lower Red Lakes, and Grand Marais Creek Watersheds. As the results came back from the lab, there were low (<1 mg/L) total suspended solids throughout the watersheds. With the lack of precipitation in July, towards the middle of the month some sites had no visible flow which makes sampling not possible at that time. Some sites had high E.coli (>2419.6 MPN/100mL) and high Sulfate (>785 mg/L). Sampling will resume in September.

Blue-Green Algae Sampling

As the temperature got warmer, blue-green algae started to bloom. Reports had been made at Cross lake, specifically at Tilberg Park and Polk County Park Marina on Maple Lake. Signs have been put up at both Tilberg Park and Maple lake to warn the public about the blue-green algae bloom.

July 8th, 2026: Harmful blue-green algae had been confirmed at Cross Lake. Microcystin toxins were approximately 10 ppb, the jar test confirmed that there was blue green algae present.

July 23rd, 2026: Algae is still present on Cross Lake at Tilberg Park and now at low levels and Polk County Park Marina on Maple Lake.



Upcoming Events

Date: 8/13/2026

9:00am

RLWD District Office

Board Meeting

*Open to the public. For
more information Call.*

218-681-5800

Date: 8/27/2026

9:00am

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Reinvest in Minnesota: Grand Marais Creek

In 2020, the Red Lake Watershed District had the opportunity to be involved with the “Reinvest in Minnesota” at the Grand Marais Creek area in an effort to preserve the natural beauty and ecological balance.

“Reinvest in Minnesota” or RIM is a program that is administered by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources, aims to protect and enhance the state’s natural resources.

Noxious weeds are threatening to the native ecosystem by competing with the native plants and disrupting local biodiversity. The Red Lake Watershed District has been working and maintaining the amount of noxious weeds in the Grand Marais Creek by mowing some RIM land annually and spraying during the summer months.

Helpful Links!

Blue-Green Algae

Future Board Meetings

Projects



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