

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Minutes
September 10, 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, Brian Dwight, Terry Sorenson, LeRoy Ose, and Al Page. Manager Absent: Grant Nelson. Staff Present: Melissa Bushy, Elaine Rychlock, Corey Hanson and Lindsey Deselich. Staff Absent: Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Page, and passed by a unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda, with additions as noted. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the August 27, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the August 27, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated September 9, 2026. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Financial Report dated September 9, 2026. Motion carried.

Manager Dwight discussed helping Hines Township in Beltrami County financially with the beaver issues within the township. Discussion was held on the Joint Powers Agreement the District has with Hines Township for the outlet of the Blackduck Lake, RLWD Project No. 50E. Dwight went to the Hines Township meeting held on September 9, 2026. There is a major beaver dam between the road and the lake at Beaver Creek/Blackduck Lake. It is impacting the township road. After much discussion, a motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to investigate further and get cost information. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 1 for the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization, Project, RLWD Project No. 149B, in the amount of \$147,704.10, to Anderson Excavating. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 149B, to Anderson Excavating. Motion carried.

The Board was informed that the Pennington County SWCD has been awarded the grant which will cover three weeks of tree planting at our various bank stabilization projects throughout our area.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2 for the Thief River Streambank Stabilization Project - 2026 Sites, RLWD Project No. 149A, in the amount of \$129,826.05, to Northern Harbor LLC. Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 for the Thief River Streambank Stabilization Project - 2026 Sites, RLWD Project No. 149A, to Northern Harbor LLC. Motion carried.

Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, discussed permitting on the Brule Bank Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149. After discussion amongst the Board, the consensus was to move forward with the permitting process for the project.

Staff member, Corey Hanson, reviewed the recent article by the Board of Water and Soil Resources about the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149B. Hanson also shared a video with the Board highlighting this project.

Staff member, Corey Hanson, shared that the Red Lake River 1W1P Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan was approved by the BWSR board on August 27. Moving forward we will use the updated Plan. Hanson shared a copy of the approval letter from the BWSR Board as well as a copy of the Board order.

RLWD permit no. 26105 was discussed. This is an after-the-fact permit. The proposed work is in Section 12, Godfrey Township, in Polk County. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve RLWD permit no. 26105. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 26082, MnDOT, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 26083, MnDOT, Andover Township, Polk County; No. 26100, MnDOT, Godfrey Township, Polk County; No. 26102, David Thompson, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 26103, David Thompson, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 26104, Beltrami County Highway Dept., Kelliher Township, Beltrami County; No. 26107, Brian Vathauer, Lake Pleasant Township, Red Lake County; No. 26108, MnDOT, Gully Township, Polk County; and No. 26109, MnDOT, Alaska Township, Beltrami County.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary