

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 11, 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.

Present: Managers: Gene Tiedemann, Tom Anderson, Brian Dwight, Grant Nelson, Terry Sorenson, LeRoy Ose, and Allan Page. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Corey Hanson, Melissa Bushy, and Elaine Rychlock.

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

A request to appear was made by David Myrher, East Valley Township.

The Board reviewed the May 28, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Nelson, to approve the May 28, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report as of June 10, 2026. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Financial Report as of June 10, 2026. Motion carried.

Staff member, Elaine Rychlock, reviewed the current Certificate of Deposit rates for the following area banks: Dakota Heritage Bank, Northern State Bank of Thief River Falls, Ultima Bank MN of Fosston, Edward Jones, and American Federal Bank-Fosston. There is one CD maturing 6/18/26 at Edward Jones. After much discussion, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Nelson, to renew the maturing CD (\$239,000) with Edward Jones for twelve months at 4.05%. Motion carried.

David Myrher was present and wanted to comment on the Mud River EAW that appeared in the local newspaper.

The Board reviewed the MPCA draft 2026 impaired waters list. Public comment period is open through July 22, 2026. Staff member Corey Hanson will discuss further details at a later date.

The Board reviewed a draft Technical Memorandum regarding the potential of a best management practice to offset total phosphorus numbers that various cities in Northern Minnesota are dealing with.

The final payment hearing for Northern Harbor, LLC for the Thief River Streambank Stabilization Project 2025 (Muzzy, Thief River LLC), Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149A, was called to order at 9:15 a.m. Administrator Audette stated that Northern Harbor, LLC completed all construction in the final amount of \$6,088.17. After opening the hearing for public comment and no public comment being received, President Gene Tiedemann closed the hearing. Motion by Page, seconded by Ose, to approve the Final Pay Estimate to Northern Harbor, LLC

in the amount of \$6,088.17 for the Thief River 1W1P 2025 Streambank Stabilization Project , RLWD Project No. 149A. Motion carried.

Matt Fischer, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) appeared before the Board to discuss the results from the recent BWSR Assessment Survey that took place. This was an overall organizational evaluation. Staff and Board, Partners and Community members were given the survey to participate and provide their feedback.

Olivia Morton, Brady Martz & Associates, P.A., presented the 2025 Annual Audit Report. After various questions by the Board, a motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the 2025 Annual Audit Report, as presented.

Administrator Audette discussed legal fees and a Bond for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179.

Administrator Audette provided an update on RLWD Project No. 114, Turtle Connection Cross Lakes.

The Board reviewed the following permits for approval. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Nelson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 26017, Greg Sparby, Spruce Grove Township, Beltrami County; No. 26020, Timothy Calillier, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 26025, Moore Engineering, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 26030, David Bachand, Numedal Township, Pennington County; No. 26033, Marshall County Highway Dept., Rollis Township, Marshall County; No. 26038, Cole Schmitz, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 26039, Randy Larson, Rollis Township, Marshall County; No. 26040, Marshall County Highway Dept., Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 26041, Pennington County Highway Department, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 26042, Pennington County Highway Dept., Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 26043, Pennington County Highway Dept., Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 26044, Pennington County Highway Dept., Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 26045, Pennington County Highway Dept., Kratka Township, Pennington County; No. 26046, Pennington County Highway Dept., Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 26047, Brent Strickler, Brandt Township, Polk County; and No. 26052, Mike Tiedemann, Belgium Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette reviewed the 2026 MN Watersheds Resolutions Comment Period.

Administrator Audette discussed the proposed 2027 Budget & Salary Schedule. The Budget and Salary Committee will meet with Audette in late June to start discussions.

Administrator's Update:

- **Red Lake County Soil Erosion Ordinance:** Included in the packet is a soil ordinance implemented by Red Lake County.
- **Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed District Groundbreaking:** The RLWD will be the host office for the MSTRWD Nelson Coulee Groundbreaking ceremony on June 30th.

MSTRWD and the RRWMB are working hard to get local legislators and LSOHC Committee members in attendance.

- **BWSR Snapshots:** Included in the packet is the BWSR Snapshots newsletter that includes an article on the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization and the District's Assessment Survey.
- **RRWMB/River Watch Update:** Included in the packet is an RRWMB update and photos from the River Watch Program and their presentation to the Clean Water Council.
- **Goose Lake-Audette discussed local drainage concerns in the Goose Lake area.**
- **RLWD Project No. 119 – Audette updated the Board on the need for sediment removal from high winds.**

Manager Ose shared that he attended the recent Red River Basin Commission Conference in Winkler, MB.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Ose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the text.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary