RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Managers Minutes
October 22, 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, Al Page, and Grant Nelson. Staff Present: Tammy Audette, Melissa Bushy, Elaine Rychlock, and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the October 8, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the October 8, 2026, Board meeting minutes, with corrections as noted. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report as of October 21, 2026. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Page, to approve the Financial Report as of October 21, 2026. Motion carried.

Manager Ose discussed a beaver dam issue located in Beltrami County.

Administrator Audette and staff member Rychlock shared there will be three Certificate of Deposit Renewals coming due in the next few weeks that will be up for renewal discussion at the next Board meeting on November 12, 2026.

Jerry Pribula, Pribula Engineering, reviewed the temporary and permanent easements for the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the easements presented. Motion carried. The contract with RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc., was also discussed. Motion by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to approve the contract with RJ Zavoral & Sons, Inc., for construction of the Improvement to Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Motion carried.

The Final Payment Hearing for the 2026 Thief River Streambank sites, Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149A, was discussed. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Ose, to set the Final Payment Hearing date for the construction of the 2026 Thief River Streambank sites, Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149A., for November 12, 2026 @ 9:30 am at the District office. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 3 for the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149B, Clearwater 1W1P, in the amount of $287,697.62, to Quality Spray Foam LLC dba Anderson Excavating. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Nelson, to approve Pay Estimate No. 3 for the Clearwater River Bank Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 149B, Clearwater 1W1P, to Quality Spray Foam LLC dba Anderson Excavating. Motion carried.

Administrator Audette discussed the Houston Avenue Project, in Crookston and a meeting to be held with local legislators, City of Crookston and landowners.

Administrator Audette reviewed the Release of Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the TRF Westside, RLWD Project No. 178.

Administrator Audette discussed the Moose River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 13 and potential abandonment of ditches east of the impoundment area

RLWD permit no. 26124 was discussed. The proposed work is in Section 7, Badger Township, in Polk County. Motion by Page, seconded by Nelson, to approve RLWD permit no. 26124. 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. 26101, Kraig Kainz, Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; No. 26129, Keith Mack, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 26130, Jerry Glanzer, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 26131, Josh Krueger, Belgium Township, Polk County; No. 26132, MnDOT, Pine Lake Township, Clearwater County; No. 26133, Chase Schmitz, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 26134, Terence Funk, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 26135, Terence Funk, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 26136, Wayne Wolden, Gully Township, Polk County; No. 26137, Richard Hruby, Jr., Silverton Township, Pennington County; and No. 26138, Browns Creek Township, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County.

Administrator Audette reviewed the handouts from the MN Watersheds October 2026 Drainage Workgroup Meeting.

Administrator Audette discussed with the Board the proposed 1W1P Coordinator position that would be shared with Clearwater, Red Lake River, and Thief River. After much discussion, the RLWD Board would like to see one person for the position rather than it being a shared position.

Administrator Audette discussed the recent meeting with the Budget and Salary Committee about the Minnesota Paid Leave Policy and implementing that into our existing personnel policy. After much discussion, a motion was made by Ose, seconded by Nelson, to have the Budget and Salary Committee meet again with Legal Counsel Sparby to come up with their recommendations. These recommendations will be brought back to the Board on November 12, 2026. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

- Audette participated virtually in the October 20, 2026 RRWMB Meeting.
- Staff members Lindsey Deselich and Corey Hanson attended the BWSR Academy.
- Various staff plan to attend the 2026 MN Watersheds Annual Conference & Trade Show.
- Audette discussed the JD1 conference call with John Kolb & and the November 12th Joint Ditch Board Meeting.

Manager Ose shared he attend the Minnesota Water Resources Conference at the Saint Paul River Centre on October 13-14, 2026.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary