



BOARD MEETING AGENDA – JUNE 20, 2025

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This meeting replaces the June 19, 2025 regular board meeting, which according to MN Statutes 645.44, subdivision 5: "No public business shall be transacted on any holiday, except in cases of necessity and except in cases of public business transacted by the legislature, nor shall any civil process be served thereon."

8:00 AM

Verification of Quorum & Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Consider Agenda Additions & Approve Agenda

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Consent Agenda Approve: Minutes of May 15 & June 6, 2025; Claims of June 20, 2025 (includes JCWMP Pay Requests, Deposits, and Journal Entries); Treasurer's Report and Budget; State Grants Received/Expended

Public Comment

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Open Hearing to Consider Petitions requesting authority to use Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet for projects proposed in portions of Section 15, Range 44, Eldorado Township, Stevens County:

Parcel #16-0052-002 S1/2NW1/4 owned by Karen & Mark Graf and

Parcel #16-0053-000 SW1/4 owned by Curtis & Janna Horning and

Parcel #16-0052-003 W1/2SE1/4, Parcel #16-0052-001 N1/2NW1/4, Parcel #16-0052-000 E1/2SE1/4,

Parcel #16-0051-001 S1/2NE1/4, Parcel #16-0051-000 N1/2NE1/4 owned by Flatland, LLP

Administrative Compliance Order, R. Anderson

103E DRAINAGE SYSTEMS REPORTS

JD #11 Lat. 4

Prelim. Survey & Survey Report

GCD #3

Update

GCD #21

Update

Authorization to Sign Notice to Proceed & Contract Docs

GCD #29

Update

JD #12

Small Scale Impoundment Storage

103D WATERSHED PROJECTS

Doran Creek

Update & Culvert Cost Share

Redpath

Update & Pay Application

FHM Program Update

North Ottawa

Update

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Oath of Office

Approve Tort Liability Waiver

Schedule Advisory Committee Meeting

Officer Elections

Approve Annual Organization Resolution & Committees

Letters & Minutes

Managers RRWMB, RRRR, RRBC, FDRWG, MAWD, Drainage Work Group & Committee Reports

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Cash Basis

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Expenses by Vendor Summary (No Employees)
May 16 through June 20, 2025

	<u>May 16 - Jun 20, 25</u>
Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.	1,000.00
Big Stone County	-68,323.67
BlueCross BlueShield MN	-0.02
BMO/Bank of the West	6.00
Bois de Sioux Watershed	0.00
Brandon Gruehow	1,200.00
Braun Intertec	5,000.00
Bremer Bank	-12,410.43
City of Wheaton	50.17
Column Software PBC	0.00
Dollymount Township	66,279.12
Elan Financial Services	1,878.66
Gazette Publishing Co.	930.60
Grant County Herald	526.50
HPS	366.04
Kevin Pederson	6,600.00
L & B Hardware Hank LLC	87.45
Larson Oil Company	196.30
MN PEIP	2,469.92
Moore Engineering, Inc.	84,670.45
Morris & Associates	687.00
Morris Electronics Inc	8,610.93
Northland Area Services	5,277.00
Ohnstad Twichell, PC	11,781.50
Otter Tail Power Company	119.86
People's State Bank	-11,510.26
Purchase Power	648.15
QuickBooks Payroll Service	20.00
RizzaMae Serino	97.90
RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc	315.59
RRWMB	421,527.69
Runestone Telecom Association	144.72
Schultz Welding	164.84
Scott Bauer	100.00
Spee Dee Delivery Service, Inc.	22.28
Star Bank	-179.02
Stevens County	-92,419.34
The Chokio Review	33.00
The Ortonville Independent/Northern Star	451.50
Toby Decker	512.50
Traverse County	-723,139.30
Traverse County SWCD	33,975.77
Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc	64.13
Tri County Coop	330.18
TS Hydroseeding	26,180.00
Valley Office Products, Inc.	321.55
Vestis	48.77
Wilkin County	-235,769.04
Willy's Super Valu	115.85
Xerox Corporation	259.71
TOTAL	-460,679.45

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May 16 through June 20, 2025

Date	Num	Type	Memo	Account	Class	Amount
Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.						
06/20/2025	2861	Check	GOVERNMENT SERVICES CONTRACT	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,000.00
Total Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.						-1,000.00
Big Stone County						
05/22/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42010 · Big Stone County	Administrative Fund:General Cash	5,222.78
05/22/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42010 · Big Stone County	Construction Fund	31,550.44
05/22/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES FOR RRWMB	42010 · Big Stone County	RRWMB	31,550.45
Total Big Stone County						68,323.67
BlueCross BlueShield MN						
05/30/2025		Liability Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	10.88
06/16/2025		Liability Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	10.88
06/20/2025	2876	Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-21.74
Total BlueCross BlueShield MN						0.02
BMO/Bank of the West						
05/31/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-6.00
Total BMO/Bank of the West						-6.00
Bois de Sioux Watershed						
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: ADMIN/GRANT COORD	61100 · Admin/Coord	Construction Fund:JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.:BWSRWBIF2 ...	-2,284.07
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: ADMIN/GRANT COORD	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Construction Fund	2,284.07
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: TWELVEMILE CREEK	61805 · Feasibility Study	Construction Fund:JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.:BWSRWBIF2 ...	-1,293.75
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: TWELVEMILE CREEK	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Construction Fund:Twelvemile Creek	1,293.75
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: DORAN CREEK	61805 · Feasibility Study	Construction Fund:JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.:BWSRWBIF2 ...	-29,193.44
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: DORAN CREEK	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Construction Fund:Doran Creek Stream Restoration	29,193.44
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: ADMIN/GRANT COORD MOORE	61100 · Admin/Coord	Construction Fund:JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.:BWSRWBIF2 ...	-102.50
06/20/2025	WBIF 0...	General Journal	WBIF 02-37: ADMIN/GRANT COORD MOORE	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Construction Fund	102.50
Total Bois de Sioux Watershed						0.00
Brandon Gruehow						
06/20/2025	2866	Check	BEAVER REMOVAL	53910 · Nuisance Beaver Control	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	-1,200.00
Total Brandon Gruehow						-1,200.00
Braun Intertec						
06/20/2025	2875	Check	INVOICE B429587 - SOIL BORINGS	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:GCD #29	-5,000.00
Total Braun Intertec						-5,000.00
Bremer Bank						
05/31/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-2.50
05/25/2025		Deposit	CD MATURITY - INTEREST	43000 · Interest Income	Construction Fund	10,421.14
05/31/2025		Deposit	Interest	43000 · Interest Income	Construction Fund	1,991.79
Total Bremer Bank						12,410.43
City of Wheaton						
06/06/2025	2843	Check	W/S/G	53440 · Utility Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-50.17
Total City of Wheaton						-50.17
Column Software PBC						
06/20/2025	2862	Check	MEETING CHANGE FAC49920-0035	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	
06/20/2025	2862	Check	MEETING CHANGE FAC49920-0034	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	
Total Column Software PBC						0.00
Dollymount Township						
06/20/2025	2864	Check	640TH AVE ROAD RAISE - EASEMENTS AND CROP ...	51200 · Project Construction	Construction Fund:640th Ave Road Raise:Dollymnt Cost ...	-66,279.12
Total Dollymount Township						-66,279.12

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Elan Financial Services						
06/20/2025	2869	Check	ADOBE SUB	55130 · Website	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-36.86
06/20/2025	2869	Check	QUICKBOOKS SUBSCRIPTION	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,281.43
06/20/2025	2869	Check	ZOOM SUB	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-34.18
06/20/2025	2869	Check	FREEFIND SEARCH UPDATE	55130 · Website	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-19.00
06/20/2025	2869	Check	CAR WASH	54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-18.00
06/20/2025	2869	Check	ADOBE ACROBAT ANNUAL SUB	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-256.37
06/20/2025	2869	Check	MEETING MEAL	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-104.08
06/20/2025	2869	Check	MONITOR	53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-128.74
Total Elan Financial Services						-1,878.66
Gazette Publishing Co.						
06/20/2025	2867	Check	PROJECT BID	51500 · Advertising Expense	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-841.50
06/20/2025	2881	Check	TCD #8	51500 · Advertising Expense	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	-89.10
Total Gazette Publishing Co.						-930.60
Grant County Herald						
06/20/2025	2868	Check	PROJECT BID-INV 7062	51500 · Advertising Expense	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-526.50
Total Grant County Herald						-526.50
HPS						
06/20/2025	2848	Check	NORTH OTTAWA PORTAPOTTY	53440 · Utility Expense	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:N.O. Dev ...	-208.36
06/20/2025	2880	Check	NORTH OTTAWA PORTAPOTTY	53440 · Utility Expense	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:N.O. Dev ...	-157.68
Total HPS						-366.04
Kevin Pederson						
06/06/2025	2846	Check	1099 - REMOVAL ROCKS, FENCE POSTS, WIRE, CA...	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund:Lake Traverse WQ Impr. No. 1	-3,000.00
06/06/2025	2846	Check	REIMB ROCK REMOVAL	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund:Lake Traverse WQ Impr. No. 1	-3,600.00
Total Kevin Pederson						-6,600.00
L & B Hardware Hank LLC						
06/20/2025	2873	Check	REPELLANTS & WEED CONTROL & FLAG	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-87.45
Total L & B Hardware Hank LLC						-87.45
Larson Oil Company						
06/20/2025	2878	Check	FUEL	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-39.00
06/20/2025	2878	Check	WINDSHIELD WASH	54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-4.00
06/20/2025	2878	Check	FUEL	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-80.00
06/20/2025	2878	Check	OIL CHANGE	54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-73.30
Total Larson Oil Company						-196.30
MN PEIP						
05/30/2025		Liability Check		Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	21.30
06/16/2025		Liability Check		Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	21.30
06/20/2025	2871	Check	HEALTH INSURANCE	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-2,512.52
Total MN PEIP						-2,469.92

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Moore Engineering, Inc.						
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GCD #3 REPAIR	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GCD #3	-10,796.85
06/20/2025	2847	Check	TWELVEMILE CREEK	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Twelvemile Creek:HSEM 75% (\$300,7...	-357.19
06/20/2025	2847	Check	TWELVEMILE CREEK	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Twelvemile Creek:HSEM Dist Match 2...	-119.06
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GCD #21 IMPROVEMENT	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-27,195.55
06/20/2025	2847	Check	SUB-1 IMPROVEMENT	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:WCD #Sub-1	-225.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	FIVEMILE CREEK	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Fivemile Creek:2024 Fivemile Cr Pilot ...	-225.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	SAMANTHA & ELBOW	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund	-1,056.25
06/20/2025	2847	Check	DORAN CREEK	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Doran Creek Stream Restoration:RRW...	-14,576.85
06/20/2025	2847	Check	CULVERT ANALYSIS	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:N.O. Dev ...	-635.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325D REDPATH 3A	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 3...	-168.75
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325D REDPATH 3A	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 3...	-112.56
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325D REDPATH 3A	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 3...	-56.19
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325C MUSTINKA RIVER 2B	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-6,301.48
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325C MUSTINKA RIVER 2B	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-3,779.46
06/20/2025	2847	Check	18325C MUSTINKA RIVER 2B	51900 · Engineering Services	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-7,570.26
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GC CONS JD #2	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GC CONS JD #2	-225.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GCD #9	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GCD #9	-620.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GCD #21	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-620.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	GCD #29	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:GCD #29	-1,072.50
06/20/2025	2847	Check	WCD #25	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:WCD #25	-400.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	TCD #8	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	-1,130.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	TCD #40	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund:TCD #40	-1,375.00
06/20/2025	2847	Check	TILE PERMITS	50400 · Tile Drainage	Construction Fund	-3,828.75
06/20/2025	2847	Check	SURFACE PERMITS	50500 · Surface Drainage	Construction Fund	-462.50
06/20/2025	2847	Check	DITCH INSPECTION SERVICES	51900 · Engineering Services	Ditch Fund	-1,536.25
06/20/2025	2847	Check	ANNUAL REPORT	51900 · Engineering Services	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-225.00
Total Moore Engineering, Inc.						-84,670.45
Morris & Associates						
06/20/2025	2849	Check	GENERAL-FEB	51100 · Accounting Services	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-198.00
06/20/2025	2849	Check	GENERAL-MAR	51100 · Accounting Services	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-228.00
06/20/2025	2849	Check	GENERAL-APR	51100 · Accounting Services	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-261.00
Total Morris & Associates						-687.00
Morris Electronics Inc						
06/06/2025	2840	Check	2 COMPUTERS & LAPTOP & SETUP	53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-8,610.93
Total Morris Electronics Inc						-8,610.93
Northland Area Services						
06/20/2025	2851	Check	RELAY RIP RAP AND NEW FABRIC	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:JCD #14	-552.00
06/20/2025	2851	Check	CLEAN FIELD DRAIN, REPAIR SCOUR	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:TCD #17	-150.00
06/20/2025	2851	Check	PREP FOR BUFFER PLANTING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-825.00
06/20/2025	2851	Check	REMOVE ROCK, LEVEL, CUT/PILE GREES	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:TCD #27	-3,750.00
Total Northland Area Services						-5,277.00
Ohnstad Twichell, PC						
06/20/2025	2870	Check	GCD #21	52600 · Legal Fees	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-92.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	GCD #3	52600 · Legal Fees	Ditch Fund:GCD #3	-1,403.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	WIND TURBINE ORD	52600 · Legal Fees	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-882.50
06/20/2025	2870	Check	CONTRACTOR INS REQ	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-1,357.50
06/20/2025	2870	Check	ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW	52600 · Legal Fees	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,472.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	GENERAL SERVICE	52600 · Legal Fees	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-2,494.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	PERMITS	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-1,058.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	LEGISLATIVE ISSUES	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-69.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	BUFFER ENFORCEMENT	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-552.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	REDPATH PH 2B	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-299.00
06/20/2025	2870	Check	REDPATH PH 2B	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-199.43
06/20/2025	2870	Check	REDPATH PH 2B	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp. & Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 2...	-99.57
06/20/2025	2870	Check	WCD #25	52600 · Legal Fees	Ditch Fund:WCD #25	-1,803.50
Total Ohnstad Twichell, PC						-11,781.50

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Otter Tail Power Company						
06/06/2025	2842	Check	ELECTRICITY	53430 · Electricity	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-119.86
Total Otter Tail Power Company						-119.86
People's State Bank						
05/16/2025		Deposit	INTEREST	43000 · Interest Income	Construction Fund	11,510.26
Total People's State Bank						11,510.26
Purchase Power						
06/06/2025	2839	Check	POSTAGE	53610 · Postage	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-648.15
Total Purchase Power						-648.15
QuickBooks Payroll Service						
05/29/2025		Liability Check	Fee for 2 direct deposit(s) at \$5.00 each	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-10.00
06/13/2025		Liability Check	Fee for 2 direct deposit(s) at \$5.00 each	53700 · Payroll Expenses		-10.00
Total QuickBooks Payroll Service						-20.00
RizzaMae Serino						
06/06/2025	2837	Check	RIVERWATCH STUDENT MEAL	51400 · River Watch/Expense	Construction Fund	-97.90
Total RizzaMae Serino						-97.90
RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc						
06/20/2025	2859	Check	51400 · River Watch/Expense	51400 · River Watch/Expense	Construction Fund	-315.59
Total RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc						-315.59
RRWMB						
06/20/2025	2852	Check	PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR RRWMB	54225 · Transfer of Funds to RRWMB	RRWMB	-31,550.45
06/20/2025	2852	Check	PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR RRWMB	54225 · Transfer of Funds to RRWMB	RRWMB	-42,363.64
06/20/2025	2852	Check	PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR RRWMB	54225 · Transfer of Funds to RRWMB	RRWMB	-242,091.98
06/20/2025	2852	Check	PORTION OF PROPERTY TAX FOR RRWMB	54225 · Transfer of Funds to RRWMB	RRWMB	-105,521.62
Total RRWMB						-421,527.69
Runestone Telecom Association						
06/06/2025	2844	Check	INTERNET & EMAIL & PHONE	53440 · Utility Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-144.72
Total Runestone Telecom Association						-144.72
Schultz Welding						
06/20/2025	2879	Check	HOOK AND BOARDS	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:N.O. Dev ...	-164.84
Total Schultz Welding						-164.84
Scott Bauer						
06/20/2025	2853	Check	2024 STREAM GAUGE #20	50100 · Stream Gaging Expense	Construction Fund	-100.00
Total Scott Bauer						-100.00
Spee Dee Delivery Service, Inc.						
06/20/2025	2874	Check	POSTAGE	51400 · River Watch/Expense	Construction Fund	-22.28
Total Spee Dee Delivery Service, Inc.						-22.28

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Star Bank						
05/23/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Ditch Fund:GCD #21:2022 LO Improvement Bond	-3.00
05/23/2025		Deposit	Interest	43000 · Interest Income	Ditch Fund:GCD #21:2022 LO Improvement Bond	6.92
05/23/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Ditch Fund:WCD #25:WCD #25 Improvement	-3.00
05/23/2025		Deposit	Interest	45000 · Miscellaneous Income	Ditch Fund:WCD #25:WCD #25 Improvement	6.90
05/23/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Ditch Fund:JCD #11:JCD #11 Lat 4 Improvement	-3.00
05/23/2025		Deposit	Interest	43000 · Interest Income	Ditch Fund:JCD #11:JCD #11 Lat 4 Improvement	6.91
05/23/2025		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-7.00
05/23/2025		Deposit	Interest	43000 · Interest Income	Construction Fund	174.29
Total Star Bank						179.02
Stevens County						
06/05/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42040 · Stevens County	Administrative Fund:General Cash	7,012.59
06/05/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42040 · Stevens County	Construction Fund	42,363.64
06/05/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES FOR RRWMB	42040 · Stevens County	RRWMB	42,363.64
06/05/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #37	578.69
06/05/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	100.78
Total Stevens County						92,419.34
The Chokio Review						
06/20/2025	2860	Check	LAND FOR RENT-INV 23850142	51500 · Advertising Expense	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ag La...	-33.00
Total The Chokio Review						-33.00
The Ortonville Independent/Northern Star						
06/20/2025	2850	Check	PROJECT BID INV 95093	51500 · Advertising Expense	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-451.50
Total The Ortonville Independent/Northern Star						-451.50
Toby Decker						
06/20/2025	2863	Check	BEAVER REMOVAL	53910 · Nuisance Beaver Control	Construction Fund	-512.50
Total Toby Decker						-512.50
Traverse County						
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42050 · Traverse County	Administrative Fund:General Cash	40,114.48
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42050 · Traverse County	Construction Fund	242,091.98
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES FOR RRWMB	42050 · Traverse County	RRWMB	242,091.98
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #1E	3,038.69
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #1W	1,882.99
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #2	0.90
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #4	32.25
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #7	2,608.70
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	5,206.86
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #9	4,362.17
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #10	55.19
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #11	2.92
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #13	371.78
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #16	2,391.82
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #17	4,283.97
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #18	2,770.80
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #19	1,908.92
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #20	1,492.15
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #22	3,097.53
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #23	5,862.47
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #24	4,919.94
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #26	2,697.05
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #27	29,894.56
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #28	2,436.04
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #29	888.31
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #30	4,047.16
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #31	2,442.12
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #32	1,670.52
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #33	2,879.60
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #35	24.91

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06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #36	9,145.34
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #37	23,733.98
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #38	1,621.70
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #39	1,349.97
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #40	6,626.30
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #41	9,542.29
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #42	3,818.03
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #43	1,451.00
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #44	3,279.75
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #46	1,499.65
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #48	1,522.84
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #50	3,693.66
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #51	13,242.47
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #52	103.66
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #53	1,089.51
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:TCD #55	4,833.09
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #3	1,116.26
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #7	10,678.42
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	279.96
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #14	4,471.33
06/03/2025		Deposit	WMD ASSESSMENTS	420005 · Water Management District Levy	Construction Fund:Lake Traverse WQ Impr. No. 1	4,471.33
Total Traverse County						723,139.30
Traverse County SWCD						
06/20/2025	2854	Check	SEED LTWQIP PH 3 WOODY VEG	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-1,761.20
06/20/2025	2854	Check	TCD 18 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-351.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	TCD 29 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-308.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	TCD 29 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-145.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	WCD 18 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-616.50
06/20/2025	2854	Check	TCD 36 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-659.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	TCD 48 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-188.99
06/20/2025	2854	Check	JD 12 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-855.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	WCD SUB-1 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-351.00
06/20/2025	2854	Check	BD 3 BUFFER SEEDING	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-870.08
06/20/2025	2856	Check	WBIF 02-36: GRADE STABILIZATION 25-0530	61505 · Ag Filtration, Storage, Protect	Construction Fund:JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.:BWSRWBIF2 ...	-27,870.00
Total Traverse County SWCD						-33,975.77
Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc						
06/06/2025	2845	Check	REDPATH SHED	53430 · Electricity	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ag La...	-64.13
Total Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc						-64.13
Tri County Coop						
06/20/2025	2877	Check	FUEL	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-289.90
06/20/2025	2877	Check	GAS CAN	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-40.28
Total Tri County Coop						-330.18
TS Hydroseeding						
06/20/2025	2855	Check	BD 3 HYDROSEEDING INV 1074	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-9,460.00
06/20/2025	2855	Check	JD 12 HYDROSEEDING INV 1077	51020 · Buffers	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-16,720.00
Total TS Hydroseeding						-26,180.00
Valley Office Products, Inc.						
05/21/2025	2836	Check	STAPLER & ORGANIZERS	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-63.04
05/21/2025	2836	Check	POSTAGE METER INK	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-38.62
05/21/2025	2836	Check	CORRECTION TAPE	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-10.11
05/21/2025	2836	Check	POST IT NOTES	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-22.82
05/21/2025	2836	Check	INV18375, INV18570		Administrative Fund:General Cash	
06/20/2025	2857	Check	PAPER	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-147.50
06/20/2025	2857	Check	POSTAGE INK & CLIPS	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-39.46
Total Valley Office Products, Inc.						-321.55

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Vestis						
06/20/2025	2858	Check	MATS	53420 · Maintenance	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-48.77
Total Vestis						-48.77
Wilkin County						
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42060 · Wilkin County	Administrative Fund:General Cash	17,465.06
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42060 · Wilkin County	Construction Fund	105,521.61
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES FOR RRWMB	42060 · Wilkin County	RRWMB	105,521.62
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:WCD #35	97.61
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:WCD #39	1,958.62
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #7	1,037.09
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	140.68
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:WCD #35	3,027.51
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:WCD #39	293.40
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:WCD #39	18.72
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	17.54
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #7	546.92
06/03/2025		Deposit	DITCH ASSESSMENTS	41190 · Ditch Assessments	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	120.75
06/03/2025		Deposit	PROPERTY TAXES	42060 · Wilkin County	Administrative Fund:General Cash	1.91
Total Wilkin County						235,769.04
Willy's Super Valu						
06/20/2025	2872	Check	MEETING MEAL	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-115.85
Total Willy's Super Valu						-115.85
Xerox Corporation						
06/06/2025	2841	Check	LEASE & COPIES	52100 · Equipment Lease & Rental	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-259.71
Total Xerox Corporation						-259.71
Fridgen, Troy J						
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-3,984.81
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-298.86
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-237.29
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-55.50
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-3,984.81
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-298.86
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-237.28
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-55.49
06/20/2025	2865	Check	DATA/CELL PLAN	53400 · Office Operations	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-100.00
Total Fridgen, Troy J						-9,252.90
Sullivan, Wendy M						
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,823.35
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-136.75
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-92.93
05/30/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-21.73
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,823.35
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-136.75
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-92.93
06/16/2025		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-21.73
06/06/2025	2838	Check	WATER BOTTLES	51400 · River Watch/Expense	Construction Fund	-148.90
Total Sullivan, Wendy M						-4,298.42
TOTAL						447,128.13

TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 2025

BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES FROM BANK STATEMENTS

Bank - Checking, No Interest	\$ 1,594,589.30
JCD #11 Surety	\$ 60,016.03
GCD #21 Surety	\$ 60,115.74
WCD #25 Improvement Surety	\$ 60,008.30
Bank - Checking, Interest	\$ 1,058,084.47
Bank - Checking, No Interest	9,324.33
Bank - Money Market, Interest	\$ 2,740,708.61
Bank - CD's, Interest	\$ -
Bank - CD's, Interest	\$ 3,900,450.70
END OF MONTH AMOUNT IN BANK ACCOUNTS:	<u>\$ 9,483,297.48</u>

ACCOUNTING FUND BALANCES FROM QUICKBOOKS

	Beginning Balance from Quickbooks 12/31/2024	2025 Revenue 5/31/2025	2025 Expenses 5/31/2025	Current Fund Balance 5/31/2025	
Payroll Liabilities	0.00	0.00	(1,276.43)	(1,276.43)	
General Fund(*)	467,075.29	15,219.20	(164,048.15)	318,246.34	TROY
Ditch Fund					If nothing else was done this ye
Total BdSWD #3	56,893.81	0.00	0.00	56,893.81	56,893.81
Total BdSWD #5	12,019.84	22.22	(12,038.15)	3.91	(18.31)
Total GCD #3	(45,417.75)	0.00	(31,892.94)	(77,310.69)	(58,310.69)
Total GCD #5	7,888.27	0.00	0.00	7,888.27	7,888.27
Total GCD #6	1,878.31	0.00	0.00	1,878.31	2,878.31
Total GCD #8	25,123.82	0.00	(650.00)	24,473.82	24,473.82
Total GCD #9	40,557.86	0.00	(32,537.50)	8,020.36	22,520.36
Total GCD #11	(440.95)	0.00	0.00	(440.95)	159.05
Total GCD #15	4,512.15	0.00	0.00	4,512.15	4,512.15
Total GCD #21	(188,626.94)	36.56	(213,891.65)	(402,482.03)	(394,018.59)
Total GCD #22	8,043.80	127.72	0.00	8,171.52	13,043.80
Total GCD #29	21,739.36	5.44	(2,698.95)	19,045.85	24,040.41
Total GCD #32	7,732.90	0.00	0.00	7,732.90	7,732.90
Total GCD #33	(5,238.37)	461.85	(3,341.00)	(8,117.52)	(8,117.52)
Total GC CONS JD #2	84,441.73	0.00	(26,666.53)	57,775.20	57,775.20
Total JCD #2	116,356.20	0.00	(172.50)	116,183.70	116,183.70
Total JCD #3	9,214.89	63.90	(850.00)	8,428.79	16,364.89
Total JCD #4	2.28	0.00	0.00	2.28	2.28
Total JCD #6	146,725.06	0.00	0.00	146,725.06	146,725.06
Total JCD #7	22,855.92	276.89	0.00	23,132.81	28,155.92
Total JCD #11	104,124.81	34.03	(48,692.61)	55,466.23	55,432.20
Total JCD #12	(81,437.77)	2,212.87	(41,513.35)	(120,738.25)	(72,951.12)
Total JCD #14	63,225.31	585.80	(2,325.00)	61,486.11	60,900.31
Total TCD #1E	19,920.25	0.00	0.00	19,920.25	24,920.25
Total TCD #1W	23,298.48	150.05	0.00	23,448.53	26,298.48
Total TCD #2	39,310.56	32.78	0.00	39,343.34	39,310.56
Total TCD #4	45,663.57	236.86	(3,360.00)	42,540.43	42,303.57
Total TCD #7	20,494.37	2,601.34	(380.00)	22,715.71	24,514.37
Total TCD #8	20,789.75	0.00	(1,342.00)	19,447.75	25,947.75
Total TCD #9	9,469.53	64.29	0.00	9,533.82	16,269.53
Total TCD #10	19,304.39	65.37	0.00	19,369.76	19,304.39
Total TCD #11	46,136.07	176.32	(250.00)	46,062.39	45,886.07
Total TCD #13	12,908.78	3.54	0.00	12,912.32	13,708.78
Total TCD #15	(2,937.79)	3.51	0.00	(2,934.28)	(2,937.79)
Total TCD #16	5,340.33	123.63	(1,270.00)	4,193.96	8,070.33
Total TCD #17	(35,071.25)	9.44	0.00	(35,061.81)	(26,821.25)
Total TCD #18	3,927.12	11,962.33	(266.25)	15,623.20	7,660.87
Total TCD #19	(9,283.36)	21.66	(190.00)	(9,451.70)	(6,073.36)
Total TCD #20	1,301.25	11.90	(266.25)	1,046.90	4,035.00

Total TCD #22	(860.50)	2.83	0.00	(857.67)	4,139.50
Total TCD #23	(54,706.19)	9,234.39	(1,929.20)	(47,401.00)	(46,385.39)
Total TCD #24	5,601.33	50.87	0.00	5,652.20	12,101.33
Total TCD #26	13,941.03	71.03	0.00	14,012.06	18,711.03
Total TCD #27	(21,673.22)	296.78	(8,680.00)	(30,056.44)	20,646.78
Total TCD #28	(3,781.48)	73.36	0.00	(3,708.12)	2,918.52
Total TCD #29	(504.98)	34.88	0.00	(470.10)	995.02
Total TCD #30	18,912.45	50.83	0.00	18,963.28	25,912.45
Total TCD #31	20,550.50	79.18	0.00	20,629.68	25,350.50
Total TCD #32	5,321.69	8.96	0.00	5,330.65	8,321.69
Total TCD #33	16,458.31	22.14	(6,400.00)	10,080.45	15,058.31
Total TCD #35	17,878.83	191.20	0.00	18,070.03	17,878.83
Total TCD #36	(13,358.84)	755.68	0.00	(12,603.16)	891.16
Total TCD #37	(284,364.05)	0.00	0.00	(284,364.05)	(243,984.05)
Total TCD #38	13,297.99	12.89	0.00	13,310.88	15,797.99
Total TCD #39	4,872.02	1.90	0.00	4,873.92	7,972.02
Total TCD #40	19,640.41	14.60	0.00	19,655.01	30,840.41
Total TCD #41	(10,323.84)	38.20	(900.00)	(11,185.64)	4,776.16
Total TCD #42	13,884.69	19.16	0.00	13,903.85	20,684.69
Total TCD #43	12,266.21	33.67	0.00	12,299.88	15,066.21
Total TCD #44	5,451.96	399.68	(350.00)	5,501.64	10,801.96
Total TCD #46	18,959.38	0.58	(780.00)	18,179.96	20,279.38
Total TCD #48	(2,357.66)	2.47	0.00	(2,355.19)	1,042.34
Total TCD #50	3,818.28	0.00	0.00	3,818.28	3,818.28
Total TCD #51	16,435.64	3,101.43	(762.50)	18,774.57	21,473.14
Total TCD #52	30,096.54	52.24	(11,916.25)	18,232.53	38,180.29
Total TCD #53	56,824.19	44.61	0.00	56,868.80	56,824.19
Total TCD #55	8,674.88	0.83	0.00	8,675.71	10,174.88
Total WCD #Sub-1	167,822.47	0.00	(42,127.09)	125,695.38	125,695.38
Total WCD #8	127,063.36	0.00	0.00	127,063.36	127,063.36
Total WCD #9	299,017.38	0.00	0.00	299,017.38	299,017.38
Total WCD #18	18,321.08	189.29	0.00	18,510.37	23,321.08
Total WCD #20	60,473.80	689.66	0.00	61,163.46	60,473.80
Total WCD #25	44,809.91	60,350.96	(2,409.80)	102,751.07	42,400.11
Total WCD #35	(4,851.22)	511.34	0.00	(4,339.88)	2,148.78
Total WCD #39	20,242.01	49.79	(19,530.24)	761.56	4,011.77
Total Ditch Fund - Other	0.00	0.00	(10,047.50)	(10,047.50)	(10,047.50)
Total Ditch Fund	1,276,600.95	95,675.73	(530,427.26)	841,849.42	
Construction Fund	7,389,159.46	4,590,264.56	(3,791,479.30)	8,187,944.72	
RRWMB Fund	0.00	51,809.93	(20,259.48)	31,550.45	
TOTAL Funds	9,132,835.70	4,752,969.42	(4,507,490.62)	9,378,314.50	

RECONCILE BANK STATEMENTS TO QUICKBOOKS

Bank Statement Total From Top:	9,483,297.48
Enter Quickbooks Bank Account Balance Total Assets:	9,378,314.50
+ Enter Uncleared Transactions BMO:	2,384.65
+ Enter Uncleared Transactions Star Bank:	102,598.33
+ Enter Star Bank checks written 05/24/25 - 05/31/25	0.00
- Enter Star Bank Deposits received 05/24/25 - 05/31/25	0.00
Quickbooks Total:	9,483,297.48

Enter Quickbooks Total from Fund Balances Income/Expense Report:	9,379,590.93
Enter Quickbooks Total from Balance Sheet Current Liabilities:	(1,276.43)
Total:	9,378,314.50
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Cash Basis

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
 January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget
Income		
Investment Income	0.00	16,000.00
42000 · General Property Taxes	75,234.14	180,000.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	4,579.10	2,500.00
49000 · Project Administration	0.00	220,000.00
49300 · State Credits & Ag M H Credits	0.00	1,600.00
Total Income	79,813.24	420,100.00
Gross Profit	79,813.24	420,100.00
Expense		
51000 · Annual Report	235.00	1,200.00
55130 · Website	335.16	1,000.00
55140 · Mileage Expense Advisory Com	0.00	25.00
59150 · Education	985.00	750.00
51100 · Accounting Services	18,419.00	16,000.00
51300 · Administration Expense	23,145.30	60,000.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	1,086.98	3,800.00
51600 · Building and Structures	0.00	250.00
51800 · District Insurance & Dues	3,370.00	65,000.00
51900 · Engineering Services	616.25	10,000.00
52100 · Equipment Lease & Rental	1,789.94	4,500.00
52200 · Fringe Benefits	14,851.58	28,700.00
52600 · Legal Fees	13,699.50	28,000.00
52700 · Manager Compensation	6,625.00	33,333.33
52800 · Meeting Expense	2,142.44	5,500.00
52900 · Mileage Expense Board	1,817.48	6,200.00
53100 · Mileage Expense Staff	0.00	75.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	7,903.63	2,000.00
53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	8,739.67	500.00
53400 · Office Operations	5,226.42	13,000.00
53500 · Office Supplies	3,533.29	5,000.00
53600 · Other Supplies	1,548.15	3,200.00
53700 · Payroll Expenses	4,891.71	10,815.00
53800 · Payroll Taxes	4,988.62	11,707.50
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	1,469.39	1,500.00
54400 · Vehicle Fuel	1,313.78	4,050.00
54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	115.71	3,500.00
54700 · Wages and Salaries	63,889.76	141,750.00
Total Expense	192,738.76	461,355.83
Net Income	-112,925.52	-41,255.83

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Bois de Sioux Watershed District

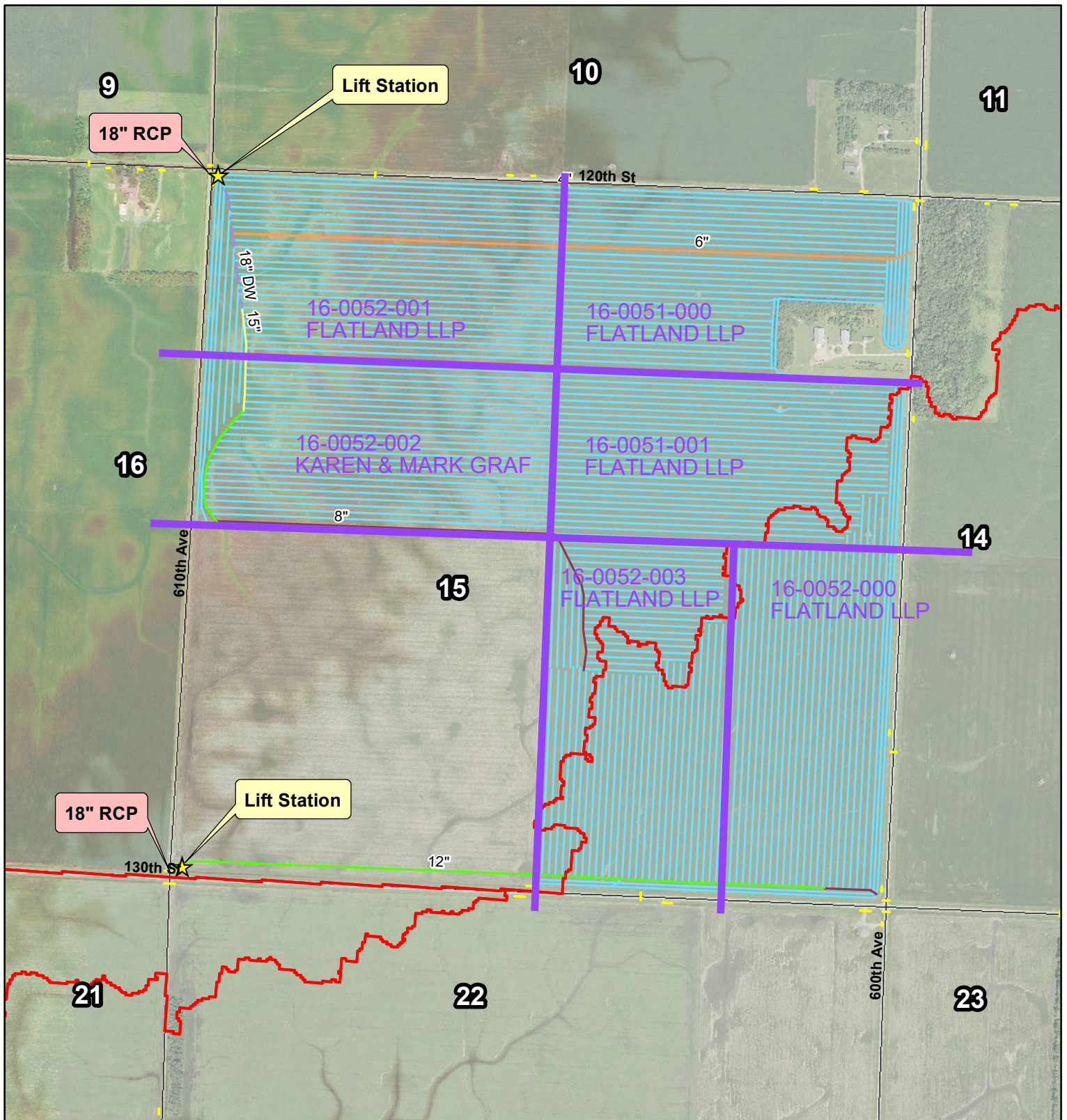
2025 DITCH FUND BUDGET

January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget
Income		
49450 · Internal Transfer In	0.00	1,089,155.00
20500 · Intergovernmental Revenue	0.00	6,030,000.00
Ditch Revenues	235,011.51	468,000.00
Investment Income	92.81	200.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	62,879.25	18,000.00
Total Income	297,983.57	7,605,355.00
Gross Profit	297,983.57	7,605,355.00
Expense		
54955 · Internal Transfer Out	0.00	40,000.00
51020 · Buffers	-10,000.00	35,000.00
51200 · Project Construction	0.00	7,119,155.00
50150 · Ring Dike	0.00	25,000.00
51300 · Administration Expense	0.00	2,000.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	6,224.00	0.00
51900 · Engineering Services	342,523.69	205,000.00
53480 · Interest Expense	0.00	15,000.00
52500 · Land	30.00	0.00
52600 · Legal Fees	45,678.50	65,000.00
52700 · Manager Compensation	0.00	2,000.00
52800 · Meeting Expense	0.00	350.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	18,651.37	8,000.00
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	188,126.15	424,900.00
54600 · Viewers Expense	248.80	15,000.00
Total Expense	591,482.51	7,956,405.00
Net Income	-293,498.94	-351,050.00

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET
 January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget
Income		
420005 · Water Management District Levy	4,471.33	7,500.00
49455 · Internal Transfer Joint Grant	0.00	0.00
49450 · Internal Transfer In	1,016,573.20	0.00
44500 · Project Grant	2,411,871.70	4,108,000.00
Ditch Revenues	230.28	0.00
41100 · Riparian Aid MN DOR	55,198.50	0.00
Investment Income	72,592.91	160,000.00
47100 · Storage Building Rental Income	1,000.00	800.00
42000 · General Property Taxes	440,802.71	1,089,300.00
44000 · Land Rental Income	994,621.06	900,000.00
45500 · Land Sale	0.00	402,500.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	17,985.69	22,000.00
49100 · Project Team Income	0.00	15,000.00
49300 · State Credits & Ag M H Credits	0.00	7,000.00
49400 · Transfer In	2,239.50	0.00
Total Income	5,017,586.88	6,712,100.00
Gross Profit	5,017,586.88	6,712,100.00
Expense		
54956 · Intergovernmental Expense	0.00	0.00
54955 · Internal Transfer Out	982,815.07	0.00
60000 · State Grant Expense Activities	135,868.73	542,906.00
51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	0.00	716,500.00
51670 · Culvert Szng Cost Share Policy	0.00	1,063,500.00
51020 · Buffers	108,746.43	107,000.00
50100 · Stream Gaging Expense	500.00	50,000.00
Permits	67,268.71	200,000.00
55110 · Programs with SWCDs	0.00	25,000.00
59150 · Education	295.00	0.00
51200 · Project Construction	2,175,882.87	3,361,620.00
51300 · Administration Expense	0.00	252,000.00
51400 · River Watch/Expense	1,643.49	4,200.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	3,287.77	6,000.00
51900 · Engineering Services	333,185.00	820,500.00
52600 · Legal Fees	35,705.00	85,000.00
52700 · Manager Compensation	0.00	10,000.00
52800 · Meeting Expense	125.00	1,500.00
52900 · Mileage Expense Board	0.00	5,000.00
53100 · Mileage Expense Staff	0.00	500.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	19,776.27	2,000.00
53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	0.00	1,000.00
53400 · Office Operations	852.47	2,500.00
53500 · Office Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
53600 · Other Supplies	465.00	0.00
53800 · Payroll Taxes	0.00	120,600.00
53900 · Property Taxes	107,145.22	0.00
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	29,359.90	120,000.00
54400 · Vehicle Fuel	0.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	4,002,921.93	7,499,326.00
Net Income	1,014,664.95	-787,226.00



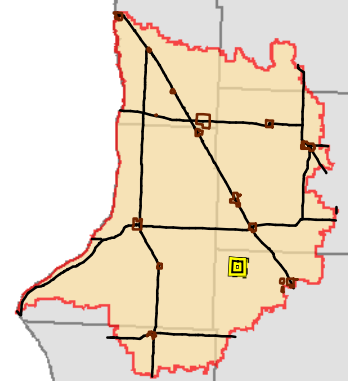
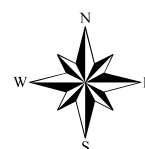
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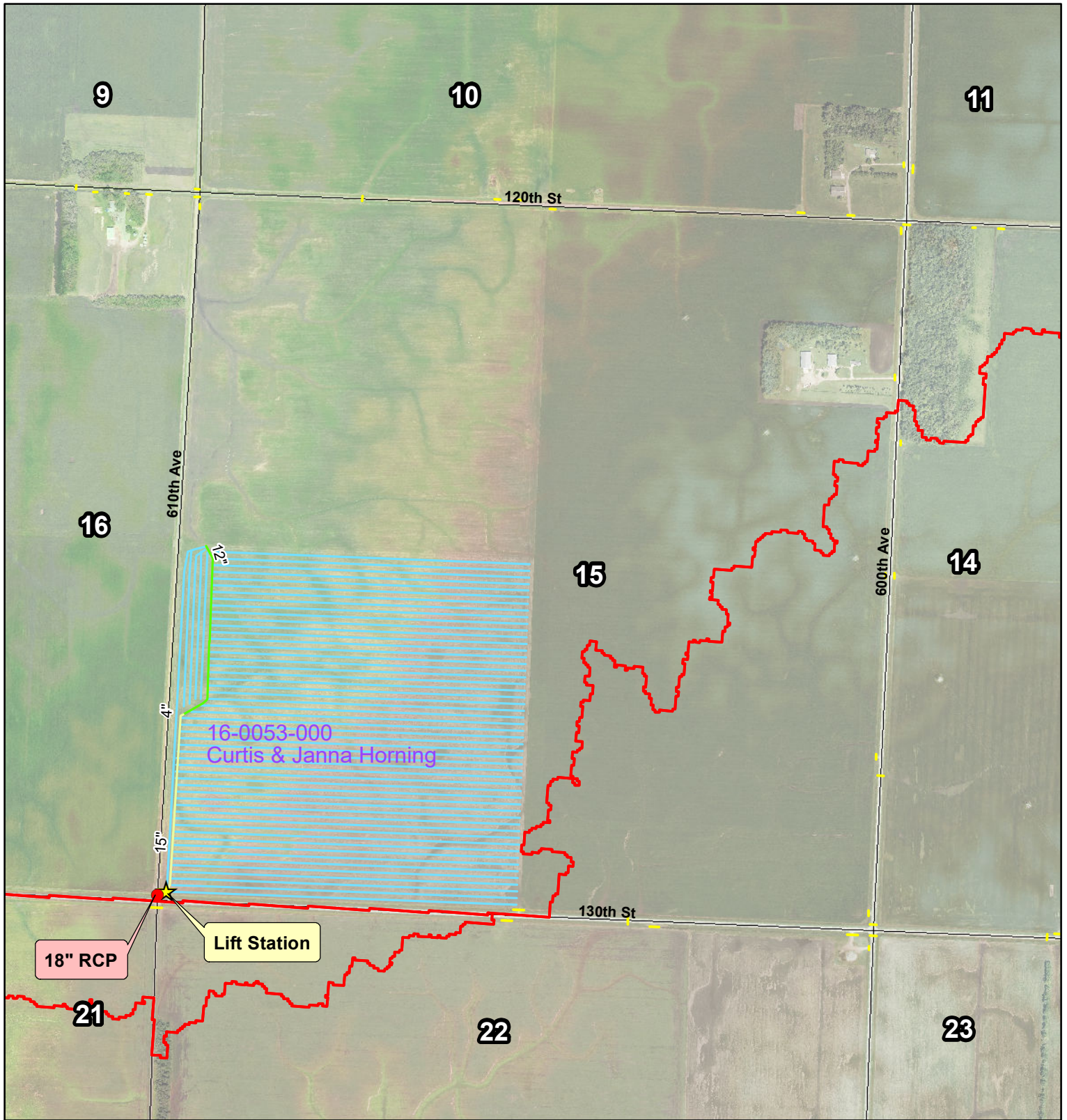
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⊕ Control Structure	⬢ Concrete Mat	▲ RCPA	▲ CSPA	— 4"	— 12"
⬢ Dike/Embankment	● Gravity Outlet	■ RCB	◆ Bridge	— 5"	— 15"
⬢ Subwatersheds	— Culvert Inventory	● Other	— Other - Pipe	— 6"	— 18"
			— 8"	— 24" & Greater	
— N.O. Collection Channels		— MN PWI Streams		— (Tile)	— Dike
				— (Dual Wall)	— Ditch/Waterway
				— (Non-Perf.)	— Other - Misc.
				— Other - Pipe	— Road Permits



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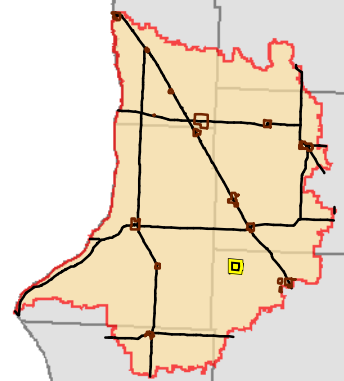
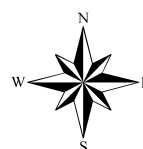
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SW 1/4 Sec 15, Eldorado Twp
Bois de Sioux Watershed District, MN

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
BIOS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
Traverse County Ditch #8

In the Matter of:

**Order Authorizing the Use of
Traverse County Ditch #8 as an Outlet**

ORDER

WHEREAS, Flatland, LLP (the “Petitioner”) filed Permit Application #25-017, attached as Exhibit A, with the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (the “District”) to construct and install a private drainage system, consisting of drainage tile system and/or ditching, that will outlet waters from the

16-0051-000, N1/2NE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

16-0052-003, W1/2SE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

16-0052-001, N1/2NW1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

16-0051-001, S1/2NE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

16-0052-000, E1/2SE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

(the “Property”) into Traverse County Ditch #8.

WHEREAS, under Minn. Stat. § 103E.401, before draining property into a legal drainage system, the property owner must first petition the drainage authority to obtain express authorization to use the drainage system as an outlet.

WHEREAS, the District received the PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO USE Traverse County Ditch #8 AS AN OUTLET dated (the “Petition”) from the Petitioner, attached as Exhibit B, to drain the Property into Traverse County Ditch #8, as permitted under Minn. Stat. § 103E.401.

WHEREAS, upon filing of the Petition, the District scheduled a hearing for June 20, 2025 at 8:00 am at the District’s office located at 704 Highway 75 South, Wheaton, Minnesota 56296, and gave notice by mail and publication in conformance with Minn. Stat. § 103E.401.

WHEREAS, at the hearing on June 20, 2025 at 8:00 am, the District’s Board of Managers (the “Board”) was read Minn. Stat. § 103E.401, subd.4 and first considered the capacity of Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet.

WHEREAS, the District's Engineer provided the Board with testimony that Traverse County Ditch #8 has sufficient capacity as an outlet for the acres in the Petition and it appears the drainage will not adversely affect Traverse County Ditch #8.

WHEREAS, the District's Engineer provided the Board with the figures as to the amount spent per acre of assessed lands on Traverse County Ditch #8 since its establishment which was considered in establishing the outlet fee. The District's Engineer was also directed to calculate a reasonable amount to be assessed as benefits, considering the amount assessed on the adjacent lands and the area involved in Permit Application #25-017.

WHEREAS, upon completion of testimony by the District's Engineer, all those interested in testifying were given an opportunity to be heard.

WHEREAS, upon completion of testimony from those in attendance and the District's Engineer, the Board provided terms and conditions for the use of Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet and established the outlet fee for use of Traverse County Ditch #8.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

ORDER

Upon motion duly made by Manager _____, and seconded by Manager _____, and carried by requisite votes of the Board, it is hereby ordered, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.401, as follows:

1. The Drainage Authority has concluded that there is sufficient capacity in Traverse County Ditch #8 for the acres proposed to be drained by the Petitioner's private drainage system to outlet into Traverse County Ditch #8.
2. The Petition is granted and the project described in Permit Application #25-017, located in the

16-0051-000, N1/2NE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44
Benefits: \$100.00 Outlet Fee: \$382.09

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16-0052-000, E1/2SE1/4, Section 15, Range 44,

Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44
Benefits: \$100.00 Outlet Fee: \$382.09

is hereby given the express authority to use Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet,
subject to the following terms and conditions:

_____.

- 3. The Petitioner agrees to pay an outlet fees described above per parcel. The outlet fee must be paid before the Petitioner is permitted to construct or install the private drainage system authorized under Permit Application #25-017. Failure of the Petitioner to pay the outlet fee before construction or installation of the private drainage system commences may result in the Board taking legal action against the Petitioner.

- 4. The Petitioner agrees to pay the actual costs of the hearing, including hearing notices, in the amount of \$_____ before construction or installation of the private drainage system.

- 5. Benefits are hereby set at the amounts described above per parcel.

- 6. The Petitioner acknowledges that the Property is liable for assessments levied after approval of this Order as if the benefits had been determined in the order establishing the drainage system.

Dated: _____

Linda Vavra, President

Dated: _____

Jamie Beyer, Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
BIOS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
Traverse County Ditch #8

In the Matter of:

**Order Authorizing the Use of
Traverse County Ditch #8 as an Outlet**

ORDER

WHEREAS, Karen & Mark Graf (the “Petitioner”) filed Permit Application #25-017, attached as Exhibit A, with the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (the “District”) to construct and install a private drainage system, consisting of drainage tile system and/or ditching, that will outlet waters from the

16-0052-002, S1/2NW1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44

(the “Property”) into Traverse County Ditch #8.

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WHEREAS, the District’s Engineer provided the Board with the figures as to the amount spent per acre of assessed lands on Traverse County Ditch #8 since its establishment which was considered in establishing the outlet fee. The District’s Engineer was also directed to calculate a reasonable amount to be assessed as benefits, considering the amount assessed on the adjacent lands and the area involved in Permit Application #25-017.

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WHEREAS, upon completion of testimony from those in attendance and the District's Engineer, the Board provided terms and conditions for the use of Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet and established the outlet fee for use of Traverse County Ditch #8.

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Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County, 15-126-44
Benefits: \$100.00 Outlet Fee: \$382.09

is hereby given the express authority to use Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet,
subject to the following terms and conditions:

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3. The Petitioner agrees to pay an outlet fee of **\$382.09**. The outlet fee must be paid before the Petitioner is permitted to construct or install the private drainage system authorized under Permit Application #25-017. Failure of the Petitioner to pay the outlet fee before construction or installation of the private drainage system commences may result in the Board taking legal action against the Petitioner.
4. The Petitioner agrees to pay the actual costs of the hearing, including hearing notices, in the amount of \$ _____ before construction or installation of the private drainage system.
5. Benefits are hereby set at **\$100.00**.
6. The Petitioner acknowledges that the Property is liable for assessments levied after approval of this Order as if the benefits had been determined in the order establishing the drainage system.

Dated: _____

Linda Vavra, President

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
BIOS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
Traverse County Ditch #8

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**Order Authorizing the Use of
Traverse County Ditch #8 as an Outlet**

ORDER

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WHEREAS, upon completion of testimony from those in attendance and the District's Engineer, the Board provided terms and conditions for the use of Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet and established the outlet fee for use of Traverse County Ditch #8.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

ORDER

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2. The Petition is granted and the project described in Permit Application #, located in the

15-126-44, 16-0053-000, SW1/4, Section 15, Range 44,
Eldorado Township (126), Stevens County,

is hereby given the express authority to use Traverse County Ditch #8 as an outlet,
subject to the following terms and conditions:

_____.

3. The Petitioner agrees to pay an outlet fee of **\$764.18**. The outlet fee must be paid before the Petitioner is permitted to construct or install the private drainage system authorized under Permit Application #. Failure of the Petitioner to pay the outlet fee before construction or installation of the private drainage system commences may result in the Board taking legal action against the Petitioner.
4. The Petitioner agrees to pay the actual costs of the hearing, including hearing notices, in the amount of \$_____ before construction or installation of the private drainage system.
5. Benefits are hereby set at **\$200.00**.
6. The Petitioner acknowledges that the Property is liable for assessments levied after approval of this Order as if the benefits had been determined in the order establishing the drainage system.

Dated: _____

Linda Vavra, President

Dated: _____

Jamie Beyer, Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT

In the Matter of:

**Violation of Sections 5(2)(C), 5(2)(D), and
5(2)(F) of the District's Rules**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE
ORDER**

THIS ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER (this "Order") is issued requiring compliance with Bois de Sioux Watershed District Rules for the installation of subsurface drainage tile and removal of drainage obstructions on property Mr. Ronald Anderson owns or manages in the Northwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 126, Range 43, in Stevens County, Minnesota (the "Property"). The Property is under the jurisdiction of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (the "District") using its Minn. Stat. Chapter 103D powers. Manager Wold moved, seconded by Manager Beyer, on the 25th day of February 2025, to approve the following Findings, Conclusion, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT:

1. The District is the permitting authority for surface and subsurface drainage within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103D.341 – Rules and 103D.345 – Permits.
2. Mr. Anderson owns the Property, which is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District in Stevens County, Minnesota.
3. A complaint was received by the District and District staff inspected the Property on January 2, 2025. District staff found that additional tile lines, a culvert, and a raised dike (fence) that obstructs the natural waterway from draining to Stevens County Ditch No. 1, Branch 3 ("SCD #1, B3") were installed on the Property without a District permit. This work requires a permit under the 2009 Revised Rules of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (the "Rules").
4. On January 13, 2025, the District's Engineer Technician mailed a Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order to Mr. Anderson requesting that he apply for an after-the-fact permit so the District's engineer and staff can work with Mr. Anderson and the upstream landowner(s) to develop a suitable project that complies with the Rules and District standards. The Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order is attached as **Exhibit A**.
5. The Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order also provided that failure to comply or respond on or before February 5, 2025, may result in the District taking further action at its February 20, 2025, meeting.¹

¹ The regular board meeting was moved to February 25, 2025, due to a scheduling conflict.

6. Mr. Anderson met with the District Engineer Technician on February 4, 2025, to develop a solution with the upstream landowners. However, Mr. Anderson changed his desire to work with the upstream landowners, which resulted in the District notifying Mr. Anderson of a hearing before the District's Board of Managers (the "Managers") on February 25, 2025.
7. On February 25, 2025, the District met and discussed the Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order. The District's Engineer Technician and District Attorney discussed the purpose of the hearing and the investigation of the Property. The District's Attorney explained the District's concerns with the lack of a permit for the installation of subsurface drainage tile and the possible obstruction of water to a legal assessment ditch. The District's Engineer Technician explained that a new fence and culvert and associated fill material were also installed which are preventing the flow of water from a natural swale on the Property to SCD #1, B3.
8. Upstream landowner, Rollie Sperr, participated in the discussion regarding resolution of this matter. Mr. Anderson did not attend.
9. The Managers discussed options for Mr. Anderson to remedy the violations of the Rules. The options were to: (1) remove the referenced work and restore the Property to preexisting conditions; or (2) apply for an after-the-fact permit so District staff and consultants could work with Mr. Anderson and the upstream landowners to develop a suitable project that complies with the Rules and District standards.
10. The Managers agreed to the issuance of this Order to provide the proposed remedies and a timeline for Mr. Anderson to become compliant with the Rules.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

1. The District has rulemaking and permitting authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 103D.341 and 103D.345.
2. Under Section 5(2)(C) of the Rules:

No person or public corporation shall undertake to construct or improve any Drainage way without a permit from the Board of Managers. A permit is required for any deepening or enlarging of existing drainage ways. Any existing Drainage way may be cleaned of debris, cattails, and blown in or washed in sediment without a permit; but any cleaning that involves removing clay or virgin soils or changing the alignment, depth, or cross-section of the Drainage way requires a permit.

(Emphasis added).

The installation of new subsurface drainage tile and a culvert on the Property constitutes the construction of a drainage way. Under the Rules, a drainage way includes a "natural or artificial channel or tile which provides a course for water flowing continuously or intermittently." Therefore, a District permit was required.

3. Under Section 5(2)(D) of the District's Rules:

No person or public corporation shall construct, alter, or remove any dike without a permit from the Board of Managers.

The installation of the new fence and fill material resulted in an increase in ground elevation from the field elevation which constitutes the construction of a dike as the fence line obstructs or restricts the flow of water from the natural swale on the Property. Therefore, a District permit was required.

4. Under Section 5(2)(F) of the District's Rules:

No person or public corporation shall undertake the practice of land forming, which is the reshaping of the surface topography but which does not include the common farming practice of land leveling, on a given tract of land without a permit from the Managers.

The installation of the culvert, which required fill material to be placed over the culvert, exceeds the common farming practice of land leveling. Therefore, a District permit was required.

5. Mr. Anderson installed the subsurface drainage tile, culvert, and dike (elevated fence) without a permit, or an after-the-fact permit, from the District.

6. The District issued a Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order, dated January 13, 2025, requesting resolution of this matter via restoration of the Property or issuance of an after-the-fact permit. Failure to comply with the Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order on or before February 5, 2025, would result in the Managers holding a hearing on the matter.

7. Mr. Anderson did not timely comply with the Preliminary Administrative Compliance Order. Mr. Anderson was notified by the District's Engineer Technician of a special District meeting on February 25, 2025, to discuss resolution.

8. At a special meeting on February 25, 2025, the Managers heard from District staff and consultants and upstream landowners – Mr. Anderson was not present. After hearing from those parties, the Managers issued this Order requesting that Mr. Anderson remove the subsurface drainage tile, culvert, and fence and restore the Property to its previous condition or apply for an after-the-fact permit.

ORDER:

1. Mr. Anderson must remove the subsurface drainage tile, culvert, and fence and restore the Property to its previous condition on or before June 18, 2025. As an alternative, Mr. Anderson must apply for, and receive, an after-the-fact permit from the District for the work on the Property on or before June 18, 2025.

2. Failure to comply with the above restoration or permitting requirement will be considered a violation of this Order. A violation of this Order is a misdemeanor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.545.

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**Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Cost Share Policy**

Private Impoundment Incentive Program

Purpose

To encourage and support the development of surface water impoundments on private lands.

Surface water impoundments provide public watershed benefits including flood control. The district is actively involved in the development of several large impoundment sites. However, to achieve the broadest distribution of benefits, it will also require the development of many relatively small sites throughout the watershed. These smaller sites may be more economical to develop on a private basis.

Incentive program

The district may provide a cash incentive to landowners who are willing to install and maintain impoundments that are designed to meet the District's flood control objectives. Subject to individual recommendation by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Engineer, the incentive payment amount will be determined as follows:

The value of the impoundment may be estimated by calculating the number of flood control units provided. The total number of flood control units equals the surface area in acres of the impoundment at the normal pool elevation, plus the volume of storage in acre-feet between the normal pool and emergency spillway elevations. The district will pay the landowner \$100 per flood control unit provided.

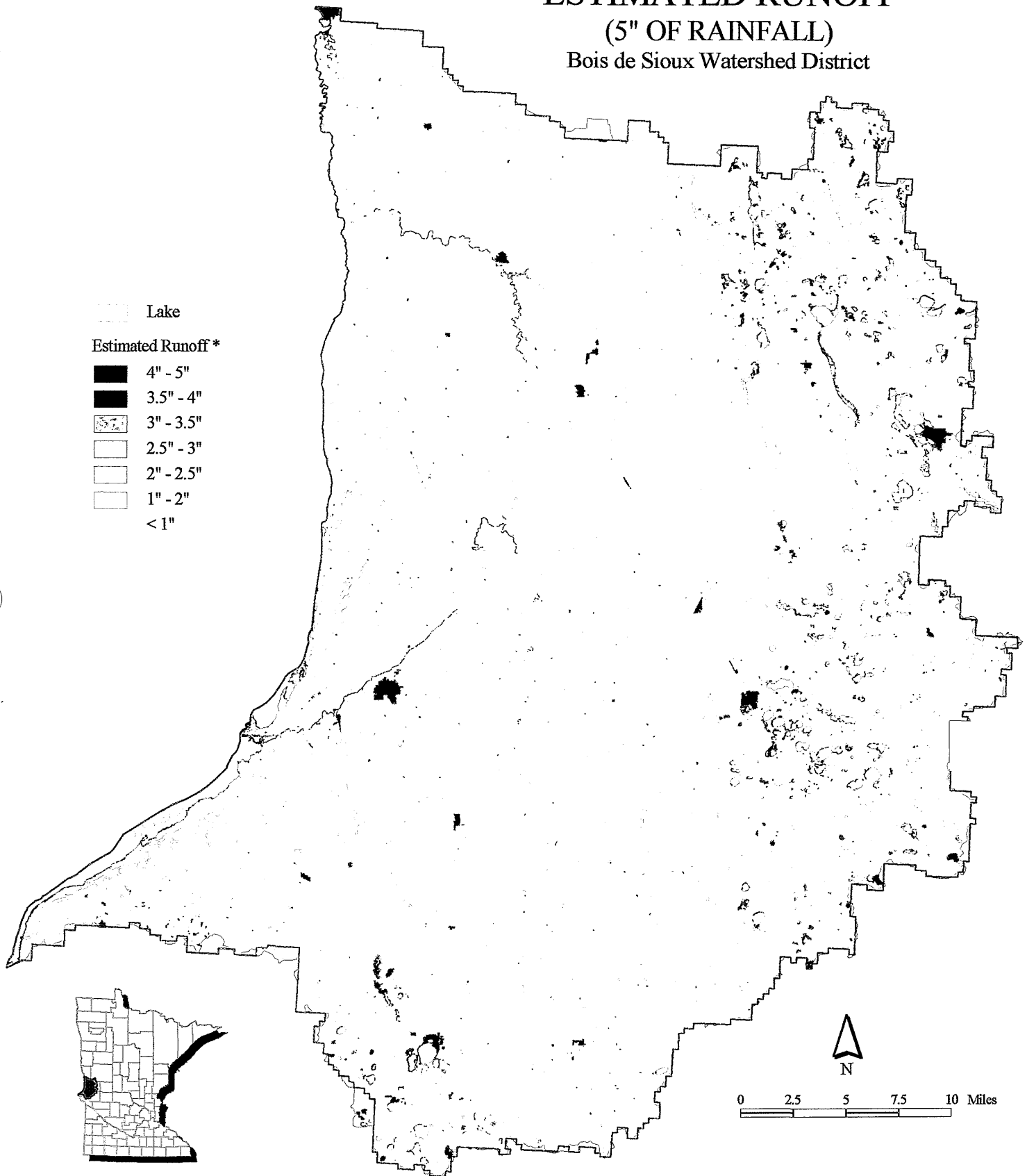
The district engineer's review is to insure that the proposed impoundment has been properly located and designed to achieve the estimated flood control value. In special cases, the engineer may determine the flood control value.

Requirements

The landowner must agree to maintain the impoundment for a minimum period of 25 years. The landowner must also provide a ~~permanent~~ easement allowing the District to continue maintenance and operation of the impoundment. The landowner may terminate the agreement at any time by repaying in full the cash incentive payment provided by the district.

10-75%

ESTIMATED RUNOFF (5" OF RAINFALL) Bois de Sioux Watershed District



* Estimated runoff figures are based on a 5" rainfall in 24 hours and a given area's Soil-Cover Complex Number, or Runoff Curve Number. The Runoff Curve Number is generated by analyzing both the soil hydrology and land use classifications with the parameters set by the USDA. Soils data comes from the USDA/NRCS data sets; SURGO (Ottertail, Traverse), SSIS (Wilkin, Stevens, Big Stone), and MLMIS (Grant), along with the MUIR database. Land use is from the MN Department of Natural Resources and The International Coalition's 1990 Land Use dataset.
Source: USDA/NRCS, MN DNR, & JOR Engineering, Inc.

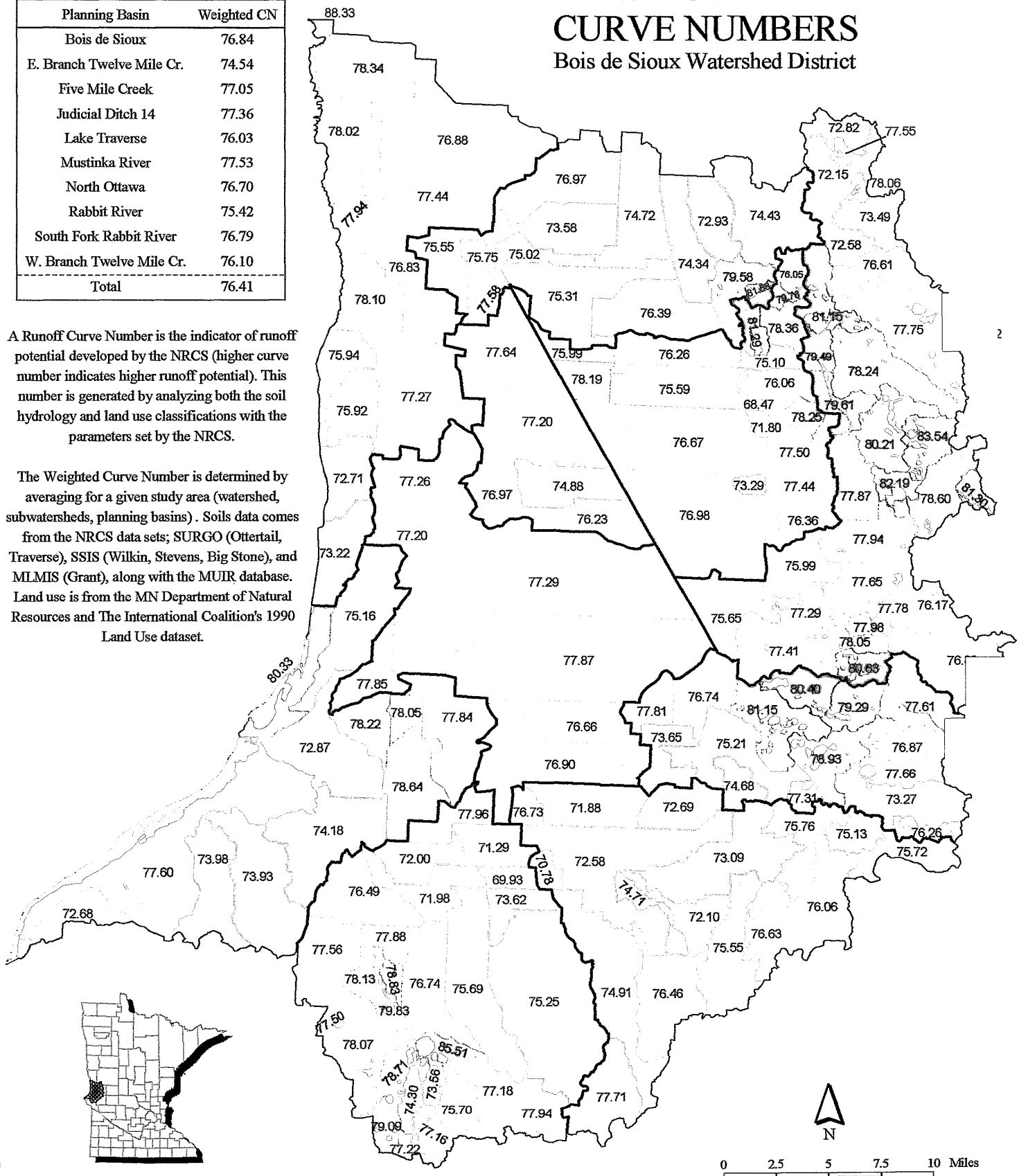
WEIGHTED CURVE NUMBERS

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

Planning Basin	Weighted CN
Bois de Sioux	76.84
E. Branch Twelve Mile Cr.	74.54
Five Mile Creek	77.05
Judicial Ditch 14	77.36
Lake Traverse	76.03
Mustinka River	77.53
North Ottawa	76.70
Rabbit River	75.42
South Fork Rabbit River	76.79
W. Branch Twelve Mile Cr.	76.10
Total	76.41

A Runoff Curve Number is the indicator of runoff potential developed by the NRCS (higher curve number indicates higher runoff potential). This number is generated by analyzing both the soil hydrology and land use classifications with the parameters set by the NRCS.

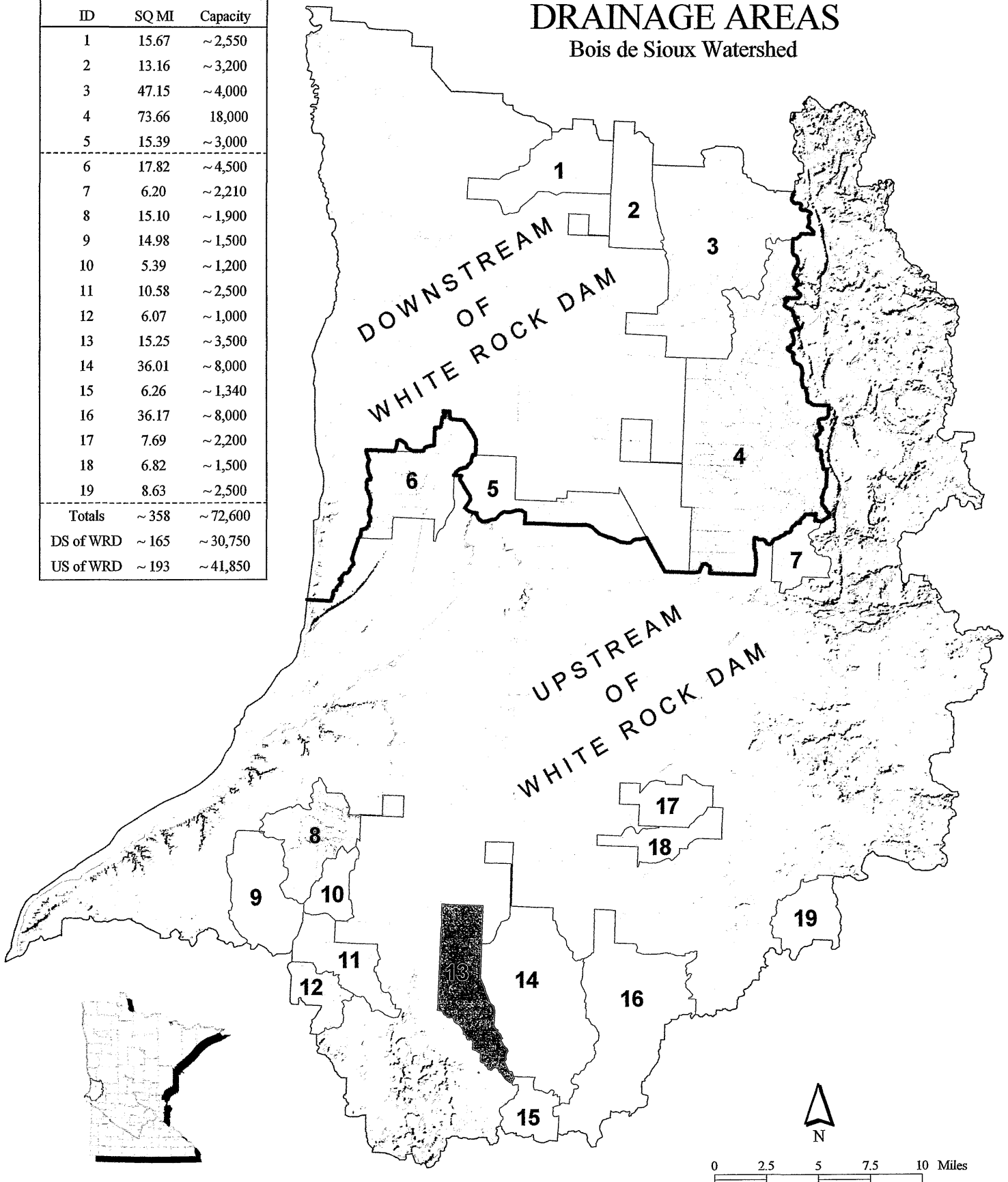
The Weighted Curve Number is determined by averaging for a given study area (watershed, subwatersheds, planning basins). Soils data comes from the NRCS data sets; SURGO (Ottertail, Traverse), SSIS (Wilkin, Stevens, Big Stone), and MLMIS (Grant), along with the MUIR database. Land use is from the MN Department of Natural Resources and The International Coalition's 1990 Land Use dataset.



POTENTIAL IMPOUNDMENTS DRAINAGE AREAS

Bois de Sioux Watershed

ID	SQ MI	Capacity
1	15.67	~2,550
2	13.16	~3,200
3	47.15	~4,000
4	73.66	18,000
5	15.39	~3,000
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6	17.82	~4,500
7	6.20	~2,210
8	15.10	~1,900
9	14.98	~1,500
10	5.39	~1,200
11	10.58	~2,500
12	6.07	~1,000
13	15.25	~3,500
14	36.01	~8,000
15	6.26	~1,340
16	36.17	~8,000
17	7.69	~2,200
18	6.82	~1,500
19	8.63	~2,500
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Totals	~358	~72,600
DS of WRD	~165	~30,750
US of WRD	~193	~41,850



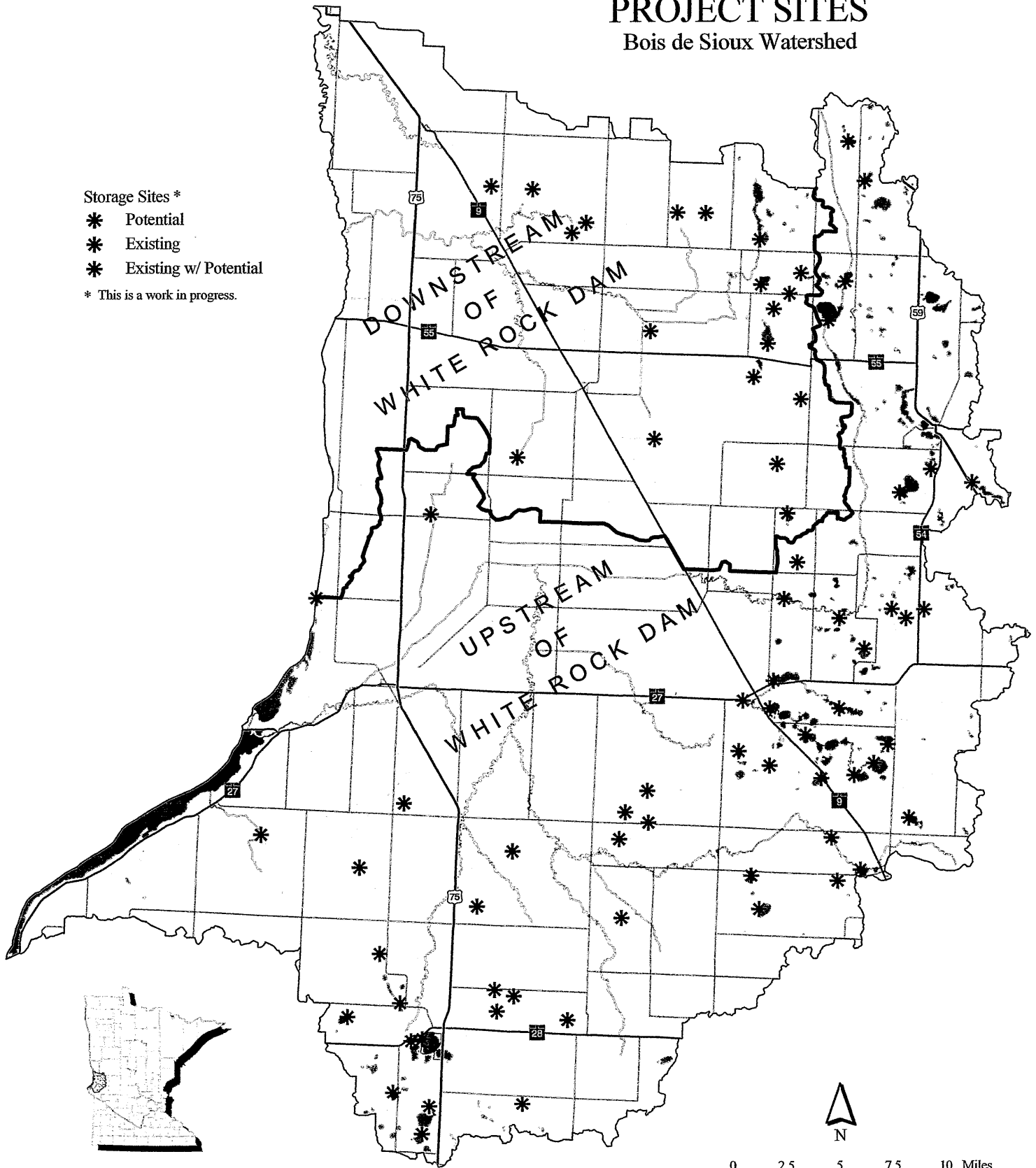
POTENTIAL STORAGE PROJECT SITES

Bois de Sioux Watershed

Storage Sites *

- * Potential
- * Existing
- * Existing w/ Potential

* This is a work in progress.



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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program**

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

and

_____ WATERSHED DISTRICT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made between the Red River Watershed Management Board, a public joint powers entity in the State of Minnesota (RRWMB), and the [NAME] Watershed District (XXWD), a duly established Minnesota watershed district pursuant to Minnesota Statutes chapter 103D.

RECITALS AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

WHEREAS, pursuant to its duly adopted Joint Powers Agreement as amended July 19, 2022, the RRWMB has authority to accept governmental funds and expend them (Section VII, subdivision 1), the authority to exercise the powers of watershed districts in Minnesota Statutes chapter 103D (Section VII, subdivision 10, and the authority to enter into contracts necessary and incidental to effectuate its purposes and powers (Section VII, subdivision 14);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Watershed Act, XXWD has the authority to cooperate or contract with other entities (Minnesota Statutes section 103D.335, subdivision 7), to implement water resource management programs (section 103D.335, subdivision 25), to initiate projects once it has an approved watershed management plan (section 103D.701), and to fund initiated projects with external sources such as state grant funds (section 103D.707, subdivision 2);

WHEREAS, the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriated \$5,119,000 in 2024 to the RRRWB for the purpose of restoring and maintaining natural habitat corridors along streams and rivers within the Red River Basin of the North to improve channel stability, wildlife habitat, and water quality, and to reduce risks of flood damages to agricultural lands, also known as the Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program (Program); RRWMB entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to establish a cooperative framework to administer the acquisition of easements under the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program in addition to financially assisting landowners to complete temporary restoration activities;

WHEREAS, in its MOU with BWSR, RRWMB committed to work with participating watershed districts to establish and implement a consistent quantitative or qualitative method to evaluate RIM applications and their value in achieving the goals of native prairie and riparian corridor restoration and otherwise coordinate and support watershed district implementation of the Program;

WHEREAS, RRWMB further committed to BWSR to serve as project manager for the Program and coordinate with all parties for the purposes of efficiently administering the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant and fulfilling all requirements of the grant agreement.

THEREFORE, this MOU documents mutual goals and affirms the cooperative framework within which the RRWMB and XXWD will work together to coordinate and implement the Project.

TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING

1. **Habitat Corridor Priority Areas:** Through collaborative work with the XXWD and BWSR, RRWMB has developed maps of priority areas for easement acquisition to achieve the goals of the Program. The relevant priority area map for the XXWD is attached to this MOU as Exhibit A.
2. **RIM Applications Evaluation:** In cooperation with BWSR, RRWMB has developed an application form for the Red River Basin Riparian Habitat Program, attached to this MOU as Exhibit B. The information collected through these applications will facilitate the consistent evaluation of RIM applications and their value in achieving Program goals. XXWD agrees to use this application form for purposes of the Program.
3. **RIM Acquisition Priorities:** In cooperation with BWSR, RRWMB has developed a Prioritization Request Form, attached to this MOU as Exhibit C. The information collected through this form will facilitate the determination of whether the subject RIM application aligns with the Program priorities, including the parcel's location within the priority area and proximity to protectable habitat. The collection of this information will provide a consistent method to evaluate RIM applications and their value in achieving Program goals, with the primary purpose of habitat improvement that includes guidance on acceptable flood storage and resulting hydrologic impacts to uplands.
4. **RRWMB Prioritization and Funding Authorization:** The RRWMB will review each landowner application to the Program and Prioritization Request Form to determine eligibility, priority ranking, and general alignment with Program goals. Upon a favorable determination, RRWMB will notify BWSR of the applicant's eligibility for RIM funding under this Program. Upon receiving this determination from RRWMB, BWSR will work with the landowner on RIM enrollment for purposes of the Program. This is the point at which RRWMB's role in the implementation of the Program ends and the remaining obligations lie with BWSR, the local Soil and Water Conservation District and the XXWD. No funds from RRWMB's levy will be expended in RIM easement acquisition. RRWMB funds may be provided for related water quality improvement or flood mitigation projects by the watershed district, and any such funding will be committed through a separate RRWMB application process. RRWMB will coordinate with the District to review proposed District projects, including habitat and project maintenance plans, and coordinate with BWSR to ensure the District projects are well conceived to secure material improvement of aquatic and terrestrial riparian habitat. Through this prioritization evaluation and funding eligibility process, RRWMB will support the District's work to develop, evaluate, implement, and maintain habitat improvement work on RIM lands.
5. **Easement Acquisition Process:** RRWMB will support the District's work to determine and set RIM easement acquisition priorities and assist, when appropriate, in coordinating the Districts' easement acquisition work with landowners, SWCDs, and BWSR. The

District may acquire a supplemental easement for purposes of the XXWD access and construction of riparian improvement projects.

6. **Support District Project Compliance:** Through the RIM easement acquisition process, funding allocations for stewardship compliance, and SWCD inspection fee allocations, RRWMB will support District project development to ensure compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws in accordance with the contract between the RRWMB and State of Minnesota for this effort.
7. **Not Legally Binding.** This MOU is a statement of mutual intent and cooperation and is not legally binding.
8. **Primary Contacts.** The following individuals are the primary contacts between the RRWMB and the District. Either party may change the primary contact by notifying the other party in writing.

For RRWMB:

Rob Sip, Executive Director
11 5Th Avenue East, Suite B
Ada, MN 56510

Rob.sip@rrwmb.us

For XXWD:

9. **Term.** Either party may terminate this MOU by written notice to the other party. It is the parties' intent to review this MOU on or before June 30, 2028, when the RRWMB grant agreement with BWSR for this Program terminates.

[signatures]

LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

Members who obtain liability coverage through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) must complete and return this form to LMCIT before their effective date of coverage. [Email completed form to your city's underwriter, to pstech@lmc.org](mailto:pstech@lmc.org), or fax to 651.281.1298.

The decision to waive or not waive the statutory tort limits must be made annually by the member's governing body, in consultation with its attorney if necessary.

Members who obtain liability coverage from LMCIT must decide whether to waive the statutory tort liability limits to the extent of the coverage purchased. The decision has the following effects:

- *If the member does not waive the statutory tort limits*, an individual claimant could recover no more than \$500,000 on any claim to which the statutory tort limits apply. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would be limited to \$1,500,000. These statutory tort limits would apply regardless of whether the member purchases the optional LMCIT excess liability coverage.
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and does not purchase excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could recover up to \$2,000,000 for a single occurrence (under the waive option, the tort cap liability limits are only waived to the extent of the member's liability coverage limits, and the LMCIT per occurrence limit is \$2,000,000). The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to \$2,000,000, regardless of the number of claimants.
- *If the member waives the statutory tort limits and purchases excess liability coverage*, a single claimant could potentially recover an amount up to the limit of the coverage purchased. The total all claimants could recover for a single occurrence to which the statutory tort limits apply would also be limited to the amount of coverage purchased, regardless of the number of claimants.

Claims to which the statutory municipal tort limits do not apply are not affected by this decision.

LMCIT Member Name:

Check one:

☐ The member **DOES NOT WAIVE** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#).

☐ The member **WAIVES** the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by [Minn. Stat. § 466.04](#), to the extent of the limits of the liability coverage obtained from LMCIT.

Date of member's governing body meeting:

Signature: _____

Position:

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
2025-2026 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION RESOLUTION**

BOARD OFFICERS

President* Linda Vavra
Vice President Jason Beyer
Treasurer* John Kapphahn
Secretary* Allen Wold
**authorized check signers; two signatures preferred when possible*

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

Term 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027

Delegate Linda Vavra
Alternate Jason Beyer

NEWSPAPERS

Traverse County Wheaton Gazette
Big Stone County The Northern Star
Grant County Grant County Herald
Wilkin County The Daily News
Otter Tail County The Daily Journal
Stevens County The Chokio Review

CONSULTANTS & DESIGNATIONS

Attorney at Law Lukas Croaker, Ohnstad Twichell
Engineer Chad Engels, Moore Engineering
Accountant Renee Kannegeisser, Morris & Associates
Auditor Clifton Larson Allen
Drainage Ditch Inspector District Engineer Technician
Permit Officers District Engineers & Engineer Technician

DEPOSITORIES

BMO/Bank of the West Wheaton, MN
Bremer Bank Morris, MN
Star Bank Wheaton, MN
People's State Bank Fairmount/Wahpeton, ND

INSURANCE COVERAGE

League of Minnesota Cities Saint Paul, MN

COMMITTEES (appointed by the President)

**ADVISORY
SOIL LOSS
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DORAN CREEK
LAKE TRAVERSE WAT QUALITY IMP
LEGISLATIVE
NORTH OTTAWA OPERATIONS**

**NORTH OTTAWA PROJECT TEAM
OFFICE BUILDING MAINTENANCE
PERMIT REVIEW
PERSONNEL
POLICIES & PROCEDURES
REDPATH**

2025 DISTRICT BILLABLE HOURLY RATES
(approved 5/15/25)

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
2025 BILLING RATES**

(based on 2024 Audit and BWSR Calculator)

	District Administrator		District Office Manager		District Engineer Tech	
Salary + Benefits	\$	45.00	\$	31.35	\$	60.07
Salary + Benefits + Facilities	\$	77.65	\$	61.02	\$	89.74
Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	82.12	\$	68.47	\$	97.19

Historical Rates

2024 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	86.28	\$	69.65	\$	98.37
2023 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	85.75	\$	68.24	\$	95.97
2022 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	81.81	\$	60.75	\$	87.69
2021 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	74.49	\$	56.45	\$	82.46
2020 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	74.79	\$	56.18	\$	81.75
2019 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	74.52	\$	55.78	\$	80.05
2018 Salary + Benefits + Facilities + Administration	\$	140.51	\$	-	\$	130.30

DISTRICT BILLABLE HOURLY RATES FOR CONTRACTED LEGAL SERVICES:

- Attendance at Meetings (attorneys) - \$180/hour
- Specific File (attorneys) - \$230/hour
- Specific File (paralegals) - \$155/hour
- Meeting time - \$180/hour
- Drive time - \$120/hour

DISTRICT BILLABLE RATES FOR CONTRACTED ENGINEERING SERVICES

(on following page)

MOORE ENGINEERING, INC.
2025 BILLING SCHEDULE

Effective January 1, 2025

NOTE: Rates contained in this Billing Schedule are valid until December 31, 2025. After December 31, 2025, Hourly Billing Rates will be escalated annually and direct expenses may be adjusted to meet market conditions.

	Description	Billing Rate Per Hour
1	Principal - SR Project Manager - CSR	\$240 - \$275
2	Project Manager - SR PE	\$225 - \$235
0	Technical Advisor I, II, SR	\$195 - \$300
3	Professional Engineer I, II	\$185 - \$205
4	Graduate - Project Engineer	\$140 - \$165
5	Engineering Designer I,II, SR	\$150 - \$180
6	Engineering Technician I, II, III	\$95 - \$150
7	Environmental Scientist I, II, II, SR	\$155 - \$225
8	Environmental Technician Intern, I, II	\$95 - \$145
9	Hydrogeologist Staff, Project,Professional II, I, SR	\$145 - \$205
10	Landscape Architect I, II, SR	\$130 - \$175
11	Project Administrator I, II, SR	\$125 - \$175
12	Office Administrator I, II, SR	\$111 - \$170
13	CADD Technician I, II, III	\$105 - \$150
14	Senior GIS Coordinator - GIS Manager	\$180
15	GIS Analyst - GIS Developer	\$160 - \$170
16	GIS Programmer I,II,III	\$140 - \$165
17	GIS Technician I, II, III	\$115- \$160
18	GIS Specialist I, II, III	\$145 - \$170
19	Land Surveyor - Senior Land Surveyor	\$180 - \$200
20	Survey Manager	\$185
21	Survey Crew Chief I, II - Survey Data Analyst	\$155 - \$195
22	Project Coordinator - CADD Standards Coordinator	\$155 - \$185
23	Funding Specialists	\$115 - \$150
24	Survey Technician I,II, III	\$100 - \$140
25	Construction Engineer/Specialist, I, II, SR	\$155 - \$210
26	Drone Operator - Drone Services Coordinator	\$150 - \$165
27	Administrative Assistant I, II	\$85 - \$97

Travel Expenses	Project Mileage	Per current IRS rate	per mile
	Lodging	At Cost	
	Meals	At Cost	
	Per Diem	\$60.00	per day
Survey Supplies	Iron Pins	\$1.25	each
	Fence Posts	\$5.00	each
	Motorized Offroad Vehicles Drone Equipment	\$75.00	per day
Miscellaneous	Project Expenses	At Cost	
	Sub Consultants	At Cost	



Minnesota Watersheds

2025 Legislative Session

Legislative Update

May 2025

By Kevin Matzek and Jan Voit

The 2025 Legislative Session adjourned late in the evening on May 19. The Minnesota Legislature has not yet passed a complete two-year budget and therefore a [special session](#) will be required. At this time, it is unclear when the Governor will call legislators back to complete their work. Legislative leaders have stated they hope it will commence ahead of Memorial Day, but that seems unlikely at this moment.

As you can see from the status list below, a large amount of work remains to be done. One item that was completed was the Legacy appropriations bill. It was passed on Sunday by both the House and Senate and will be sent to the governor for his signature. The bill appropriates \$304 million out of the Clean Water Fund over the next two years and follows the recommendations of the Clean Water Council.

Bills that have not yet passed include the environment finance bill and a bonding bill. The environment finance conference committee had one meeting two weeks ago to walk through differences in the bill, but they haven't met since. There has not been an omnibus bonding bill introduced by either body. We won't likely see one until there is agreement on all the other budget bills. There was mention of a \$700 million bonding bill when the leaders announced global budget targets on Thursday, May 15. No specifics were given in that [press conference](#), but it was suggested it would focus on infrastructure and water, with few, if any, local projects.

Here is the current status of omnibus budget bills.

Conference Committees Completed

- Housing
- Public Safety/Judiciary
- Pensions
- Legacy
- Cannabis
- Agriculture/Broadband
- Veterans
- State and Local Government and Elections

Conference Committees In Progress

- Environment
- Transportation
- Jobs, Workplace and Labor
- Higher Education

Conference Committees Not Started

- K-12 Education
- Taxes
- Energy/Climate/Utilities
- Commerce
- Health and Human Services
- Liquor
- Capital Investment/Bonding only after state budget is completed

Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities

We are continuing to work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) leadership regarding permitting issues. We will be meeting with DNR leadership next week regarding their internal efforts for permitting efficiency. We will also discuss our concerns regarding the need for permit application completeness criteria and the need for timely agency responses to application submissions.

Legislation Related to Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities

[HF793 Hollins/SF492 Putman](#). *Certified salt applicator program established, liability limited, and report required.* Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy in the House. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. **The bill did not receive a hearing in either body this session.**

[HF8 Heintzeman/SF577 Rasmusson](#). *Wetland Conservation Act determination efficiency improved, permitting efficiency reporting requirements modified, permit application process improved, Pollution Control Agency required to issue separate permits, expedited permitting process modified, petitioners required to reside in affected or adjoining counties, scoping environmental assessment worksheet requirements eliminated, local review clarified, state implementation plan modification required, reports required, and money appropriated.* Committee report in the House to adopt as amended and re-refer to Ways and Means. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. **Not included in the omnibus environment finance bill.**

[SF570 Hauschild](#). *Permitting efficiency reporting requirements provisions modifications, environmental and resource management permit application process efficiency improvements provisions, Pollution Control Agency permitting provisions modifications, and appropriation.* Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee report: to pass as amended and re-refer to State and Local Government. There is no companion bill in the House. **Did not pass the Senate. No companion bill was introduced in the House.**

Revisor's Bill

[HF3022 Scott/SF3289 Limmer](#) The Revisor's Technical Bill made its way through both the House and Senate, and **the Governor signed the bill on May 8**. Included in this bill is the name change for our organization from MAWD to *Minnesota Watersheds*. The changes are in Sections 62(c) and 78(c) in the bill noted below. An explanation for some of the changes can be found in this [Memorandum of Explanation](#).

Clean Water Fund

[HF1370 Heintzeman/SF1447 Hoffman](#). *State agency and project funding provided from the clean water and parks and trails funds and money appropriated.* Referred to Legacy Finance in the House. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. The recommendations of the Clean Water Council were included in the Legacy Finance omnibus bills in both the Senate and House (see below re: Omnibus Legacy). **Passed the House and Senate on May 18. Awaiting action by Gov. Walz.**

Public Waters Inventory

When it is available, information regarding the Public Waters Inventory (PWI) update can be found [here](#). Several bills related to the PWI have been introduced. **Language on the PWI was included in the Senate omnibus environment policy bill, but did not receive a vote on the Senate floor. The language could be part of an omnibus bill agreement during the special session.**

Omnibus Legacy Finance

[HF2563 Vang, McDonald/SF2865 Hawj](#). *Legacy; dedicated funding website maintenance funding provided, and money appropriated.* Referred to Legacy Finance in the House and Environment, Climate and Legacy in the Senate. **Passed the House and Senate on May 18, awaiting action by Gov. Walz.**

Both House and Senate Legacy omnibus bills include funding for the Clean Water Fund and mirror the recommendations from the Clean Water Council. The bills include appropriations to BWSR totaling \$90 million for grants to watersheds with approved comprehensive watershed plans, \$1 million for watershed partners legacy grant program, and \$1 million for One Watershed, One Plan planning grants; appropriations to Department of Agriculture for \$14.5 million for Watershed Restoration and Protections Strategies grants and \$1.3 million for the Chloride Reduction Program. The entire recommendations for the Senate Legacy bill can be found [here](#) with the Clean Water Fund starting on line 131 of the spreadsheet.

Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus Finance Bill

[HF2439 Heintzeman, Fischer/SF2077 Hawj](#). *Environment and natural resources appropriations and provisions modifications*. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy in the House and to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. **Passed the Senate on April 29 and the House on May 5. The conference committee did not come to an agreement on a bill, so this will need to be worked on in the special session.**

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Outdoor Heritage Fund

[HF1482 Hansen/SF506 Hawj](#). *Money appropriated from the environment and natural resources trust fund and prior appropriations modified*. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy in the House. Committee report in the Senate to pass as amended. **ENRTF funding is included in the House omnibus environment and natural resources finance bill that is yet to be finalized.**

[HF1250 Burkel /SF770 Hawj](#). *Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriation and certain land leveraging for federal grant funds authorization provision*. Referred to Legacy Finance in the House. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate.

Tax Bill

The Senate included an increase in aid for SWCDs in their omnibus tax bill. The aid paid in 23 & 24 was \$15 mil/year and was set to drop to \$12 mil/year in 2025. A bill introduced this year sought to increase the aid to \$20 mil/year. The omnibus bill sets the aid at \$14.73 million in 25 & 26, and then to \$14.787 million in 27 and thereafter, which is more than current law, but less than what they were asking for.

In Other News

The Minnesota Supreme Court finally issued its decision in the Polk County Ditch 39 case and affirmed the Court of Appeals decision – a great result for watershed districts.

The Supreme Court squarely affirmed that watershed districts are authorized to conduct drainage improvement proceedings without a county having first transferred the drainage system to the watershed district. It also affirmed that a watershed district may conduct these improvement proceedings without the involvement of county officials.

Here is a link to the decision:

<https://www.mncourts.gov/mncourtsgov/media/Appellate/Supreme%20Court/Standard%20Opinions/OPA221163-051425.pdf>



Minnesota Watersheds

2025 Legislative and Special Sessions

Legislative Update

June 2025

By Kevin Matzek and Jan Voit

Governor Walz and legislative leaders reached an agreement to hold a one-day special session on June 9 to finish the state budget. They met and passed the remaining bills needed to complete the two-year budget, including the environment finance bill. In addition to the budget bills, legislative leaders and the governor agreed to a \$700 million bonding bill that included \$9 million in undesignated funds for flood hazard mitigation.

Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities

On May 28, a meeting was held with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) leadership at their office in St. Paul. We discussed the need for permit process efficiency, early coordination, communication gaps, and project delays. We hope to meet again to continue the discussion and review projects facing permitting challenges. Our goal is to work with MDNR to develop more detailed checklists or guidance for applicants, discuss the possibility of establishing a central technical team for early project coordination, and hold a meeting to discuss threatened and endangered species permitting in more detail.

Legislation Related to Minnesota Watersheds Legislative Priorities

[HF793 Hollins/SF492 Putman](#). *Certified salt applicator program established, liability limited, and report required*. Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy in the House. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. **The bill did not receive a hearing in either body this session.**

Revisor's Bill

[HF3022 Scott/SF3289 Limmer](#) The Revisor's Technical Bill made its way through both the House and Senate, and **the Governor signed the bill on May 8**. Included in this bill is the name change for our organization from MAWD to *Minnesota Watersheds*. The changes are in Sections 62(c) and 78(c) in the bill noted below. An explanation for some of the changes can be found in this [Memorandum of Explanation](#).

Clean Water Fund

[HF1370 Heintzeman/SF1447 Hoffman](#). *State agency and project funding provided from the clean water and parks and trails funds and money appropriated*. Referred to Legacy Finance in the House. Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy in the Senate. The recommendations of the Clean Water Council were included in the Legacy Finance omnibus bills in both the Senate and House (see below re: Omnibus Legacy). **Passed the House and Senate on May 18 and was signed into law by Gov. Walz on May 23.**

Omnibus Legacy Finance

[HF2563 Vang, McDonald/SF2865 Hawj](#). *Legacy; dedicated funding website maintenance funding provided, and money appropriated*. Referred to Legacy Finance in the House and Environment, Climate and Legacy in the Senate. **Passed the House and Senate on May 18, and was signed into law by Gov. Walz on May 23.**

Both House and Senate Legacy omnibus bills include funding for the Clean Water Fund and mirror the recommendations from the Clean Water Council. The bills include appropriations to BWSR totaling \$90 million for grants to watersheds with approved comprehensive watershed plans, \$1 million for watershed partners legacy grant program, and \$1 million for One Watershed, One Plan planning grants;

appropriations to Department of Agriculture for \$14.5 million for Watershed Restoration and Protections Strategies grants and \$1.3 million for the Chloride Reduction Program. **It also included \$1.543M to the Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers Watershed District for the Nelson Slough – East Park Wildlife Management Area, Phase 2; \$1.442M to the Roseau River Watershed District for Big Swamp North; \$1.982M to the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District for the Spring Road Conservation Project; and \$2.141M to the Shell Rock River Watershed District for the Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Phase 14.** The entire recommendations for the Senate Legacy bill can be found [here](#) with the Clean Water Fund starting on line 131 of the spreadsheet.

Environment Omnibus Finance Bill

The omnibus environment finance omnibus bill, [SF3](#) funds the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources for the next two years. The bill also included appropriations from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. **The bill was passed by both the Senate and House during the special session.**

In late 2024 and early 2025, the Drainage Work Group (DWG) assessed the value of the statutory reporting requirements in M.S. Chapter 103E.067, as well as the potential redundancy with M.S. Chapter 103F.48 reporting requirements related to buffer strips. The DWG concluded that the requirements established in M.S. Chapter 103E.067 in 2007 have fulfilled the objectives set at that time and recommended this section of statute be repealed. The Environment omnibus finance bill included repealing this section of statute. It can be found on line 151.19.

Also included in this bill are the following provisions:

- The Environment Quality Board must amend Minnesota Rules, part 4410.2100 to provide that an environmental assessment worksheet does not need to be prepared for a project that falls within a mandatory environmental impact statement category under Minnesota Rules, part 4410.440. The language can be found in lines 166.7 to 166.21.
- A local government unit must supply BWSR with information on the number of extensions under Minnesota Rules, chapter 8420 or Minnesota Statutes, section 15.99 between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2027. The language can be found in lines 167.1 to 167.15.

When it is available, information regarding the Public Waters Inventory (PWI) update can be found [here](#). Several bills related to the PWI were introduced. **Language on the PWI was included in the Senate omnibus environment policy bill, but did not receive a vote on the Senate floor. The language was not included in the omnibus bill agreement during the special session.**

Tax Bill

The agreed to tax bill, [HF9](#), did not include any changes to aid for SWCDs. The Senate had included an increase in aid for SWCDs in their omnibus tax bill. The aid paid in 2023 & 2024 was \$15 mil/year and was set to drop to \$12 mil/year in 2025. A bill introduced this year sought to increase the aid to \$20 mil/year. The senate provision that did not get passed set the aid at \$14.73 million in 2025 & 2026, and then \$14.787 million in 2027 and thereafter.

Capital Investment Bill

During special session, the legislature passed [HF18](#), a \$700 million bonding bill. The focus of the bill was statewide infrastructure, asset preservation, roads, and water, including **\$9 million for the DNR's flood hazard mitigation program**. The spreadsheet can be found [here](#).

Open Meeting Law

The Minnesota Legislature [amended section 13D.02](#) of the Open Meeting Law this session to remove some of the requirements for remote meeting participation using interactive technology. Members of a local governing body, including watershed boards, no longer need to be in a noticed, publicly accessible location in order to participate in a board meeting electronically.

The Legislature also repealed the provisions restricting remote participation to three times a year for members serving in the military and at a required drill or deployment or having received medical advice against being in a public place for personal or family medical reasons.

The result is that watershed boards and other local government bodies may conduct their meetings using interactive technology so long as:

- (1) all members of the body participating in the meeting, wherever their physical location, can hear and see one another and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one member is present;
- (2) members of the public present at the regular meeting location of the body can hear and see all discussion and testimony and all votes of members of the body;
- (3) at least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location; and
- (4) all votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

The amendment took effect on May 24, the day following enactment.

In Other News

The Minnesota Supreme Court issued its decision in the Polk County Ditch 39 case and affirmed the Court of Appeals decision – a great result for watershed districts.

The Supreme Court squarely affirmed that watershed districts are authorized to conduct drainage improvement proceedings without a county having first transferred the drainage system to the watershed district. It also affirmed that a watershed district may conduct these improvement proceedings without the involvement of county officials.



MAY 21, 2025 RRWMB LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

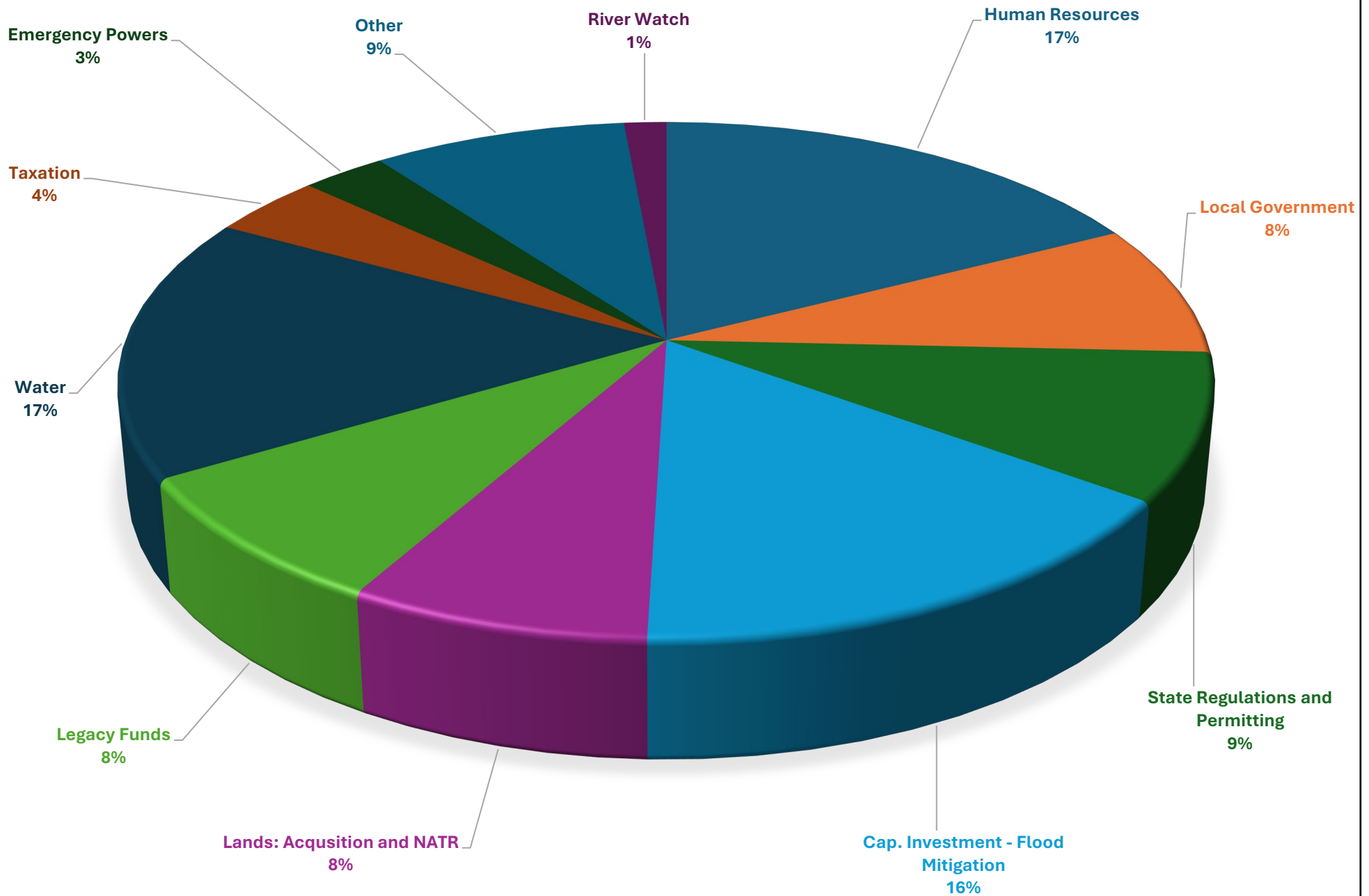
1. **2025 Special Session:** To be held but no date designated yet.
2. **2025 Bonding:** No bonding bill approved yet, but legislative agreements point to a \$700 million bill in 2025 focused on wastewater and drinking water treatment. For 2026, indications are for an approximate \$1 billion bonding bill focused on infrastructure. We are not sure where this leaves the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Program, which currently lists \$146 million in known needs. The following link illustrates projects/financial needs: [Current Known FHM Funding Needs](#)
There was \$176,964,000 worth of flood mitigation bills introduced in 2025.
3. **Review of Bill Introductions:** The RRWMB and Minnesota Watersheds (MW) work closely together to review and track bill introductions. Just over 200 bills were flagged for additional review by the RRWMB and MW. There were 6,893 bills introduced during the 2025 session:
 - House Bills Introduced = 3,347
 - Senate Bills Introduced = 3,546
4. **Environment Budget Omnibus Bill (Not Passed Yet) - SF2077:** The following funds are still "in play" within this bill, which has not yet passed:
 - a. \$264,000/year for two years for the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group – Original 2025 Request was for \$350,000/year. Currently at \$300,000/year for two years.
 - b. \$100,000/year for two years for the RRBC.
 - c. \$166,000/year for two years for BWSR for Drainage Work Group facilitation.
5. **Legacy Omnibus Bill (Passed): HF2563**

Outdoor Heritage Fund - LSOHC					
Item	Recipient	Amount	Page #	Line #	Comments
Nelson Slough	MSTRWD	\$ 1,543,000	10	10.35	
Big Swamp North	RRWD	\$ 1,442,000	11	11.18	
MN Important Bird Areas	Audubon Society	\$ 2,003,000	18	18.1	Focus is on NW MN.
DNR CPL Program	DNR	\$ 11,716,000	19	19.3	
Clean Water Fund					
Weather Network	MN Dept. of Ag	\$ 2,300,000	30	30.5	
Culverts - Tech and Financial Assistance	DNR	\$ 2,900,000	34	34.4	
WBIF	BWSR	\$88,199,000	34	34.15	BdSWD, RLWD, MSTRWD, TRWD, RRWD, and WRWD
Conservation Drainage Program	BWSR	\$2,000,000	39	39.1	

Link for Approved Legacy Finance Bill:

<https://www.leg.mn.gov/leg/cc/Default?type=bill&year=2025-94&bill=HF-2563>

BILL CATEGORIES - 2025 MN LEGISLATURE



From: Jan Voit <jvoit@mnwatersheds.com>
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Subject: 2025 Submitted Resolutions
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Managers, Commissioners, Administrators, and Staff (Bcc),

Attached to this message you will find the proposed resolutions for consideration by the members of Minnesota Watersheds at our Annual Meeting on Resolutions and Petitions scheduled for August 25.

The Resolutions and Legislative Committee will review these proposed resolutions and make recommendations later this month. Our new process adopted by the members on March 21 provides for a brief 10-day comment period to the Resolutions and Legislative Committee in order to inform their review. Accordingly, the most helpful comments are not simply whether you support or oppose the resolution, but rather raise clarifying questions or concerns, or offer alternative language. We recognize that most watershed boards will not meet during this brief 10-day comment period and therefore do not expect comments to reflect the official authorized position of your organization.

Comments will be most efficiently conveyed through your administrator, so please coordinate your response with them.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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RURAL ROAD VS. RED TAPE

Tiny North Dakota farm town defies feds, drains water to protect citizens

By Chris Bennett

In the name of wetlands regulation, would the government punish a rural town of 56 people for draining water off a road to ensure ambulance and fire truck access for its residents?

In 2023, after snowmelt flooded a gravel road in Northland Township, N.D., supervisor Mike Thoreson cut a ditch and drained several feet of high water from the surrounding wetland, easing pressure on several isolated families.

Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) responded: Fill it in or face penalties.

But Thoreson held his ground: "No way was I backing down. We were protecting our citizens' access to emergency services. What if that was your family? I didn't care how much FWS fined us. I was beyond pissed and ready for a legal fight."

"It appeared FWS was going to strong-arm the town," says attorney Jeff McCoy, Pacific Legal Foundation. "It showed how federal agencies often refuse to consider common sense."

"We weren't asking for the world – just to take care of a gravel road," Thoreson adds. "Only in the government's eyes are human lives worth less than ducks."



1,400 MILES EAST

Tucked in the southeast corner of North Dakota, Ransom County is home to Northland Township and its 56-strong populace of farmers and small business owners.

The grain-heavy county (corn, soybeans and wheat dominate) is part of the vast Prairie Pothole Region, a network of ecologically rich, depressional wetlands covering 100,000 sq. mi. in the Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota and Montana. The region further extends 200,000 sq. mi. into Canada.

In the 1960s, FWS purchased easements to protect Prairie Pothole wetlands – including those inside of Ransom County.

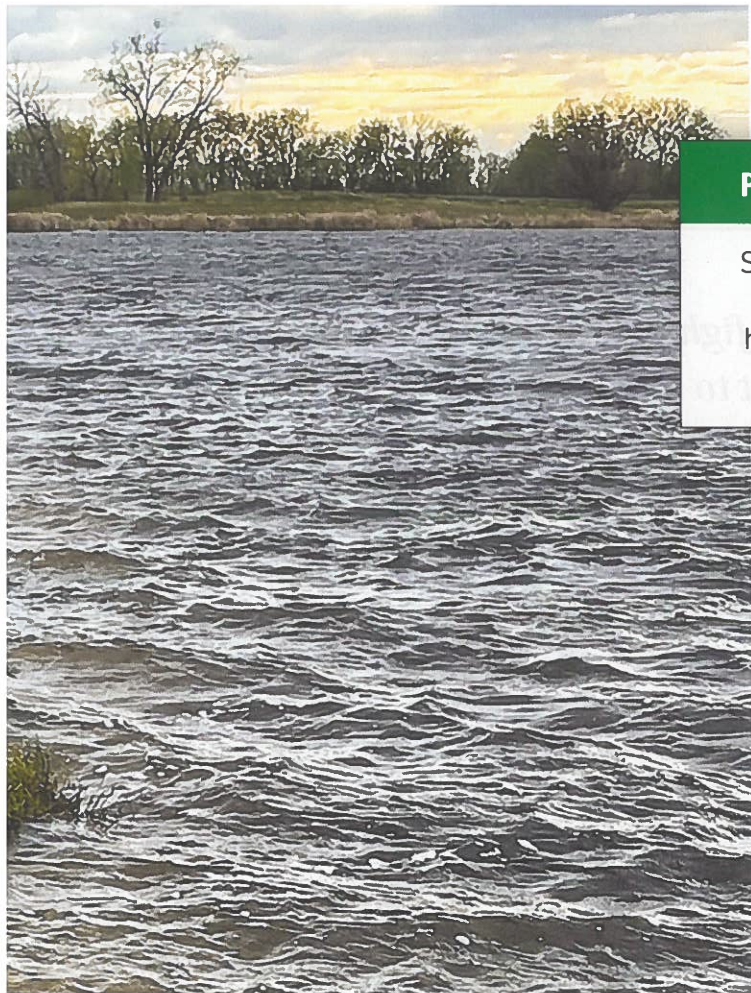
"Farmers sold those easements, but

were told they could continue normal farming operations," McCoy notes. "The existing rights of way for roads took precedent over the easements. There's been consistent confusion ever since over what even counts as a wetland. The easement standard was to not unreasonably interfere in drainage."

Headquartered 1,400 miles east of Northland Township in Washington, D.C., FWS significantly expanded control of Prairie Pothole acreage via a new rule in 2023: National Wildlife Refuge System; Drain Tile Setbacks. In a nutshell: Big or small, any amount of drainage was a major violation.

"In a sense, FWS flexed," McCoy explains. "Basically, the agency wrote and approved its own rules: Whether it was minor or major drainage, it was then all illegal."

Enter Mike Thoreson's backbone and a rural road in use since at least the 1940s.



PRAIRIE POTHOLE REGION

Stretching across five U.S. states, this region is home to ecologically rich, depressional wetlands.



*Water beginning to wash over
59th Street Southeast.*

FILL IT IN, PRONTO

Depending on snowmelt, water rises on both sides of 59th Street Southeast – a gravel road in Northland Township with five families along its path – one way in, one way out.

"Most years, the road becomes impassable, or barely passable, and often washes out – sometimes \$30,000 in repair expenses for our community with limited funds," Thoreson describes. "It gets to a point where there's no way to get an ambulance in, but there's an elderly couple in their eighties living along the road that can't do much on their own. It'd take at least \$100,000 to raise the road, and that's money we don't have in our tiny township. This situation has been building since the 1970s, and FWS wanted us to endure it all in the name of conservation, whatever the consequences."

In spring 2024, concerned over a perennial problem, the Northland Township board authorized Thoreson to control the persistent flooding by draining the surrounding wetland.

"I talked to Farm Service Agency and they gave me permission," Thoreson says. "I talked to the farmer who rents the land, and he gave me a green light. I called an excavator, and we got it done."

Thoreson moved roughly 4' of water from one watershed to another.

"Plain truth, I did FWS a favor by controlling their water at our expense," he adds. "There are wildlife easements to the north, and that's how the water naturally drains. I transferred the water from a waterfall production area on the south side to a wildlife easement on the north side. That's where FWS wants the water to begin with. There were no ducks on the north side where there was no water; just cattail slough."

(FWS has declined requests from Farm Journal for an interview regarding Northland Township.)

From Thoreson's perspective, the problem was solved as Northland Township ensured road access and FWS received water and wildlife.

But not so fast. In summer 2024, FWS personnel flew over the site. Shortly thereafter, Thoreson got a phone call: Fill it in, pronto.

LINE IN THE SAND

Thoreson dug in his heels.

"I told FWS, 'We live here. We've got people whose lives are affected by your regulations.' But no, they wouldn't move a step away from their rules," he says. "This road gets so tight that multiple vehicles can't even meet most of the time, and farmers aren't able to get up and down the road. Not to mention >



“When you have to fight the federal government to make sure your own road is accessible for the safety of your own rural people, something is wrong.”

~Mike Thoreson

emergency vehicles in the case that someone’s health is on the line.”

In September, according to Thoreson, FWS drew a line in the sand: Remove the trench by Nov. 15, dependent on crop harvest.

“By insisting on the deadline no matter what, FWS showed that ducks and regulations were more important than human life,” Thoreson says. “I told them, ‘Okay, I’ll fill it in like you demand. But as soon as water gets by the road, I’m draining again.’ They got madder.”

He adds, “I pleaded to let us put in a pipe so we could drain as needed. No, again. There was only one answer that satisfied them – follow the regulations.”

SOMETHING IS WRONG

When Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) got in Northland Township’s corner at no charge, the dynamic shifted.

“First, this was a road that had existed for over 80 years and clearly had legal precedence over any easement,” McCoy says. “Second, Northland Township was only performing minor work to drain as necessary to keep their citizens safe. Third, the water was only lowered beside the road – the refuge system still contained the same amount of water.”

Didn’t matter, per FWS’ position: Fill it or face the consequences. And what were the potential penalties?

“FWS was vague, but they cited fines and other action,” McCoy says. “No question, if this had been a single farmer, FWS would have sought criminal action. If Northland Township hadn’t had representation, they likely were going to face fines at a minimum but eventually something more serious.”

Thoreson believes FWS did not want publicity. “This had dragged on since the 1970s, but when PLF got involved, FWS was suddenly willing to sit down and talk. I suspect FWS was embarrassed to have the public know they put people’s lives at risk and refused to give five families a way in and out of a road for decades by preventing us from draining a few feet of water.”

When McCoy met with FWS, an agreement was reached. After moving a portion of the drainage work, Northland Township can lower water to ensure 59th Street Southeast is passable.



Chris Bennett is drawn to stories of innovation and those traveling an odd trail. He loves squirrel hunting and walking fields near his Mississippi home.

“Having representation and letting FWS know we were willing to go to court made them back off. If FWS changes its position or goes back on the agreement, we are willing to fight this in court,” McCoy says. “It took PLF getting involved and threats of litigation to get this solved. It ended so much sooner than many of our other cases, but unfortunately, it’s representative of federal agencies refusing to consider a common-sense solution.”

McCoy has deep experience with government overreach litigation. He was part of the PLF team that prevailed in *Sackett v. EPA*, a historic 2023 Supreme Court case that put a check on federal regulatory expansion.

“The Sacketts were a northeast Idaho family who wanted to build a single home in a subdivision near Priest Lake,” McCoy details. “Their neighbors in adjoining lots had built houses and there was a road, and several more houses before you reached Priest Lake. EPA ordered them to stop building and deemed their lot a wetland, even though it was a third to a half-mile from the water. EPA threatened thousands of dollars of fines per day if the Sacketts didn’t stop building and restore the wetland. We represented them for eight years and eventually won. That was another example of a breach of common sense. Typically, these agencies decide policy or action and fight to the bitter end, no matter what.”

As for Northland Township, 59th Street Southeast is open, Thoreson says. “When you have to fight the federal government to make sure your own road is accessible for the safety of your own rural people, something is wrong.” **FJ**