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BOARD MEETING AGENDA – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

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8:00 AM

Verification of Quorum & Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Consider Agenda Additions/Changes & Approve Agenda

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Approve: Minutes of August 20, 2026; Claims of September 17, 2026 (includes JCWMP Pay Requests, Deposits, and Journal Entries); Treasurer's Report and Budget; State Grants Received/Expended

PERMIT APPLICATIONS

103E DRAINAGE SYSTEMS REPORTS

WCD #25 Approve Findings and Order

JD # 11 Lat. 4 Update, Viewers Disqualified & Appointments

GC Cons JD #2 Reconvene Hearing on Minn. Stat. § 103E.715 Engineers' Repair Report, Consider Order & Appointment of Viewers

GCD #21 Approve Resolutions: Clean Water Cost Share, Culvert Sizing Cost Share, Prepayment on Bond

SCD #1/#7/#8 Update

103D WATERSHED PROJECTS

Redpath Update and 2027 Construction Fund Cash Flow

Culvert Maintenance Agreement – City of Dumont

Approve JCWMP WBIF #4 Grant Agreement

Doran Creek Update

2027 Ag Leases

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

9:00 AM

Consideration of Certification of \$2,040 Unpaid Culvert Cost Share to Parcel #09-0126-000 for collection in 2027 with Grant County Property Taxes

Annual Resolution

Board Manager & Committee Updates

Letters & Memos

**BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 20, 2026**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by President Vavra at 8:00 a.m. Present in the District Office: Linda Vavra, Ben Brutlag (arrived later), Doug Dahlen, Steven Deal, John Kapphahn, Steven Schmidt, and Allen Wold. Absent: Jason Beyer, Scott Gillespie. Also present: Administrator Jamie Beyer, Attorney Lukas Croaker, District Engineer James Guler, and Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen.
- AGENDA** Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the Regular Agenda was approved with the addition of North Ottawa Maintenance.
- CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** Board Manager John Kapphahn stated his conflict of interest with Samantha Lake.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** No public comment was received.
- CONSENT AGENDA** Upon motion by Wold, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved with \$225,532.22 added to the Claims of August 20, 2026.
- WILKIN SWCD EXPANDED COST SHARE** Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District Co-District Manager Beatrice Newman provided information on forestry mulching services now offered to treat invasive species and unwanted tree growth. Staff have implemented a ranking sheet to prioritize mulching requests that concentrate on conservation. Newman requested that the Board allow the current \$5,000 allocation from BdSWD for soil health cover crop contract cost-share to be made available for mulching requests, if needed. Mulching contract cost-share requests will have to demonstrate proximity to water – either adjacent or within ¼ mile – to qualify. Wilkin SWCD’s local policy allows a 50% cost-share, capped at \$3,500. Wold motioned, seconded by Brutlag, to add eligibility for forestry mulching. Motion carried.
- BCD #8 PETITION** Administrator Jamie Beyer recently sent blank BCD #8 Improvement petition signature pages to applicable landowners. She stated that on August 18th, Big Stone County hosted an informational meeting on general drainage ditch processes, and that interest seems to be increasing for potential projects in the Bois de Sioux Watershed District covering Big Stone County. District Engineer James Guler stated BCD #8 and BCD #15 (which is a subsurface tile system) both outlet to Lannon Lake, and landowners have concerns that the elevation of Lannon Lake is so high that it is back-feeding into BCD #15. Engineering staff suspect that BCD #15 tile is in need of maintenance. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, District staff are authorized to use up to \$5,000 for landowner coordination, informal meetings with landowners and DNR staff, and to continue project development.
- ELBOW LAKE EAW RGU** District Engineer James Guler provided an overview of a proposal to evaluate the Grant County Elbow Lake Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet to determine the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. The same proposal can be used no matter whether the District or Grant County serves as the Regulating Government Unit (RGU). Moore Engineering staff stated that counties routinely fulfill this role for their own projects. Administrator Beyer recommended that – because Board Manager John Kapphahn is a landowner in the project area, handling of the project by Grant County would reduce conflict of interest concerns, real or perceived. Upon motion by Wold, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously (Kapphahn recused himself from discussion and action), staff are authorized to present the proposal and request that Grant County serve as the RGU for their project.
- WBIF #4 GRANT WORK PLAN** Upon motion by Dahlen, seconded by Kapphahn and carried unanimously, the Watershed Based Implementation Fund work plan #4 was approved for submission to the Board of Water and Soil and Resources for the following amounts:

Non-Structural & Soil Health	\$160,000	Ag Filtration, Storage, Protection	\$442,400
Shoreline Stabilization	\$15,000	Subsurface Sewage Treatment	\$25,000
Well Sealing	\$5,000	Ditch Retrofit BMPs	\$384,000
Stream Restoration Dev.	\$260,530	Project Development	\$133,509
Tech Assistance & Engineering	\$165,000	Grant Administration & Plan Coord.	\$15,000

**NRCS PERMIT
EXEMPTIONS**

Board Managers discussed the current General Permit for Construction of NRCS Standard Water and Sediment Control Basins and Terraces, which exempts construction from the District's permitting process. Board Manager John Kapphahn stated that the policies do not consider outlet conditions; Board Manager Steven Schmidt stated that the policies do not consider conditions upstream. Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen stated that these projects have the potential to impact neighboring properties, and that in some cases, maintenance agreements should be implemented. Engineering staff requested an opportunity to review dike heights and elevations. Upon motion by Schmidt, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the General Permits for NRCS projects were stricken from the Policy and Procedures Manual.

**BWSR BUFFER
ORDINANCE
MANDATORY
REVIEW**

Administrator Beyer summarized an email received from BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist Laura DeBeer notifying the District of BWSR's Amended Administrative Penalty Order Plan, updated Buffer Program Procedures, and revised Model Draft Ordinance and Rule Templates. She stated that counties and watershed districts must review their local controls by July 31, 2027. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the Soil Loss Committee is authorized to review the District's local controls in the Buffer Rule.

**NORTH OTTAWA
DITCHING**

Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen stated that the North Ottawa Impoundment is in need of ditching, in order to move water east and south through individual cells. Upon motion by Dahlen, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, up to \$35,000 is authorized for ditch maintenance and purchasing cameras for water level monitoring. DNR staff have requested that Cells A4 and B4 be treated for cattail control.

**WCD #25
IMPROVEMENT**

Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the Wilkin County Ditch #25 Final Hearing on the Improvement Petition, Amended Detailed Survey Report, Amended Viewers' Reports, Property Owners' Report, and Commissioner's Final Advisory Report was reconvened. Engineering staff presented the details of the proposed ditch realignment, straightening the channel through Section 20 rather than jogging mid-section through Section 17. District staff have left telephone messages for the Section 20 property owner, and have also sent a notice by mail; there has been no response. Engineering staff were able to talk to the tenant who subsequently gave them the contact information for the landowner. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously, the Amended Viewers Report and Amended Engineers Report were approved and staff are authorized to send a certified notice to the Section 20 landowner notifying them of the realignment. Viewer Steve Neppel described additional recent changes to the Amended Viewers' Report, affecting landowners in Sections 9, 10, 14, 25, and 23. No additional comments from the public were received. Dahlen motioned, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously, to approve the Amended Viewers' Reports, Amended Detailed Survey Report, to establish the improvement project with separable repair and construct the lateral. Upon motion by Wold, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, the hearing was closed.

**GRANT COUNTY
CONS. JD #2**

Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Dahlen and carried unanimously, the public hearing on the engineer's repair report for Grant County Cons. Judicial Ditch #2 was opened. Engineering staff discussed the US Fish and Wildlife's plans to replace the outlet structure on their property to maintain the water at an elevation of 1109' and to add an overflow channel to limit the water bounce to a maximum elevation of 1111' – restricting storage to only 2'. Staff and landowners are concerned that the US Fish and Wildlife's use of the subsurface drainage as an outlet for their property utilizes the majority of the capacity of the system. During large events the concern is an overflow channel will pass the flooding to downstream properties. The GCD #2 repair project, as currently designed, will cost an average of \$30 - \$44 / acre for 15 years. The US Fish and Wildlife property cannot be assessed project costs. A landowner requested that portions of GCD #2 that were historically tile, be replaced with tile and not left as open ditch. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Brutlag and carried unanimously, the hearing was recessed in order to consider changes to the repair project design and meet with landowners.

JD #11 LAT. #4

District staff have received minimal communication from Viewers Joe Jacobs, Brad Wick, and Dave Schmidt, who were assigned to the JD #11 Lateral No. 4 redetermination. The viewers' proposal included an August 31, 2026 deadline for a number of redetermination related reports and activities. Mr. Joe Jacobs stated to District staff that his subcontracting engineering firm has not provided the information they need; Moore Engineering did provide comparable information in October 2025. This information was supplied again in August 2026. Attorney Lukas Croaker stated that Minnesota Statute § 103E.305 applies and that the Board can disqualify the viewers for failure to perform their duties.

Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Deal and carried unanimously, the District Administrator is authorized to make a determination that the appointed viewers are disqualified if the terms of the viewers' proposal are not met by August 31, 2026, and to appoint new viewers.

**GCD #21
FINAL HEARING**

The Minn. Stat. § 103E.555 public hearing to review the Engineer's Report on the closeout of the contract to Improve GCD #21 was reconvened. Engineering staff provided an update of the work completed. Mr. Jamie Lubenow, of Wagner Company, Inc., was present to answer questions. Engineer Technician Troy Fridgen was directed to coordinate any future maintenance for GCD #21 separate from this contract. Dahlen motioned, seconded by Schmidt, to approve the Final Balancing Change Order in the amount of -\$49,877.68 and Pay Application No. 7 in the amount of \$57,834.04. All in favor except Wold, motion carried. Upon motion by Kapphahn, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously, the hearing was closed.

**GENERAL,
CONSTRUCTION &
LAKE TRAVERSE
WATERSHED
BUDGETS & LEVIES**

Upon motion by Dahlen, seconded by Schmidt and carried unanimously, the public hearing on the 2027 General Budget & Levy, Construction Fund Budget & Levy, and Lake Traverse Water Quality Improvement Budget & Levy was opened. Kapphahn motioned, seconded by Dahlen, to approve the Resolution of Ad Valorem Levies that included the following: \$250,000 General Fund levy; 75% of 0.04836 percent Construction Fund Levy; a \$20,000 Lake Traverse Water Management District levy. These levels will be reviewed at the December 17, 2026 board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linda Vavra, President

Date: _____, 2026

Jamie Beyer, Administrator

Date: _____, 2026

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Cash Basis

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
Expenses by Vendor Summary (No Employees)
August 21 through September 17, 2026

	<u>Aug 21 - Sep 17, 26</u>
Ashton Thomas	1,000.00
Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.	1,000.00
BlueCross BlueShield MN	-0.01
BMO/Bank of the West	6.00
City of Wheaton	47.85
Column Software PBC	-140.09
Dan Swedlund	550.00
Elan Financial Services	116.92
Gazette Publishing Co.	363.00
Grant County	-72,288.77
Grant County Herald	126.00
Kevin Meixel	-2,368.56
L & B Hardware Hank LLC	71.98
Larson Oil Company	303.25
LM Road Services	70,086.86
Machine Design, Inc	15,633.02
MN PEIP	5,970.44
Morris & Associates	785.00
Ohnstad Twichell, PC	8,304.00
Old National	-7,930.38
QuickBooks Payroll Service	20.00
RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc	344.85
Runestone Telecom Association	144.68
Star Bank	-10.30
Sturdevant's Auto Value Wheaton	13.99
The Chokio Review	132.00
Traverse County SWCD	342.04
Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc	71.61
Tri County Coop	362.96
Valley Office Products, Inc.	222.26
Vestis	51.10
Wagner Company, Inc.	62,586.12
Whaley Excavating & Concrete	2,320.00
Wilkin County SWCD	5,000.00
Willy's Super Valu	172.91
Xerox Corporation	332.84
No name	0.00
TOTAL	<u>93,743.57</u>

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
CHECKS TO APPROVE - VENDORS & EMPLOYEES
August 21 through September 17, 2026

Date	Num	Type	Memo	Account	Class	Amount
Ashton Thomas						
08/26/2026	3506	Check	WATER SEEDED GRASS	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:JCD #14	-1,000.00
Total Ashton Thomas						-1,000.00
Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.						
09/17/2026	3516	Check	GOVERNMENT SERVICES CONTRACT-1244	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,000.00
Total Bennett Government Consulting, Inc.						-1,000.00
BlueCross BlueShield MN						
08/31/2026		Liability Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	7.67
09/15/2026		Liability Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	7.67
09/08/2026	3513	Check	2968870001	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-15.33
Total BlueCross BlueShield MN						0.01
BMO/Bank of the West						
08/31/2026		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-6.00
Total BMO/Bank of the West						-6.00
City of Wheaton						
09/08/2026	3511	Check	W/S/G	53440 · Utility Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-47.85
Total City of Wheaton						-47.85
Column Software PBC						
08/25/2026		Deposit	OVERPAYMENT FOR #3491 CHECK	45000 · Miscellaneous Income	Ditch Fund:WCD #25	424.23
09/17/2026	3518	Check	FAC49920-0050 BUDGET HEARING	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-284.14
Total Column Software PBC						140.09
Dan Swedlund						
09/17/2026	3536	Check	VIEWERS - HOURS	54600 · Viewers Expense	Ditch Fund:WCD #25	-385.00
09/17/2026	3536	Check	JD #11 LAT 4 VIEWERS - HOURS	54600 · Viewers Expense	Ditch Fund:JCD #11	-165.00
Total Dan Swedlund						-550.00
Elan Financial Services						
09/17/2026	3519	Check	ADOBE SUB	55130 · Website	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-36.86
09/17/2026	3519	Check	FREEFIND SEARCH UPDATE	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-19.00
09/17/2026	3519	Check	ZOOM SUB	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-36.32
09/17/2026	3519	Check	CLEANING SUPPLIES	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-24.74
Total Elan Financial Services						-116.92
Gazette Publishing Co.						
09/17/2026	3521	Check	BUDGET HEARING	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-297.00
09/17/2026	3521	Check	SUBSCRIPTION - 09/22/25 LAST BILLED	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-66.00
Total Gazette Publishing Co.						-363.00
Grant County						
09/11/2026		Deposit	FINAL BOND REIMBURSEMENT	20000 - Bond Proceeds	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	51,053.39
09/11/2026		Deposit	FINAL BOND REIMBURSEMENT	20000 - Bond Proceeds	Ditch Fund:GCD #3	63,408.38
09/17/2026	3523	Check	TRANSFER TO GRANT COUNTY BOND GCD #3	54956 · Intergovernmental Expense	Ditch Fund:GCD #3	-42,173.00
Total Grant County						72,288.77
Grant County Herald						
09/17/2026	3522	Check	BUDGET HEARING	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-126.00
Total Grant County Herald						-126.00

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Kevin Meixel						
09/02/2026		Deposit	DITCH ENTRANCE FEE	42150 · Ditch Entrance Fee	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	1,998.21
09/02/2026		Deposit	HEARING COSTS	45000 · Miscellaneous Income	Ditch Fund:TCD #8	370.35
Total Kevin Meixel						2,368.56
L & B Hardware Hank LLC						
09/17/2026	3529	Check	GRASS & TRIMMER	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund	-71.98
Total L & B Hardware Hank LLC						-71.98
Larson Oil Company						
09/17/2026	3525	Check	FUEL	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-100.00
09/17/2026	3525	Check	TIRE REPAIR	54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-30.00
09/17/2026	3525	Check	PROPANE	53400 · Office Operations	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-173.25
Total Larson Oil Company						-303.25
LM Road Services						
08/26/2026	3505	Check	VOIDED CHECK	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Construction Fund	0.00
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #11	-864.56
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #15	-1,553.43
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-2,017.30
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #22	-1,270.13
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #5	-1,553.44
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:GCD #9	-1,152.74
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:JCD #11	-1,744.92
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:JCD #12	-20,326.68
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:JCD #2	-1,553.43
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:JCD #7	-1,584.51
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:Developm...	-2,400.06
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #16	-581.64
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #17	-290.82
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #32	-492.10
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #35	-872.46
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:BdSWD #5	-1,006.33
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #Sub-1	-3,417.61
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #18	-2,479.63
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #20	-2,946.61
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #25	-925.14
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #35	-1,373.50
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #39	-1,670.16
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #8	-2,109.28
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:WCD #9	-3,809.61
08/26/2026	3508	Check	DITCH SPRAYING	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:BdSWD #3	-492.00
09/17/2026	3524	Check	WEED/TREE CONTROL	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #52	-2,057.34
09/17/2026	3524	Check	WEED/TREE CONTROL	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Ditch Fund:TCD #41	-881.72
09/17/2026	3524	Check	WEED/TREE CONTROL	53930 · Ditch Spraying	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:Developm...	-8,659.71
Total LM Road Services						-70,086.86
Machine Design, Inc						
09/17/2026	3526	Check	FARM ENTRANCES	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ag La...	-15,633.02
Total Machine Design, Inc						-15,633.02
MN PEIP						
08/31/2026		Liability Check		Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	21.30
09/15/2026		Liability Check		Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	21.30
09/09/2026	3514	Check	HEALTH INSURANCE	Health Insurance Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-6,013.04
Total MN PEIP						-5,970.44
Morris & Associates						
09/17/2026	3527	Check	JUNE, JULY, AUGUST PAYROLL & TAXES	51100 · Accounting Services	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-785.00
Total Morris & Associates						-785.00

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Ohnstad Twichell, PC						
09/17/2026	3528	Check	REDPATH DECLARATIONS	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 3...	-94.53
09/17/2026	3528	Check	REDPATH DECLARATIONS	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ph 3...	-185.97
09/17/2026	3528	Check	NORTH OTTAWA	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund:North Ottawa Impoundment:Developm...	-51.00
09/17/2026	3528	Check	DWG	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-739.50
09/17/2026	3528	Check	GRANT CONS JD #2	52600 · Legal Fees	Ditch Fund:GC CONS JD #2	-215.50
09/17/2026	3528	Check	GENERAL	52600 · Legal Fees	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-3,932.00
09/17/2026	3528	Check	PERMITS	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-459.00
09/17/2026	3528	Check	PERMITS	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-2,320.50
09/17/2026	3528	Check	RAGUSE BANKRUPTCY	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-51.00
09/17/2026	3528	Check	DWG	52600 · Legal Fees	Construction Fund	-255.00
Total Ohnstad Twichell, PC						-8,304.00
Old National						
08/26/2026		Deposit	RENEW AT SAME RATE (3.76%) AND 01/26/27 NEXT...	43000 · Interest Income	Construction Fund	7,930.38
Total Old National						7,930.38
QuickBooks Payroll Service						
08/28/2026		Liability Check	Fee for 2 direct deposit(s) at \$5.00 each	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-10.00
09/14/2026		Liability Check	Fee for 2 direct deposit(s) at \$5.00 each	53700 · Payroll Expenses		-10.00
Total QuickBooks Payroll Service						-20.00
RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc						
08/21/2026	3503	Check	WATER TESTING - D087903	51400 · River Watch/Expense	Construction Fund	-344.85
Total RMB Environmental Laboratories Inc						-344.85
Runestone Telecom Association						
09/01/2026	3510	Check	INTERNET & EMAIL & PHONE	53440 · Utility Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-144.68
Total Runestone Telecom Association						-144.68
Star Bank						
08/23/2026		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Ditch Fund:WCD #25:WCD #25 Improvement	-3.00
08/23/2026		Deposit	Interest	45000 · Miscellaneous Income	Ditch Fund:WCD #25:WCD #25 Improvement	8.15
08/23/2026		Check	Service Charge	53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	Ditch Fund:JCD #11:JCD #11 Lat 4 Improvement	-3.00
08/24/2026		Deposit	Interest	43000 · Interest Income	Ditch Fund:JCD #11:JCD #11 Lat 4 Improvement	8.15
Total Star Bank						10.30
Sturdevant's Auto Value Wheaton						
09/17/2026	3515	Check	PARTS	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-13.99
Total Sturdevant's Auto Value Wheaton						-13.99
The Chokio Review						
09/17/2026	3517	Check	BUDGET HEARINGS	51500 · Advertising Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-132.00
Total The Chokio Review						-132.00
Traverse County SWCD						
09/17/2026	3531	Check	GRASS SEED	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Construction Fund:Buffers/Riparian/Sediment Loss	-342.04
Total Traverse County SWCD						-342.04
Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc						
09/08/2026	3512	Check	REDPATH SHED	53430 · Electricity	Construction Fund:Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.:Ag La...	-71.61
Total Traverse Electric Cooperative Inc						-71.61
Tri County Coop						
09/17/2026	3530	Check	MEETING MEAL	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-64.10
09/17/2026	3530	Check	FUEL	54400 · Vehicle Fuel	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-298.86
Total Tri County Coop						-362.96

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Valley Office Products, Inc.						
09/17/2026	3532	Check	INV23187 ENVELOPES, STAPLES, CLIPS	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-49.07
09/17/2026	3532	Check	INV22406 ENVELOPES, STAPLES, CLIPS	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-159.69
09/17/2026	3532	Check	INV23137 MARKERS	53500 · Office Supplies	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-13.50
Total Valley Office Products, Inc.						-222.26
Vestis						
09/17/2026	3533	Check	RUGS 2530570568	53420 · Maintenance	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-51.10
Total Vestis						-51.10
Wagner Company, Inc.						
08/26/2026	3507	Check	PAY APP NO. 7 - FINAL	51200 · Project Construction	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	-57,834.04
08/26/2026	3507	Check	PAY APP NO. 4 - FINAL	51200 · Project Construction	Ditch Fund:GCD #3	-4,752.08
Total Wagner Company, Inc.						-62,586.12
Whaley Excavating & Concrete						
09/17/2026	3534	Check	2031 DAMS & TREES	54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	Ditch Fund:GCD #32	-2,320.00
Total Whaley Excavating & Concrete						-2,320.00
Wilkin County SWCD						
08/26/2026	3504	Check	SOIL HEALTH PROGRAM, YEAR 2 OF 3 AS APPROV...	55110 · Programs with SWCDs	Construction Fund	-5,000.00
Total Wilkin County SWCD						-5,000.00
Willy's Super Valu						
09/17/2026	3535	Check	MEETING MEALS	52800 · Meeting Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-172.91
Total Willy's Super Valu						-172.91
Xerox Corporation						
09/01/2026	3509	Check	LEASE & COPIES	52100 · Equipment Lease & Rental	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-332.84
Total Xerox Corporation						-332.84
Fridgen, Troy J						
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-4,109.81
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-308.24
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-9.04
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-245.03
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-57.31
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-4,109.81
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-308.24
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-9.04
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-245.04
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-57.30
09/17/2026	3520	Check	DATA/CELL PLAN	53400 · Office Operations	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-100.00
Total Fridgen, Troy J						-9,558.86
Sullivan, Wendy M						
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,948.35
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-146.13
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-4.29
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-119.47
08/31/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-27.95
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	54700 · Wages and Salaries	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-1,948.35
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53710 · PERA Expense	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-146.13
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53700 · Payroll Expenses	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-4.29
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-119.48
09/15/2026		Paycheck	Direct Deposit	53800 · Payroll Taxes	Administrative Fund:General Cash	-27.94
Total Sullivan, Wendy M						-4,492.38

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Bois de Sioux Watershed District
CHECKS TO APPROVE - VENDORS & EMPLOYEES
 August 21 through September 17, 2026

Date	Num	Type	Memo	Account	Class	Amount
No name						
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 REPAIR COST SHARE	51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	Construction Fund	-317,177.69
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 REPAIR COST SHARE	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	317,177.69
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 1	51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	Construction Fund	-13,271.57
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 1	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	13,271.57
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 2	51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	Construction Fund	-156,878.30
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 2	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	156,878.30
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 4	51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	Construction Fund	-26,914.65
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 COST SHARE - BRANCH 4	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	26,914.65
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 REPAIR COST SHARE	51670 · Culvert Szng Cost Share Policy	Construction Fund	-154,880.00
09/17/2026	GCD 21 ...	General Journal	GCD #21 REPAIR COST SHARE	49450 · Internal Transfer In	Ditch Fund:GCD #21	154,880.00
Total no name						0.00
TOTAL						-107,794.81

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
CURRENT FUND BALANCES
As of September 17, 2026

	Sep 17, 26
Construction Fund	
Doran Creek Stream Restoration	
RRWMB Base Grant 2025 (\$98,571)	-25,947.54
Total Doran Creek Stream Restoration	-25,947.54
Fivemile Creek	
2024 Fivemile Cr Pilot Program	51,520.75
Total Fivemile Creek	51,520.75
JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.	
BWSRWBIF3 C25-0156 (\$1,594,226)	622,718.44
BWSRWBIF2 C23-5729 (\$1,488,685)	180,428.25
Total JCWMP/1W1Plan Imp.	803,146.69
Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.	
Ph 3A Impoundment	
Ph 3A RRWMB	
RRWMB FHM MATCH AHEAD	-62,936.98
Total Ph 3A RRWMB	-62,936.98
District Match	
DISTRICT FHM MATCH AHEAD	-32,741.75
Total District Match	-32,741.75
Total Ph 3A Impoundment	-95,678.73
Ph 2B Impoundment	
District FHM Match AHEAD	-2,089.50
2B DNR FHM	
2B FHM SUBMITTED FINALRequest 7	-465,451.68
Total 2B DNR FHM	-465,451.68
Total Ph 2B Impoundment	-467,541.18
Total Redpath Imp.& Mustinka Rehab.	-563,219.91
Total Construction Fund	265,499.99
Ditch Fund	
JCD #11	
C26-0120 BWSR MDM (336,330)	168,165.00
Total JCD #11	168,165.00
WCD #25	
C26-0119 BWSR MDM (274,232)	137,116.00
Total WCD #25	137,116.00
Total Ditch Fund	305,281.00
TOTAL	570,780.99

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget
Income		
Investment Income	0.00	16,000.00
42000 · General Property Taxes	106,088.68	180,000.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	385.95	5,000.00
49000 · Project Administration	0.00	240,000.00
49300 · State Credits & Ag M H Credits	0.00	1,300.00
Total Income	106,474.63	442,300.00
Gross Profit	106,474.63	442,300.00
Expense		
51000 · Annual Report	484.50	1,200.00
55130 · Website	576.74	1,000.00
55140 · Mileage Expense Advisory Com	0.00	50.00
59150 · Education	650.00	1,000.00
51100 · Accounting Services	21,891.00	20,000.00
51300 · Administration Expense	38,386.00	55,000.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	2,289.73	3,800.00
51600 · Building and Structures	0.00	0.00
51800 · District Insurance & Dues	3,499.00	56,000.00
51900 · Engineering Services	122.53	1,200.00
52100 · Equipment Lease & Rental	3,460.43	4,500.00
52200 · Fringe Benefits	29,717.09	28,700.00
52600 · Legal Fees	32,322.00	28,000.00
52700 · Manager Compensation	11,750.00	33,300.00
52800 · Meeting Expense	2,134.02	5,500.00
52900 · Mileage Expense Board	2,696.26	6,200.00
53100 · Mileage Expense Staff	177.23	150.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	10,606.69	14,100.00
53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	0.00	1,500.00
53400 · Office Operations	5,135.64	13,000.00
53500 · Office Supplies	4,251.71	5,000.00
53600 · Other Supplies	2,131.49	3,200.00
53700 · Payroll Expenses	8,151.18	11,200.00
53800 · Payroll Taxes	8,498.87	12,200.00
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	549.03	2,000.00
54400 · Vehicle Fuel	2,529.62	4,100.00
54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	2,329.34	1,000.00
54700 · Wages and Salaries	102,988.72	147,500.00
Total Expense	297,328.82	460,400.00
Net Income	-190,854.19	-18,100.00

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2026 DITCH FUND BUDGET
January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget
Income		
49450 · Internal Transfer In	669,122.21	
44500 · Project Grant	305,281.00	0.00
20500 · Intergovernmental Revenue	121,128.57	1,260,000.00
20000 · Bond Proceeds	114,461.77	
Ditch Revenues	261,406.09	432,230.00
Investment Income	59.98	200.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	4,275.51	125,000.00
Total Income	1,475,735.13	1,817,430.00
Gross Profit	1,475,735.13	1,817,430.00
Expense		
54956 · Intergovernmental Expense	52,119.67	0.00
51200 · Project Construction	294,713.99	1,260,000.00
51300 · Administration Expense	0.00	75,000.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	1,956.88	0.00
51900 · Engineering Services	233,712.22	147,430.00
52500 · Land	26,095.08	0.00
52600 · Legal Fees	10,055.66	20,000.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	294.00	10,000.00
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	262,195.70	300,000.00
54500 · Vehicle Maint & Repair	0.00	5,000.00
54600 · Viewers Expense	15,557.52	0.00
Total Expense	896,700.72	1,817,430.00
Net Income	579,034.41	0.00

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2026 CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET
 January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget
Income		
41195 · Water Management District Levy	191.92	7,500.00
49455 · Internal Transfer Joint Grant	74,856.44	0.00
49450 · Internal Transfer In	1,815,556.16	0.00
44500 · Project Grant	964,563.71	470,000.00
20500 · Intergovernmental Revenue	43,560.00	0.00
Ditch Revenues	0.00	0.00
41100 · Riparian Aid MN DOR	160,882.50	0.00
Investment Income	73,915.64	160,000.00
47100 · Storage Building Rental Income	0.00	800.00
42000 · General Property Taxes	716,043.07	1,225,000.00
44000 · Land Rental Income	521,536.66	900,000.00
45500 · Land Sale	0.00	0.00
45000 · Miscellaneous Income	0.00	20,000.00
48000 · Permit Fees	250.00	0.00
49100 · Project Team Income	1,501.81	15,000.00
49300 · State Credits & Ag M H Credits	0.00	8,000.00
49400 · Transfer In	0.00	0.00
Total Income	4,372,857.91	2,806,300.00
Gross Profit	4,372,857.91	2,806,300.00
Expense		
54956 · Intergovernmental Expense	0.00	190,000.00
54955 · Internal Transfer Out	1,815,556.16	0.00
60000 · State Grant Expense Activities	262,761.55	400,000.00
51675 · Clean Water Cost Share Policy	514,242.21	1,098,700.00
51670 · Culvert Szng Cost Share Policy	154,880.00	335,270.00
51020 · Buffers	28,161.62	107,000.00
50100 · Stream Gaging Expense	3,219.00	2,500.00
Permits	56,822.05	150,000.00
55110 · Programs with SWCDs	5,000.00	5,000.00
59150 · Education	0.00	0.00
51200 · Project Construction	80,656.56	0.00
51300 · Administration Expense	0.00	220,000.00
51400 · River Watch/Expense	4,442.10	6,000.00
51500 · Advertising Expense	766.80	6,000.00
51900 · Engineering Services	367,838.30	700,000.00
52600 · Legal Fees	60,583.69	85,000.00
52700 · Manager Compensation	0.00	10,000.00
52800 · Meeting Expense	325.00	1,500.00
52900 · Mileage Expense Board	0.00	5,000.00
53100 · Mileage Expense Staff	0.00	500.00
53200 · Miscellaneous Expenses	3,770.16	2,000.00
53300 · Office Equip & Furniture	0.00	1,000.00
53400 · Office Operations	1,288.99	2,500.00
53500 · Office Supplies	465.00	1,000.00
53600 · Other Supplies	0.00	0.00
53900 · Property Taxes	104,549.32	120,600.00
54100 · Repairs and Maintenance	58,243.60	120,000.00

Bois de Sioux Watershed District
2026 CONSTRUCTION FUND BUDGET
January through December 2026

	Jan - Dec 26	Budget
54400 · Vehicle Fuel	0.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	3,523,572.11	3,570,570.00
Net Income	849,285.80	-764,270.00



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Memorandum

To: Joe Jacobs, Lead Viewer
joerjacobs@gmail.com

From: Jamie Beyer, Bois de Sioux Watershed District Administrator

Date: September 1, 2026

RE: Judicial Ditch No. 11, Lateral 4 Improvement

Upon authorization by the Board of Managers of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, Joe Jacobs, Brad Wick and Dave Schmidt are disqualified as viewers for the redetermination of benefits and damages and the determination of benefits and damages for the improvement of Judicial Ditch No. 11 Lateral No. 4 for failing to perform their duties in accordance with Minn. Stat. §§ 103E.305-103E.321. This disqualification is effective immediately.

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
CLEAN WATER RETROFIT COST SHARE POLICY
BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2019, the District's Board of Managers approved the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Clean Water Retrofit Cost Share Policy; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Managers, at its sole discretion, will determine whether to expend funds pursuant to the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bois de Sioux Watershed District approves cost-share in the following amounts, transferred from the Construction Fund to the corresponding Ditch Fund:

Construction Year	Ditch Name	Project Cost	BdSWD Clean Water Retrofit Cost Share (100%)
2025	GCD #21	\$3,464,853.86*	\$ 514,242.21

*Does not include bonding costs

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

By: _____
Linda Vavra, President

Date:

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS
CULVERT COST SHARE POLICY
BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED**

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2019, the District's Board of Managers approved the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Culvert Cost Share Policy; and

WHEREAS, the District's Board of Managers, at its sole discretion, will determine whether to expend funds pursuant to the Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bois de Sioux Watershed District approves cost-share in the following amounts, transferred from the Construction Fund to the corresponding Ditch Fund:

Construction Year	Ditch Name	Project Cost	BdSWD Culvert Cost Share (100%)
2025	GCD #21	\$3,464,853.86*	\$154,880.00

Bois de Sioux Watershed District

By: _____
Linda Vavra, President



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Date: September 10, 2026
To: Bois de Sioux Watershed District
From: James Guler, PE, Jacob Rischmiller, PE
Subject: Engineering Services for Stevens County Ditch No. 1, No. 7 and No. 8

Dear Bois de Sioux Watershed District Board of Managers,

Moore Engineering, Inc. ("Moore") is pleased to submit this proposal to support the Bois de Sioux Watershed District in its role as Drainage Authority for the Stevens County Ditch No. 1 (CD 1), County Ditch No. 7 (CD 7) and County Ditch No. 8 (CD 8) Improvement proceeding. Moore's scope includes reviewing the original records, establishing legal grade and evaluating/developing the appropriate engineering reports associated with a drainage improvement project.

Please review this submittal to ensure that it meets your expectations. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me by phone at 701-551-1061 or by e-mail at james.guler@mooreengineeringinc.com.

Respectfully submitted,

James Guler, PE
Project Manager

Jacob Rischmiller, PE
Project Manager

Enclosures; Letter Agreement, Attachment A

Background and Project Understanding

Stevens County Ditch No. 1, Ditch No. 7 and Ditch No. 8 landowners have indicated a petition for an improvement to the drainage systems will be soon submitted. As part of the early discussions, it is our understanding that a clear separation of repair and improvements costs should be defined as Steven's County may intend to reimburse the project directly for the repair costs. While the estimated costs below are combined for the three ditch systems, these costs will be tracked separately by Moore for each ditch system to ensure the correct ditch system is paying for its share of the effort. However, it is our understanding Stevens County's goal is to ultimately combine the three system at the end of a successful project. Below is a summary of potential costs and what assumptions are being made.

Scope of Work

Task 1: Establish Current Condition (Repair Expenses):

- Topographical Survey
 - Stevens County staff will complete survey centerline and toes of ditch as well as culvert inverts
 - Moore will complete Soil borings of ditch
 - Limit to approximately 10 borings towards outlet to set legal grade benchmark
 - Moore will complete photogrammetry drone flight of ditch to capture current condition and relate surveyed points.
 - Moore will create legal grade profiles and existing condition drawings.
- Deliverable
 - Established legal grade profiles and existing condition documentation of areas out of repair.

Task 2: Improvement Project Investigation (Improvement Expenses):

- Moore will complete the following:
 - Preliminary evaluate a proposed project for public purpose / benefit / ability to permit.
 - Create concept profiles to facilitate discussions with what a project would look like
 - Evaluate alternatives for downstream mile review options for CD 1 and how CD 7 & 8 would tie into CD 1
 - Will coordinate with legal counsel as necessary.
 - Determine what areas would be considered an improvement vs repair.
 - Provide risk analysis on permutability of project options.
 - Does not included detailed hydraulic evaluation
 - Due diligence review
 - Wetlands
 - Easements
 - Wildlife

- Etc..
 - DNR meetings
 - Informal petitioner meeting
- Deliverable
 - Preliminary evaluation of project limitations. Preliminary improvement profiles compared to established current condition to understand limits of an improvement footprint and repair footprint.
 - Description of anticipated permit challenges.
 - PowerPoint for informal landowner meeting for feedback on project.
 - More detailed estimate on bond amount required to complete Preliminary and Final Engineer's Reports.

Future Scope Work

After the completion of Improvement Project Investigation and informal landowner meeting, additional bond and scope of work will be needed if the project is to continue forward past the project investigation phase. The phases below are a general outline of the task need with a ballpark estimation of costs. Refinement of the costs would occur after the project investigation phase.

Improvement Costs: Preliminary Engineers Report

- Work completed by Moore
 - Report & flushing out permitting constraints
 - Modeling
 - Adequacy of Outlet review
 - Proposed plan development
 - Opinion of probable costs
 - DNR Meeting
 - Landowner Meeting
 - Hearing
 - Viewing assistance as necessary for redetermination of benefits

Improvement Costs: Final Engineers Report

- Work completed by Moore
 - Updates from Preliminary Engineers Report
 - Viewing assistance as necessary for determination of benefits
 - Permitting
 - DNR Meeting
 - Landowner Meeting
 - Hearing

Estimated Fee and Schedule

The fee breakdown listed below is for information only. Moore may alter the distribution of compensation between individual phases listed above to be consistent with services rendered but will not exceed the total contract compensation amount unless approved in writing by the Owner.

Scope of Work	Estimated Fee	Estimated Timeframe*
Task 1: Establish Current Conditions (Repair Costs)	\$25,000	Fall/Winter 2026
Task 2: Project Investigation (Improvement Costs)	\$30,000	Winter/Spring 2027

STEVENS COUNTY
DITCH FUND?
LANDOWNER BOND

*This schedule assumes October 2026 approval of petitions and continuous input from project proponents and landowners. Delays could affect the timeline of subsequent tasks

Future Scope of Work	Preliminary Estimated Fee	Estimated Timeframe
Preliminary Engineer's Report	\$400,000	TBD (2027 – 2028)
Final Engineer's Report	\$250,000	TBD (2027 – 2029)

LANDOWNER BOND
LANDOWNER BOND

Standard Terms and Conditions

Our services will be provided in accordance with the Attachment A “Standard Terms and Conditions for Professional Services”, which are integral to this proposal.

Acceptance by Client

Should you find this proposal acceptable, please have the authorized representative(s) sign the Acceptance portion of this letter below and return the executed copy to Moore. Receipt of an executed copy will serve as our Notice to Proceed.

We hereby authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to proceed with the work described above.

Signature _____

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____



REDPATH FLOOD IMPOUNDMENT AND MUSTINKA RIVER REHABILITATION PROJECT AWARDED \$6 MILLION

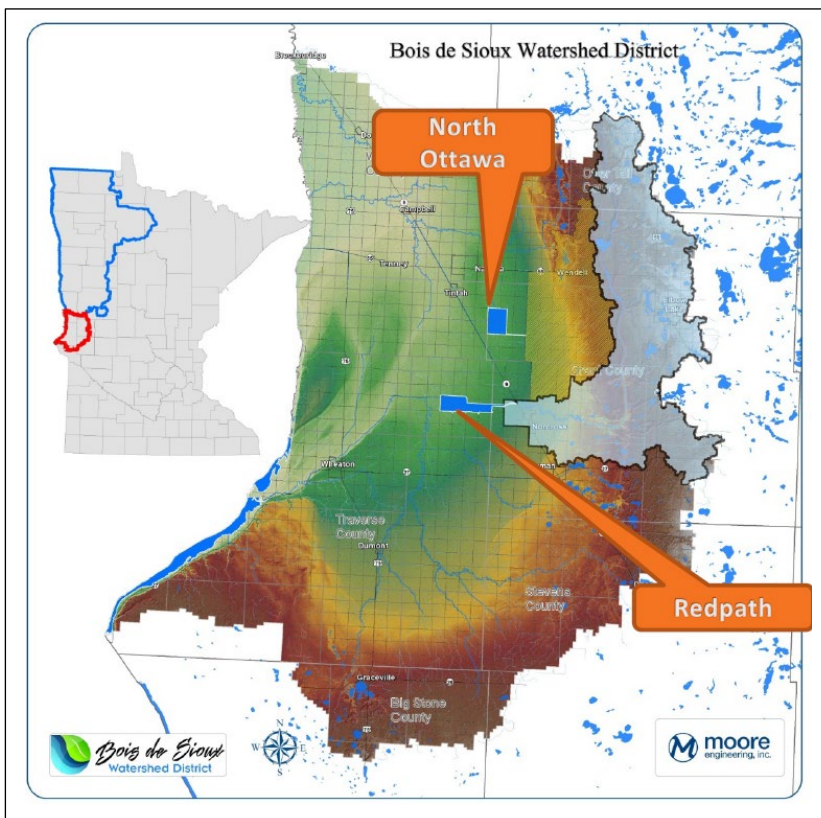
For Immediate Release – August 24, 2026

Award Notification: Last week, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD) was notified that \$6 million was awarded to the Redpath Flood Impoundment and Mustinka River Rehabilitation Project. Funds will be received through the State of Minnesota Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant Assistance Program (FHMGP) managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Project broke ground in 2022 and saw significant construction progress early on, with no construction occurring in 2025 and 2026 due to funding shortfalls. Currently the statewide known need for FHMGP funds is \$213 million.

2026 is a different story, with \$9 million being allocated to the statewide FHMGP – and with the BdSWD receiving \$6 million (67% of the funds) for the Redpath Impoundment Project. “The Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) and BdSWD thank **Senator Jordan Rasmusson** for being a strong advocate and for his efforts to ensure that this critical Project received funds from the recent legislative allocation to the FHMGP,” said **Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director**.



Senator Jordan Rasmusson



2027 Construction Plans: With the news of \$6 million being allocated for the Project, the BdSWD will be able to plan for construction in 2027.

Jamie Beyer, BdSWD

Administrator said that “The next step is for the BdSWD and DNR to work through a contract in the coming months and the BdSWD will develop a bid package this winter.” Construction will commence once again on the Project next year after bids have been awarded and as ground conditions allow.

The Project will hold approximately 20,000 acre-feet of water primarily during spring snow melt. Remaining tasks include 2.5 miles of levee construction along the south perimeter, inlet channel, and concrete control structures. Project construction is over half complete.

Funding Partners: Several funding partners have come together to provide funds for the Project at the local and state level including the RRWMB, BdSWD, and the State of Minnesota through the FHMGP, Clean Water Fund, and Outdoor Heritage Fund. “The FHMGP has been a critical funding partner and funds allocated to the Redpath Impoundment Project take immediate pressure off the RRWMB and BdSWD,” said **RRWMB President John Finney**. Projects such as this one provide many benefits and will reduce flood flows to the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area.

Project Details: The Mustinka River in Traverse and Grant Counties is the source of significant flooding caused primarily by spring snowmelt events. These large-scale floods result in repeated damage to infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and culverts, and threatens rural homes and agricultural land. Since 2008, the BdSWD has been working toward the multi-purpose Redpath Project.

Project Benefits: **Linda Vavra, BdSWD President** commented that the Project is truly multi-faceted and she said, “The completed Project will protect rural communities and agricultural areas from devastating floods and will prevent costly damage to roads, bridges, culverts and other infrastructure.” Additionally, **Vavra** commented that “The Project will mitigate economic losses from flood-related disruptions; establish vast natural resources enhancements open to the public; improve water quality within the Mustinka River and receiving waters; and will create climate resiliency for the area.”



2024 Aerial View of the Project: Mustinka River Rehabilitation (left) and Redpath Flood Impoundment (right). Note the Judicial Ditch #14 channel in the middle of the photograph. Image courtesy of James Guler, Project Manager/Water Resources Engineer, Moore Engineering Incorporated.

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Investing in and Managing the Watershed of the Red River Basin

August 14, 2026

RE: Resolving permitting delays – Doran Creek restoration project

Hello Nathan,

I am writing on behalf of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to document our concerns regarding the length of the Public Waters Work Permit review process for the Doran Creek Restoration Project. Doran Creek is identified as a priority project in both the Bois de Sioux Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) and the Red River Riparian Habitat (RRRH) Program. The extended permitting timeline is affecting project implementation and, more broadly, risks undermining the long-term success of the RRRH program. This letter summarizes our concerns, recommends next steps to move the Doran Creek project forward, and suggests improvements that could benefit future riparian corridor restoration efforts.

Northwest Minnesota has become a statewide leader in stream corridor restoration. During the past 25 years, watershed districts in the region have restored more than 1,000 acres of riparian corridor along approximately 55 miles of watercourses. These projects are inherently complex, requiring extensive engineering, technical analysis, coordination with numerous landowners, significant financial investment, and years of project development. Their success is due in large part to the authority, experience, and capacity of the watershed districts to undertake projects of this scale.

Recognizing both the need for and value of these restoration efforts, BWSR partnered with the Red River Watershed Management Board to establish the Red River Riparian Habitat Program in 2023. The program has since received two rounds of funding through the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC). Its purpose is to establish functional riparian corridors along priority watercourses identified in watershed plans to improve water quality, restore aquatic and terrestrial habitat connectivity, and reduce flood damages. Earlier this year I provided Regional Ecological and Water Resources staff with an overview of this program and its objectives.

The Doran Creek project was identified as a priority restoration project in the original 2023 LSOHC proposal. Initial project development began in 2015 when Erik Jones prepared a preliminary engineer's report for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District. The project was developed through the watershed district mediation process with substantial landowner involvement and generally strong local support.

Since that time, the project has been further refined through participation in the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Regional Conservation Partnership Program. The watershed district has formally established the project under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D, including the intent to acquire permanent easements within the 10-year floodplain and establish a watershed management district to provide long-term maintenance funding.

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Project review has also progressed through numerous regulatory processes. An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was completed in 2024. A Wetland Conservation Act no-loss decision was issued in November 2025 after Technical Evaluation Panel review that included a 60-day extension to accommodate DNR. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit review is also likely nearing completion pending final cultural resource field work.

The MPARS application for the Public Waters Work Permit was initiated in June 2025. Since that time, project managers have worked with DNR staff to respond to numerous technical questions regarding project design, hydraulic modeling, and engineering details. During fall 2025 through early winter 2026, detailed written responses were provided addressing questions related to channel design and modeling assumptions. Additional requests have since addressed topics such as reconnecting abandoned meanders, identifying specific spoil placement locations, construction sequencing and excavation methods, and documenting the status of easement acquisition prior to permit issuance.

We recognize that this is a large and technically complex restoration project. We also recognize DNR's responsibility to ensure projects comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103G and Minnesota Rules Chapter 6115. However, the duration and scope of the permit review appear disproportionate given the nature of the proposed work.

The project is fundamentally a restoration effort that:

- Restores the historic channel profile using the best available information.
- Stabilizes the stream while reducing erosion and sediment delivery to downstream public waters.
- Restores approximately 1,083 acres of riparian corridor using approved seed mixes.
- Includes established structural erosion measures built to NRCS standards (side inlets to reduce erosion from adjacent fields to the corridor)
- Does not create navigation or public safety concerns.

In addition, previous environmental review concluded that the project would not adversely affect significant fish or wildlife habitat, and the Wetland Conservation Act review established that wetland impacts must be avoided including placing fill materials into wetlands. Hydraulic concerns associated with culvert modifications should be minimal relative to existing watershed conditions, particularly given the extensive backwater influence of the Bois de Sioux River during larger flood events.

From BWSR's perspective, this project has received a level of review under the Public Waters Work Permit program that exceeds what we have observed for comparable stream restoration projects. Ironically, it appears that a traditional channel cleanout project providing no water quality or habitat benefits could have advanced more quickly than this project specifically designed to restore natural stream function.

The extended review process is also producing broader programmatic consequences. Landowner interest, which is critical to successful voluntary restoration projects, has slowed as implementation has been delayed. The experience has also reduced enthusiasm within the watershed district for pursuing similar corridor restoration projects identified as priorities in its CWMP, including opportunities along Fivemile Creek and Twelvemile Creek. These projects represent some of the strongest future candidates for the RRRHP, and delays in Doran Creek are affecting confidence in moving them forward.

To help resolve the remaining issues, BWSR recommends that DNR convene a facilitated meeting as soon as possible including project sponsors, consultants, and appropriate DNR staff. The objective should be to clearly identify any remaining information needed for permit completion, establish a shared understanding of permit expectations, and develop a path toward timely permit issuance.

Looking beyond Doran Creek, we anticipate that similar riparian corridor restoration projects will continue to be proposed as funding becomes available through the RRRH program and other conservation initiatives. To improve efficiency and provide greater certainty for project sponsors, we encourage DNR to develop guidance describing the information generally expected for Public Waters Work Permit applications involving large-scale stream restoration projects. Such guidance could include expectations related to:

- Channel survey requirements.
- Hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.
- Culvert evaluation, sizing, and placement.
- Land acquisition and easement documentation.
- Construction sequencing and phased implementation.

We also believe there would be value in continued coordination among DNR Fisheries, Wildlife, Ecological and Water Resources staff, and BWSR Wetland Conservation Act staff to improve understanding of the respective regulatory processes and identify opportunities to better coordinate Public Waters Work Permit and Wetland Conservation Act reviews.

BWSR values its long-standing partnership with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and appreciates the work of DNR staff in reviewing complex restoration projects. We believe improved coordination and clearer expectations can help ensure that projects designed to restore stream function, improve water quality, and enhance habitat are reviewed efficiently while continuing to meet the statutory responsibilities of the Public Waters Program.

Thank you for your consideration. I welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns further and work collaboratively toward solutions that will benefit both the Doran Creek project and future restoration efforts across northwest Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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Farm Lease #	Parcel #	Description	Revised Acres
27-01	MOONSHINE	MOONSHINE - NE1/4 SECTION 24	138.66
27-02	MOONSHINE	MOONSHINE - LOT G OF GL'S 8 & 14	148.87
27-03	MOONSHINE	MOONSHINE - NW1/4NE1/4 & LOT 3	76.99
27-04	10-0093000, 10-0095000, 10-0096000, 10-0094000	Redpath Section 21	508.16
27-05	10-0097000, 10-0098000	All 22, Redpath	598
27-06	10-01000000	S1/2 23 Redpath	271
27-07	10-0107000, 10-0110000, 10-0106000	NW1/4 and part W1/2-NE1/4 24, E1/2-NE1/4 24, S 24, WNW 25 Redpath	345.5
27-08	05-0067-000	SW1/4 19, W1/4 to E and S 19, Parcel 14 19, Parcel 13 19 Gorton	127
27-12	North Ottawa	3 Cells Unrestricted; 2 Cells Restricted	544.4
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