

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

January 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Action
	Review and approve agenda	Action
	Requests to appear	Information
	December 30, 2022 Minutes	Action
	Financial Report dated January 11, 2023	Action
	2022 General Fund Budget	Information
	Capital Project Fund Transfers	Action
	Manager Appointment	Information
	Election of Board of Officers	Action
	Advisory Committee	Action
	Committees for 2023 (committee list in packet)	Action
	Schedule Board Meetings	Action
	Designate Depositories	Action
	Conflict of Interest Policy Review	Info./Action
	MN Campaign Finance Board	Information
	JD No. 4, RLWD Project No. 101-Abandonment	Information
	County Ditch No. 1, RLWD Project No. 103-Abandonment	Information
	MN Implementers - Confluence for Watershed Leaders	Information
	Pay Equity Report	Info./Action
	Legal Service Fees	Action

Administrators Update	Information
Legal Counsel Update	Information
Managers' updates	Information
Adjourn	Action

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 12, 2023	RLWD Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
January 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Holiday – Office Closed
January 17-19, 2023	40 th Annual Red River Basin Land & Water Int. Summit Conference, Winnipeg
January 26, 2023	RLWD Board Meeting
February 8-9, 2023	Drainage Conference, Alexandria
February 9, 2023	RLWD Board Meeting
February 15-16, 2023	MAWD Legislative Breakfast
February 21-22, 2023	24 th Annual Joint Conference RRWMB/FDRWG
February 23, 2023	RLWD Board Meeting

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RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
December 29, 2022

President, Dale M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present: Managers: Gene Tiedemann, Terry Sorenson, Tom Anderson, Brian Dwight, LeRoy Ose, and Dale M. Nelson. Absent: Allan Page. Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette, and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the December 8, 2022, minutes. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the December 8, 2022, Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated December 28, 2022. Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the Financial Report dated December 28, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Staff member Ann Joppru reviewed the General Fund Budget as of November 30, 2022.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the League of Minnesota Cities, announcing that the District received a \$1,880 dividend on our Property/Casualty Insurance.

Administrator Jesme reviewed the Construction Report for the Knutson Dam Structure Replacement Project, RLWD Project No. 50F, prepared by Houston Engineering, Inc., which will be submitted to the State of Minnesota Dam Safety.

Administrator Jesme stated that he was contacted by staff from the MnDNR regarding a potential project partnership on a connection of lakes, referred to as Turtle Lake, Connection Lake, and Cross Lake, all located in Polk County. Jesme indicated that various structures were built in the 1930's, and they are in various states of disrepair, which has caused lake levels to recede. This potential project could result in the District having the opportunity to gain some Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) benefits with the establishment of the lake levels along with fish passage. Engineer, Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., discussed the Expanded Distributed Detention Storage Study, RLWD Project No. 92A, that the District completed in 2013, noting that a project within this area would have an influence in regard to peak flows at Crookston. Jesme stated that he requested the MnDNR staff to meet internally for discussion on their goals for the project, which meeting was completed a few weeks ago. Jesme stated that the next step would be for the Board to approve the staff in moving forward with a Concept Report, after staff meets with staff from the MnDNR. Jesme indicated that a Project Team would most likely need to be established for this project, with potential funding through the FDRWG. Discussion was held on the

MnDNR being a partner in this project to move the project forward. Motion by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to move forward with the Turtle Lake, Connection Lake, and Cross Lake Project, and to use the project number established in 1994 which is RLWD Project No. 114. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Crescent Avenue Project, Red Lake River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149, located in Crookston, MN, along the Red Lake River. District and HDR Engineering, Inc., staff completed a survey of the project area. Discussion was held on the lack of access to the project site. The Board reviewed a Proposal for Engineering Services from HDR Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$37,988. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Proposal for Engineering Services from HDR Engineering, Inc., for the Crescent Avenue Project, Red Lake River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149. Motion carried.

Alyson Bergstrom, Beltrami SWCD, appeared before the Board (via Zoom) for discussion on a request for funding of the Beltrami County Forest Stewardship Plan. Ms. Bergstrom indicated that the Forest Stewardship Plans are located in an area of focus within the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS), for the Upper/Lower Red Lake Watershed. The Beltrami SWCD is requesting \$5,400 from the District to assist in providing a cost-share program for landowners to obtain a forest stewardship plan for Beltrami County within the District's boundaries. The cost share would equate to approximately 1,000 forest stewardship acres. Motion by Dwight, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the request of the Beltrami SWCD, for cost share in the amount of \$5,400 for the Beltrami County Forest Stewardship Plan, to be paid for from the District's Water Quality Budget, RLWD Project No. 46. Motion carried.

Staff member, Nate Koland, appeared before the Board for discussion on renewal of the District's Civil 3D (AutoCAD) programs. The District currently uses two seats for Civil 3D, with a renewal yearly. A one-year subscription renewal for two seats would cost \$3,470.78, with an option for a 3rd seat for a total of \$5,960.72. Koland indicated that a 3-year subscription for two seats would cost \$9,893.98, for a savings of \$518.36, compared to a yearly subscription. Koland did not have a quote for a 3-year subscription for three seats. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the purchase of up to two seats of Civil 3D (AutoCAD) program for three years, with staff exploring the option of adding a third seat with a three-year subscription. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that he was informed by the District's Natural Resource/GIS staff person Christina Traner (Slowinski), that she is planning to relocate by June 2023, therefore providing notice that she will be resigning from her job at that time. There is a possibility that it could be sooner if she acquires a new job sooner than planned. Discussion was held on advertising for her position, in an attempt to allow for overlapping training of the new individual. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Dwight, to approve advertising for the Natural Resource Technician Position in mid-January. Motion carried.

Staff member, Tony Olson, stated that he was contacted by Gervais Township, requesting a revision to RLWD Permit No. 22046. Olson stated that the original culvert request was for a 54" culvert, Gervais Township has requested an amendment to the permit for a 60" culvert. Motion

by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to approve the request of Gervais Township for a 60" culvert. Motion carried.

Staff member, Tony Olson, requested that the following permits be tabled for further review: No. 22221, Paul Sorenson, Bygland Township, Polk County; No. 22267, Delano Thorson, Roome Township, Polk County; No. 22268, River Falls Township, Pennington County; and No. 22273, Justin Halvorson, Louisville Township, Red Lake County. Motion by Dwight, seconded by Sorenson, to table the above-mentioned permits for further review. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining from discussion and vote.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to deny RLWD Permit No. 22269, Gerald Michaelson, Louisville Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 22274, Clearwater County Highway Department, Pine Lake Township, and No. 22275, Clearwater County Highway Department, Eddy Township. Motion carried.

The 40th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water International Summit Conference will be held January 17-19, 2023 in Winnipeg, MB.

There will be a Drainage Conference in Alexandria, MN on February 8-9, 2023.

The MAWD-Legislative Breakfast will be held February 15-16, 2023.

The 24th Annual Joint Conference RRWMB/FDRWG will be held February 21-22, 2023 in Moorhead, MN.

If any Board member or staff want to attend any of these conferences, please contact Tammy for reservations.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose participated in the December 13, 2022 RRWMB via Zoom.
- Jesme and Staff member Hanson attended the Thief River 1W1P Planning Work Group meeting held on December 16th in preparation for the Advisory/Policy Committee meeting held on December 19th. Staff members Hanson, Audette and Joppru, along with Manager Ose attended the Thief River 1W1P Advisory/Policy Committee meeting on December 19th.
- Staff member Hanson and staff from HDR Engineering, Inc. met with landowners on the Crescent Avenue Project located in Crookston, MN, as part of the Red Lake River 1W1P.
- District staff continues to work on data input on completed projects for FEMA.

Discussion was held on draft legislation proposed by the MnDNR which would add language to 103E.015 that would add various controversial items which include an additional 90-day comment period for petitioned drainage projects.

Manager Ose discussed the Thief River 1W1P Advisory/Policy committee meeting and some of the questions were how this plan relates to work on State Ditch 83.

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

LeRoy Ose, Secretary

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Financial Report for January 12, 2023

Ck#	Check Issued to:	Description	Amount
online	EFTPS	Withholding FICA, Fed & Medicare (12-30-22 payroll)	\$ 4,408.21
online	MN Department of Revenue	Withholding taxes (12-30-22 payroll)	\$ 791.14
online	Public Employers Retirement Assn.	PERA (12-30-22 payroll)	\$ 2,797.61
online	Further	Employee HSA (12-30-22 payroll)	\$ 175.00
40520	Lonnie Peck	Voided check - incorrect amount	\$ (1,650.00)
40533	Red Lake Co. SWCD	Expenses for Proj. #149	\$ 3,452.90
40534	Rinke-Noonan	Legal fees for Proj. #179	\$ 13,577.08
40535	Ace Hardware	Expenses for Proj. #25	\$ 78.11
40495	Aramark	Office rug rental	\$ 71.64
40536	Brault Construction	Expenses for repairs on Proj. #175 & #169	\$ 1,800.00
40537	Corporate Technologies	Barracuda network storage server & Licenses (3 yr)	\$ 11,117.13
40537	Corporate Technologies	Barracuda set up, update board surface pro, tech help	\$ 975.00
40538	Evergreen Catering	Meeting expenses TR1W1P advisory meeting	\$ 44.89
40539	Farmers Union Oil Company	Gas for vehicles	\$ 269.61
40540	Houston Engineering Inc.	* see project details below	\$ 20,503.00
40541	Hugo's #7	Meeting expenses	\$ 185.41
40542	Ihle Sparby & Haase PA	Legal fees for Proj. #179 and #001	\$ 4,014.00
40543	Olson Construction	Snow Plowing office parking lot (December 2022)	\$ 720.00
40544	Les's Sanitation	Garbage removal	\$ 35.74
40545	Lonnie Peck	Beaver removal Proj. #81 & Gopher removal Proj. #60D	\$ 485.00
40546	Marco	Copier maintenance	\$ 121.76
40547	Marshall Co. SWCD	Admin expense Proj. #141A	\$ 808.20
40548	MN Viewers Association	2023 membership fees	\$ 100.00
40549	MAWD	2023 membership dues	\$ 7,500.00
40550	Pennington Co. SWCD	Expenses for Proj. #149 and #149A	\$ 1,054.14
40551	POMP's Tire	Repair tire - Vehicle #935	\$ 37.10
40552	Quality Spray/Anderson Exc.	Yearly maintenance on Schirrick Dam Proj. #25	\$ 500.00
40553	Red Lake Co. SWCD	Expenses for Proj. #149	\$ 10,747.65
40554	Richards Publishing	Public notice - Pine Lake Aeration system #35	\$ 72.00
40555	Thief River Falls Times	Season's Greetings Ad	\$ 43.75
40556	Universal Screenprint	Signs for Cresent Ave. Proj. #149	\$ 90.00
online	Northwest Service Coop	Health insurance premium	\$ 9,299.89
online	Aflac	Staff paid insurance	\$ 408.82
online	Delta Dental	Dental insurance premium	\$ 665.38
online	City of Thief River Falls	Utilities	\$ 532.59
	Staff & Board Payroll	12/30/2022	\$ 14,685.58
	Total Checks		\$ 110,518.33

*** Houston Engineering**

Proj. 25 Schirrick Dam Outlet	37.00
Proj. 149B Clearwater Rvr Channel	722.00
Proj. 149A Demarais-Hanson	239.50
Proj. 176 Black River Impoundment	15,231.25
Proj. 149A Moose Rvr/JD 21	808.75
Proj. 149A Thief Rvr/SD 83	227.50
Proj. 001E Website Hosting	1,200.00
Proj. 50F Knutson Dam Structure	<u>2,037.00</u>
Total	20,503.00

Banking Northern State Bank

Balance as of December 29, 2022	\$ 202,969.85
Total Checks Written	\$ (110,518.33)
Receipt #25026 Monthly Interest	\$ 620.55
Receipt #25033 RRWMB - Pine Lake Project #26B	\$ 682,805.46
Receipt #25034 RRWMB - Mud River PWT Project #180C	\$ 2,502.63
Balance as of January 12, 2023	<u>\$ 778,380.16</u>

Current interest rate is .20%

American Federal Bank-Fosston

Balance as of December 29, 2022	\$ 4,327,781.72
Receipt #25024 Pennington Co. 2nd half Riparian Aid	\$ 4,620.47
Receipt #25025 Clearwater Co. 2nd half Riparian Aid	\$ 6,332.00
Receipt #25027 Monthly Interest	\$ 8,264.19
Receipt #25028 Red Lake SWCD - Reimbursement Knutson Dam Proj. #50F	\$ 16,246.05
Receipt #25029 Pete Carlson - Repairs oon Ditch Proj. #178A	\$ 1,322.41
Receipt #25030 Red Lake County - 2022 Delinq taxes - HUD	\$ 110.15
Receipt #25031 Roseau County - 2022 Delinq real estate taxes	\$ 70.17
Receipt #25032 Beltrami County - 2022 Riparian Aid	\$ 38.00
Receipt #25035 Clearwater Co. - 2022 Delinq taxes	\$ 4,804.78
Receipt #25036 Polk Co. - 2022 2nd half Riparian Aid	\$ 5,850.50
Balance as of January 12, 2023	<u>\$ 4,375,440.44</u>

Current interest rate is 2.15%

Rate has been increased to 2.30% as of 01-10-23

Investments

Edward Jones	12 month CD 3.45%	<u>\$ 241,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 9-15-23	
Edward Jones	12 month CD 3.7%	<u>\$ 240,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 9-22-23	
Edward Jones	12 month CD 3.7%	<u>\$ 17,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 9-22-23	
Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.8%	<u>\$ 238,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 12-15-23	
Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.8%	<u>\$ 238,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 12-15-23	
Edward Jones	12 month CD 4.8%	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>
Balance	Expiry 12-15-23	
Total Cash		\$ 6,151,820.60

2022 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

as of December 31, 2022

(unaudited)

	2022 BUDGET	2022 Exp	(over) under	
Manager's fees, salaries	40,000.00	39,148.98	851.02	
Board of Manager's expense	24,200.00	17,695.69	6,504.31	
Staff salaries	567,000.00	515,494.88	51,505.12	
Payroll taxes	43,375.50	42,417.39	958.11	
Employee benefits	87,500.00	115,264.96	(27,764.96)	1
Unemployment Benefits	0.00	1,490.00	(1,490.00)	2
Travel and meetings(inc. mileage & ex	5,000.00	7,574.94	(2,574.94)	3
Audit	9,450.00	9,450.00	0.00	
Legal	16,000.00	10,864.00	5,136.00	
Office supplies	20,000.00	14,027.17	5,972.83	
Office equipment	30,000.00	22,064.42	7,935.58	
Appraiser/Viewer Expense	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
Professional services	20,000.00	25,335.95	(5,335.95)	4
Dues and subscriptions	10,000.00	14,438.34	(4,438.34)	5
Insurance and bonds	45,000.00	46,622.00	(1,622.00)	6
Repairs and maintenance-Building	15,000.00	21,230.52	(6,230.52)	7
Utilities	12,000.00	9,036.40	2,963.60	
Advertising and publications	4,000.00	6,790.82	(2,790.82)	8
Telephone	11,000.00	9,701.76	1,298.24	
Vehicle expense and maintenance	14,000.00	20,491.04	(6,491.04)	9
Engineering supplies	3,000.00	2,934.74	65.26	
Engineering equipment	40,000.00	52,983.45	(12,983.45)	10
Interest	0.00	2,495.23	(2,495.23)	
TOTAL	1,018,525.50	1,007,552.68	10,972.82	
Less: Overhead	850,500.00	823,338.00	(27,162.00)	
Less: Miscellaneous revenue	5,000.00	21,724.27	16,724.27	11
General Fund Budget	163,025.50	162,490.41	535.09	

January 1, 2022 Beg. Balance	244,098.50	244,098.50
County levies revenue	0.00	145,986.45
Gross balance with revenue		390,084.95
Less net expenses		(162,490.41)
Subtotal- General Fund w/o interest		227,594.54

Plus interest earned-(General Funds only)	4,671.62
General Fund Balance 12-31-22	232,266.16

1- Health insurance adjustement

2- Not budgeted

3- Travel increased after Covid

4- Brady Martz accounting assistance

5- MAWD \$7500, LCMIT \$2119

6- Increase in Liability insurance

7- Painting \$4945, snow removal \$1480, mowing \$2400

8- Advertising for Ditch inspector

9- Increase in gas & vehicle maintenance

10- Purchase of 2022 Ford pickup

11- Sale of 2011 Ford pickup

Red Lake Watershed District
Balances as of December 31 2022

1	2	3	4	5
Proj. #	Project Name	YTD Expenses	PTD Fund Balance	Recommended Transfer
001E	Website	4,915.96	(4,915.96)	4,915.96
13	Moose River	69,536.01	(69,536.01)	69,536.01
16	Baird Beyer Dam	657.98	(657.98)	657.98
21	Stream Gaging	17,986.37	(17,986.37)	17,986.37
24	Culvert Sizing	2,509.21	(2,509.21)	2,509.21
25	Schirrick Dam	108,233.51	(74,206.76)	74,206.76
26	Pine Lake PWT	8,242.27	(8,242.27)	8,242.27
26A	Little Pine Lake	2,146.09	(2,146.09)	2,146.09
26B	Pine Lake FDR	160,459.96	(691,720.46)	691,720.46
31	Hydrologic Analysis	20,111.61	(20,111.61)	20,111.61
32	Flood Control Study	50,686.62	(50,686.62)	50,686.62
37	Emergency Fund	0.00	117,512.09	0.00
40	RRWMB	7,237.03	(7,237.03)	7,237.03
43A	Burnham Creek BR6	6,531.29	(29,307.37)	29,307.37
43D	Burnham Creek BR6 Fish Habitat	207.30	(207.30)	207.30
46	Water Quality	262,833.42	(262,833.42)	262,833.42
46Q	TRF Oxbow Restore	48,880.25	(185,045.98)	185,045.98
46R	RL RVR 319 Grant	179,163.39	(49,389.88)	49,389.88
50	Maintenance on dams	8,908.52	(8,908.52)	8,908.52
50A	Odney Flaot Dam	339.00	(339.00)	339.00
50B	Latundresse Dam	702.76	(702.76)	702.76
50C	Miller Dam	15,055.74	(15,055.74)	15,055.74
50D	Seeger Dam	376.04	(376.04)	376.04
50E	Blackduck Lake Structure	181.13	(181.13)	181.13
50F	Knutson Dam	228,278.59	(122,653.64)	122,653.64
50G	Thibert Dam	774.63	(774.63)	774.63
52	Elm Lake	12,391.07	(12,391.07)	12,391.07
60B	Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed	156.79	(156.79)	156.79
60C	Euclid East Impoundment	15,244.77	(12,233.85)	12,233.85
60D	Brandt Impound.	10,608.46	(10,608.46)	10,608.46
60E	Brandt Channel	3,208.96	(2,129.39)	2,129.39
60F	Grand Marais Restoration	5,440.21	(5,440.21)	5,440.21
60FF	Grand Marais Cut Channel	626.83	(626.83)	626.83
67	Good Lake	787.51	(787.51)	787.51
81	Parnell Impoundment	22,483.64	(18,239.84)	18,239.84
82F	Clearwater Nonpoint-Public Education	34,079.24	(33,613.21)	33,613.21
82G	Greenwood 27 Bank Stabilization	183.96	(183.96)	183.96
90	Permit	150,437.76	(150,437.76)	150,437.76
92	Project Development	85,596.46	(85,596.46)	85,596.46
92A	RRB Long Term Flood Control Studies	1,992.29	(1,992.29)	1,992.29
121	Louisville Parnell	393.97	5,844.33	(5,844.33)
122A	Challenger realignment	1,371.72	(296.72)	296.72
129	Ring dikes	9,049.10	(9,049.10)	9,049.10
129AR	Schaumburg Ring Dike	17.39	(1,784.22)	1,784.22
129AS	Threat Ring Dike	640.81	(63,498.21)	63,498.21
129AT	Ste Marie Ring dike	11.38	(1,247.70)	1,247.70
129AU	Nelson Ring Dike	21,145.93	(16,771.63)	16,771.63
129AV	Larson Ring Dike	9,758.15	(18,224.11)	18,224.11
129AW	Sorum Ring Dike	134,139.05	(50,345.85)	50,345.85
133C	BWSR Site 1	0.00	0.00	0.00

145	GIS	70,657.17	(70,657.17)	70,657.17
147	Wetland Banking	3,791.61	91,076.89	0.00
149	Red Lake 1W1P	877,821.43	81,367.04	0.00
149A	Thief River 1W1P	246,761.53	(25,182.22)	0.00
149AA	Thief River PTMapp grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
149B	Clearwater Rvr 1W1P	22,183.33	(32,425.26)	32,425.26
149C	Upper/Lower RL1W1P	1,651.81	(1,651.81)	1,651.81
154	Parnell Storage Site	0.00	0.00	0.00
157	TMDL	0.00	0.00	0.00
157C	Redlake River Watershed Assessment	109.09	(109.09)	109.09
157CC	RLRVR Grand Marais SWAGD	2,034.00	(2,034.00)	2,034.00
157D	Grand Marais SWAGG	334.29	(334.29)	334.29
164	Erosion Control Projects	28,137.44	(28,137.44)	28,137.44
167A	Drainage Inv. & Insp.	4,382.32	(4,382.32)	4,382.32
168A	TR SWAGG	16,629.69	(3,476.71)	3,476.71
172	FEMA D-Firm Grant	115.85	(115.85)	115.85
176	Black River Impoundment	628,852.42	(3,104,019.82)	3,104,019.82
178	TRF Westside FDR	44,692.88	(2,002,324.25)	2,002,324.25
180A	Agassiz NWR Wetland Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
180B	Agassiz NWR JD 11 Silt Removal	0.00	0.00	0.00
180C	Mud River Pwt	39,975.82	(39,870.22)	39,870.22
	TOTALS	3,712,850.81	(7,140,307.05)	7,405,080.85

1,354,866.65

Proj 15	Balance in Capital Projects Funds (Admin. Construction fund) as of 12-31-22	11,787,205.21
	Net balance (Sum of Column 4 less Capital funds balance) as of 12-31-22	4,646,898.16

RLWD Advisory Committee

John A. Nelson, Walker Brook Area
Steve Holte, Thief River Area
John Ungerecht, Upper Red Lake Area
Dan Schmitz, Black River Area
John Gunvalson, Clearwater River Area
Roger Love, Grand Marais Area
Dave Rodahl, Thief River Area
Shane Bowe, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
Loiell Dyrud, Thief River Area
Curt Beyer, Black River Area
Greg Dryrdal, Black River Area
Wayne Larson, Moose River Area
Elroy Aune, Moose River Area
Steve Linder, Clearwater River Area
Gary Mathis, Lost River Area
Jeep Mattson, Grand Marais/Red Area
Trent Stanley, Thief River Area
Jim Sparby, Thief River Area
Dave Dalager, Pine Lake Area
Wayne Skoe, Upper Red Lake Area
Jake Martell, Hill River Area
Larry Peterson, Gully Sportsman's Club
Jim Counter, Pennington County Sportsman's Club
Mark Larson, Upper Clearwater River Area
Robyn Dwight, Upper Red Lake Area

Red Lake SWCD

Tanya Hanson

West Polk SWCD

Nicole Bernd

Pennington SWCD

Peter Nelson

Greg Hilgeman

Marshall SWCD

Beltrami SWCD

Zach Gutnecht

East Polk SWCD

Rachel Klein

Clearwater SWCD

Advisory Committee Members

Black River Area

*Dan Schmitz, RLF

Curt Beyer, RLF

Greg Dyrdal, TRF

Moose River Area

Wayne Larson, Middle River

Elroy Aune, Gatzke

Burnham Creek Area

Clearwater River Area

Steve Linder, Oklee

*John Gunvalson, Gonvick

Mark Larson

Lost River Area

Gary Mathis, Gonvick

Grand Marais/Red Area

Jeep Mattson, EGF

Poplar River Area

Clearwater Lake Area

Thief River Area

*Dave Rodahl, TRF

Trent Stanley

*Steve Holte

Jim Sparby

Walker Brook Area

*John A. Nelson, Clearbrook

Pine Lake Area

Dave Dalager

Red Lake River Area

Upper Red Lake Area

*John Ungerecht, Northome

Wayne Skoe

Robyn Dwight

Hill River Area

Jake Martell, Oklee

*Overall Advisory Committee Members

2022 Board Committees

Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB)

LeRoy Ose-Delegate (2021 1st year of a 3-year term)
Gene Tiedemann-Alternate
Dale Nelson (10/10/19)

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts

LeRoy Ose-Delegate
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Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

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Dale Nelson-Advisory Committee
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Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)

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Permit Rules and Regulations (10/24/19)

Brian Dwight
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Clearwater River 1W1P (10/8/20)

Terry Sorenson-Policy Committee Delegate
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Mud River Project Restoration

LeRoy Ose

Conflict of Interest Policy

The Board of Managers hereby adopts for themselves and successor Managers the following guidelines in an effort to avoid real and perceived conflicts of interest and to enhance the credibility of the District's actions:

1. All Managers shall comply with MSA Sec. 471.87. No Manager shall have a personal financial interest in any sale, lease, or contract entered into by the Board as it applies to MSA Sec. 471.87.
2. Disclosure. At the beginning of the discussion on any subject, all Managers shall disclose any potential conflict of interest and/or direct pecuniary interest they may have. Examples of matters which should be disclosed by the Managers include:
 - a. They own land which may be assessed.
 - b. They own land which may benefit or be damaged other than by a direct tax.
 - c. They have close relatives who have lands as described in (a) and (b) above, and that said relationship is such that it may affect their judgment.
 - d. They have close friends or business associates who have lands as described in (a) and (b) above, and that said relationship is such that it may affect their judgment.
 - e. They are a public officer, such as a township officer, which has potential interest or that may be affected by said project.
3. All Managers shall abstain from Board discussion and voting on any resolution that involves a direct pecuniary interest.
4. Each Manager shall use his own judgment in other situations and when in doubt should probably abstain from discussion and voting.
5. To avoid the appearance of wrongdoing, it is suggested that a Manager should remove himself from the Manager's chair and sit in the audience when he wishes to participate in a public discussion, particularly a public meeting on subjects where he may have a direct conflict of interest.
6. To the extent applicable, the Watershed staff is instructed to follow the above guidelines.

Adopted March 11, 1992

Amended April 8, 2010

I have reviewed this policy and agree to abide by these rules.

Signed _____ Dated _____



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CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

December 30, 2022

Ann Joppa
Red Lake WD
1000 Pennington Ave S
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

From: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Subject: Statement of interest requirements for your agency's public officials

You are receiving this notice because you are the contact person for an agency that has members or employees who are public officials. All public officials who served in 2022 must review their statements of economic interest in January 2023. The Board is asking for your help in reminding the public officials in your agency of the annual requirement. In doing so, please keep these things in mind:

- A public official who served in 2022 must review and recertify the statement **even if the person left the public official position during 2022, or if nothing on it has changed**. Please be sure that the public officials who left your agency during the year are aware of the filing requirement.
- The annual recertification must be filed **after January 1, 2023, but no later than January 30, 2023**. A public official who does not file a recertification by the deadline will be subject to the imposition of late filing fees and a potential civil penalty.
- The Board will send letters directly to all public officials in late December notifying them of the requirements that apply to them and giving them the information necessary to file online. Paper copies of the statement may be printed from the Board's website by any official unable to file online.

If you are not sure who in your agency is considered a public official, you can view the list of the public officials in your agency by entering your agency's name into the search box at <https://cfb.mn.gov/reports-and-data/officials-financial-disclosure/agency/>.

If you need to correct any inaccuracies on the list for your agency, or if you have questions about the reporting requirements in general, please contact Erika Ross at 651-539-1187 or erika.t.ross@state.mn.us or William Hager at 651-539-1183 or william.hager@state.mn.us.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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To: Landowners in Benefitted area of Judicial Ditch #4

From: Myron Jesme Administrator

Date: 1-5-2023

Subject: Landowner Meeting

The Red Lake Watershed District was given jurisdiction of Clearwater County Ditches No. 1 and No. 4 within Clearwater County on October 20th, 1982. Clearwater County Ditch No. 4 Also known as Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 101, has a benefitted area located as follows:

- Copley Twp. Sections 3-4, 9-10, 15-16 (See attached map)

Upon reviewing ditch files for inspection, we have found that this ditch system has been inundated with beavers and there are many parts of the system that are overgrown with trees and brush. Therefore, the RLWD is requesting a landowner meeting to receive input from landowners on how we should move forward in managing this public drainage system.

We have scheduled a landowner meeting to be held on February 2nd, 2023, at 3:00 pm in the Commissioner Room at the Clearwater County Courthouse located at 213 Main Ave N Bagley, MN 56621.

Any information from landowners before or at the meeting would be appreciated. Contact the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800

Thanks

Myron Jesme



Red Lake Watershed District

RLWD Project 101
Judicial Ditch 4
Clearwater County

Clearwater River
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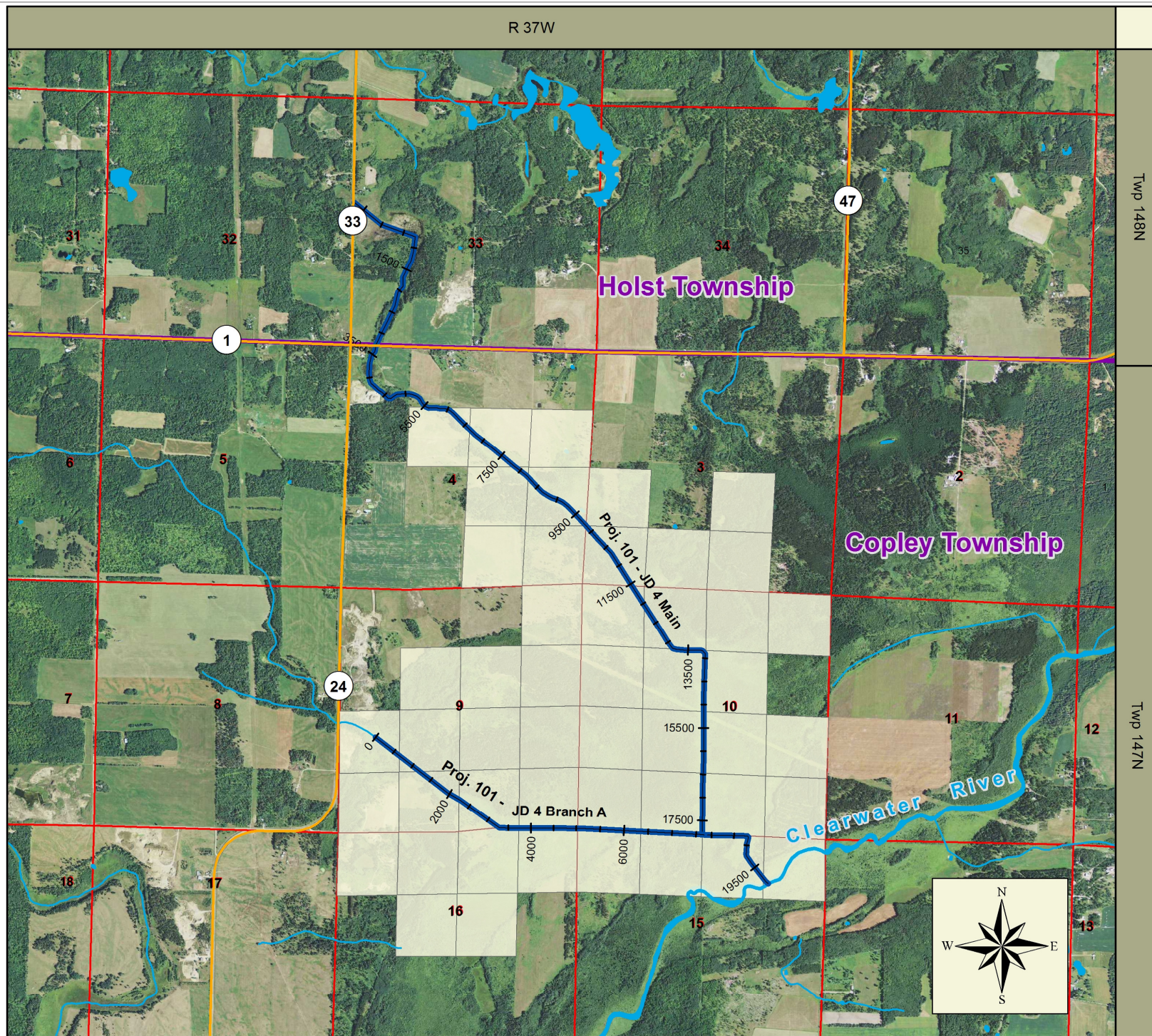
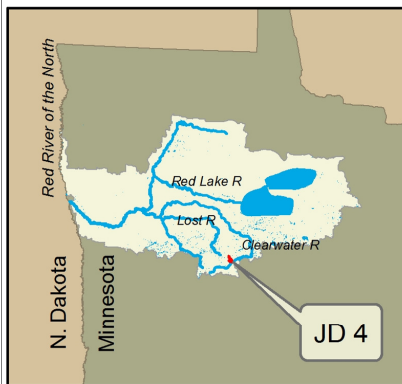
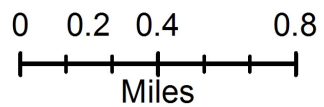
Benefitted Area

Project 101

Roads

Townships

Sections



County Ditch 1 Project 103

Located in Greenwood Township in
Clearwater County Sections 16,21,27,28,29,33,34

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To: Landowners in benefitted area of CD #1

From: Myron Jesme Administrator

Date: 2-17-2022

Subject: Landowner Meeting

The Red Lake Watershed District was given jurisdiction of Clearwater County Ditches No. 1 and No. 4 within Clearwater County on October 20, 1982. Clearwater County Ditch No. 1 also known as Red Lake Watershed District Project No.103, has a benefitted area located as follows: (see attached map)

- o Hangaard Twp. Sections 31-34
- o Winsor Twp. Sections 1-6, 8-16, 22-27, 35, and 36
- o Pine Lake Twp. Sections 1
- o Leon Twp. Sections 5 and 6
- o Greenwood Twp. Sections 7, 8, 16-22, and 28-33

Upon reviewing ditch files for inspection, we have found the documents to be outdated and the exact location of the ditch is undetermined. Therefore, the district is requesting a landowner meeting to receive input from landowners on how we should move forward in managing this public drainage system.

We have scheduled a landowner meeting at the Gouvik Community Center on April 1, 2022 at 10:00 am. at 170 Main Street, Gouvik, MN.

Any information from landowners before the meeting would be appreciated. Contact the Red Lake Watershed District office at 218-681-5800

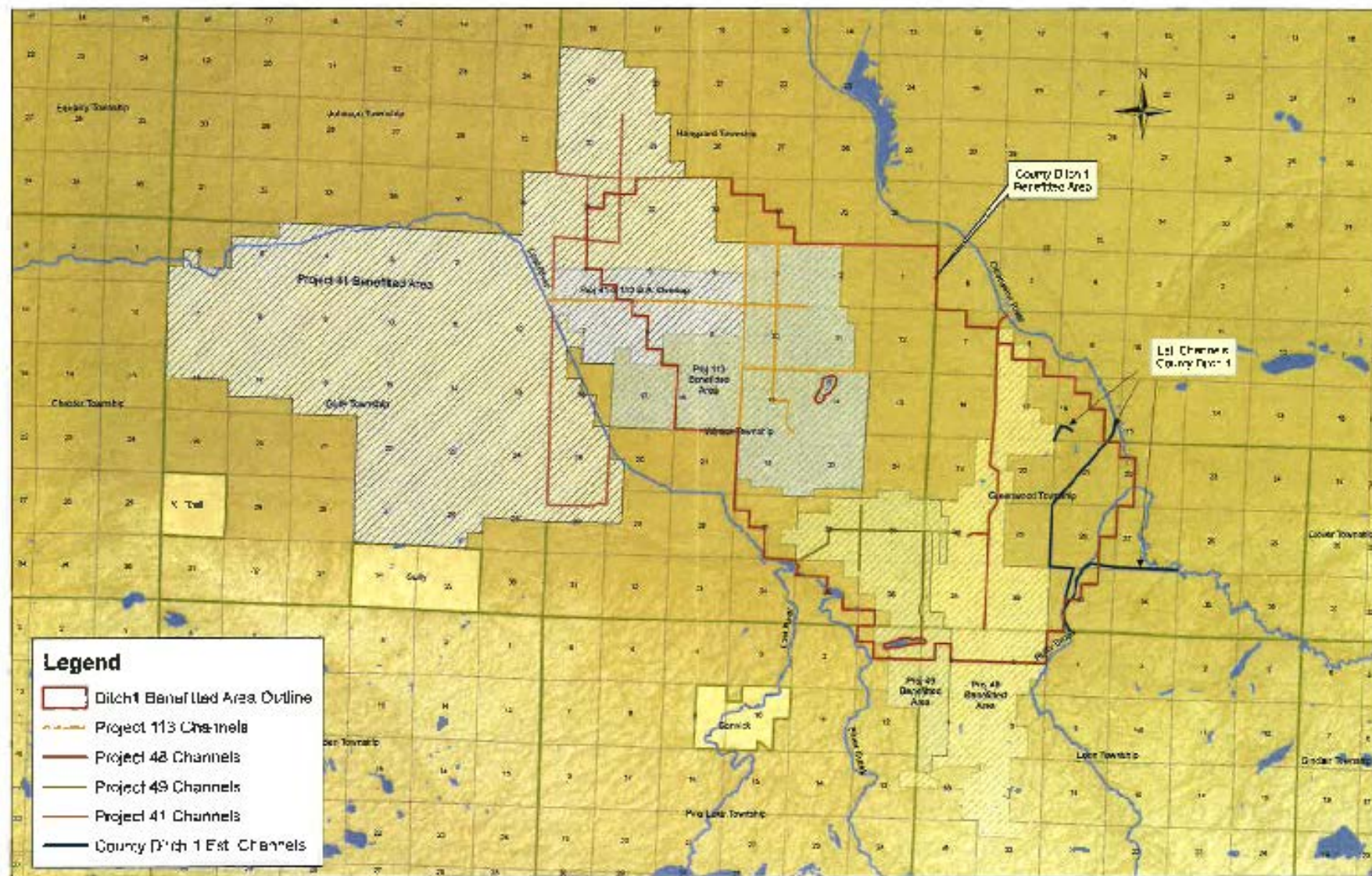
Thanks



Myron Jesme

Why did you receive a letter about this ditch?

- You received a letter because you are a landowner that was identified within the boundary of the benefitted area on record at the Clearwater County Courthouse (as shown on upcoming map).
- We are looking for input from the landowners to share any information you might have about the ditch system.
- We would like the landowners to share any concerns you may have with drainage within this area or any past knowledge of the drainage system?



History of CD 1 Project 103

- 26th of July 1904 - the ditch was established. For the price of \$12,000.00
- 20th of October 1982 - This is the date that the Clearwater County Board of Commissioners transferred responsibilities to the Red Lake Watershed District.
- 11th of March 1993 - There was a project re-naming on this ditch to Project 103
- 14th of November 1994 - A levy request was submitted on this system that was removed because of the large size of the benefitted area.
- 26th of June 2014 - Staff member Gary Lane stated that the District has a benefitted area for Clearwater County Ditch 1, RLWD Project 103, but is unable to locate the physical ditch system and Clearwater County Engineering staff was unable to find information leading to the location of the legal drainage system. Administrator Jesme stated that Legal Counsel Sparby recommended proceeding with the hearing process to abandon the system, therefore notifying all landowners in the benefitted area. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to authorize staff to proceed with the necessary steps to abandon Clearwater County Ditch 1, RLWD Project 103. Motion carried.
- 8th of February 2018 - Administrator Jesme stated that in 2014 the Board authorized the staff to proceed with the necessary steps to abandon Clearwater County Ditch 1, RLWD Project 103. Due to staffing changes, steps were not taken to move forward with the abandonment. District Staff has been working on the determining the benefitted area and will bring back further information to the Board soon.
- 17th of February 2022 - Letters to were mailed to Landowners to inform them of a meeting that will be held on April 1st, 2022, to discuss with the Red Lake Watershed District staff on how you would like us to move forward in managing this public drainage system.

Where is the ditch located?

- To our best knowledge the ditch is located somewhere in Greenwood Township of Clearwater County and appears to include Sections 16, 21, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34.
- To date we have not found any plan profile sheets, construction plans or survey notes of the ditch system.
- To date the only information we found, was some old ditch inspector notes (Truman Sandland) dating back to October 24, 1990 and October 24, 1991. In one of the reports, Truman questioned if the area he looked at was part of the system, and even suggested that we may want to abandon the system as there has been no work on the system in his lifetime.

DITCH INSPECTION REPORT

Ditch Inspection Report for Clematis County ditch 1

Date of Inspection 10-24-90

Committee members on inspection tour none

Excessive broadleaf weeds are visible in Sections no

Suggested corrective action none

Excessive cattails are growing in Sections no

Suggested corrective action none

Trees are growing in Sections no

Suggested corrective action none

The 16.5 foot grass strip has been partially/completely worked up in the following Sections North 1/2 Sec. 28 it is now in a rice paddy

Sediment deposits are visible in the channel in Sections none

Corrected action needed none

Any other suggestions this ditch has not been worked on in my life time, parts of it don't exist anymore so abandonment should probably be considered sometime in the future

Signed Truman Sandland

Date 10-24-90

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R. L. W. DIST.

CD #1 Project #103

Greenwood Twp.
Clearwater County

Legend

-  Bjerke Sod
-  CD#1
-  Clearwater Cemetery

Gully Fen Scientific and Natural Area (SNA)

Barner

Gully

22

Gonzick

32

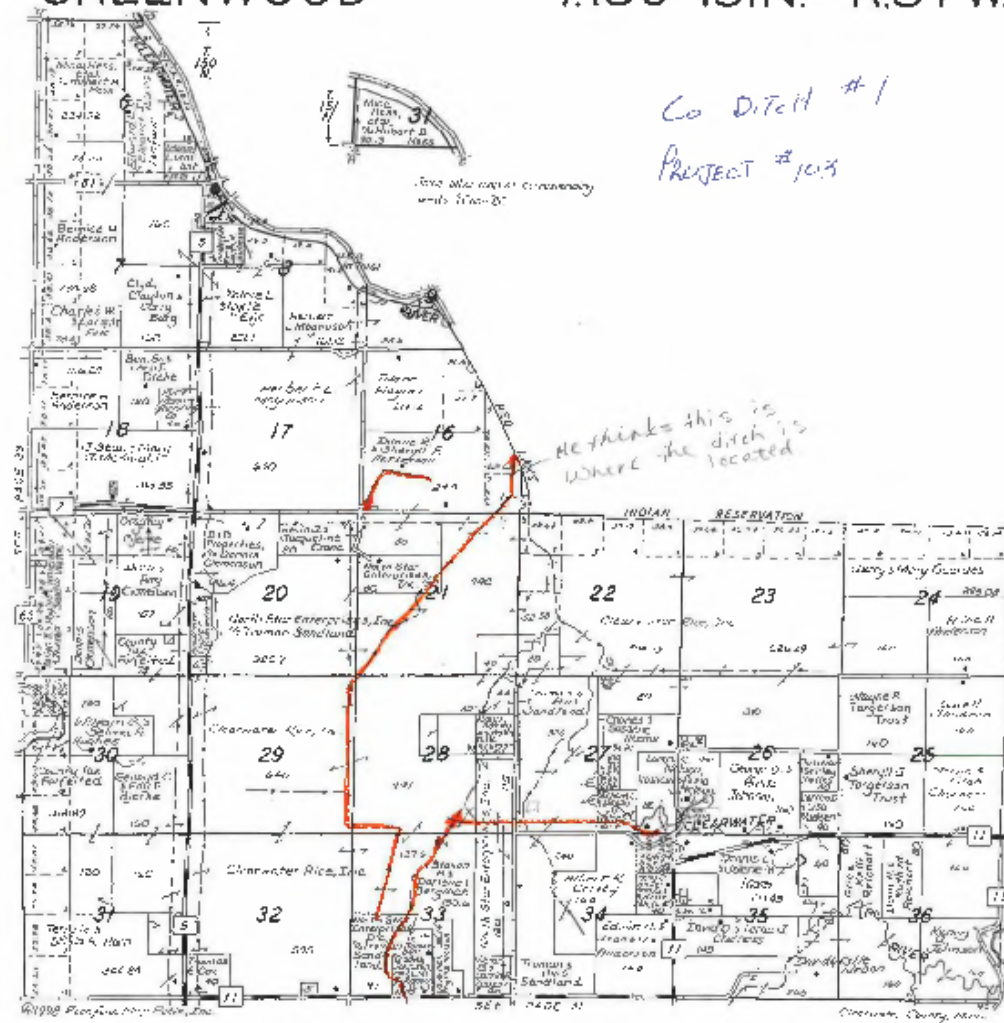
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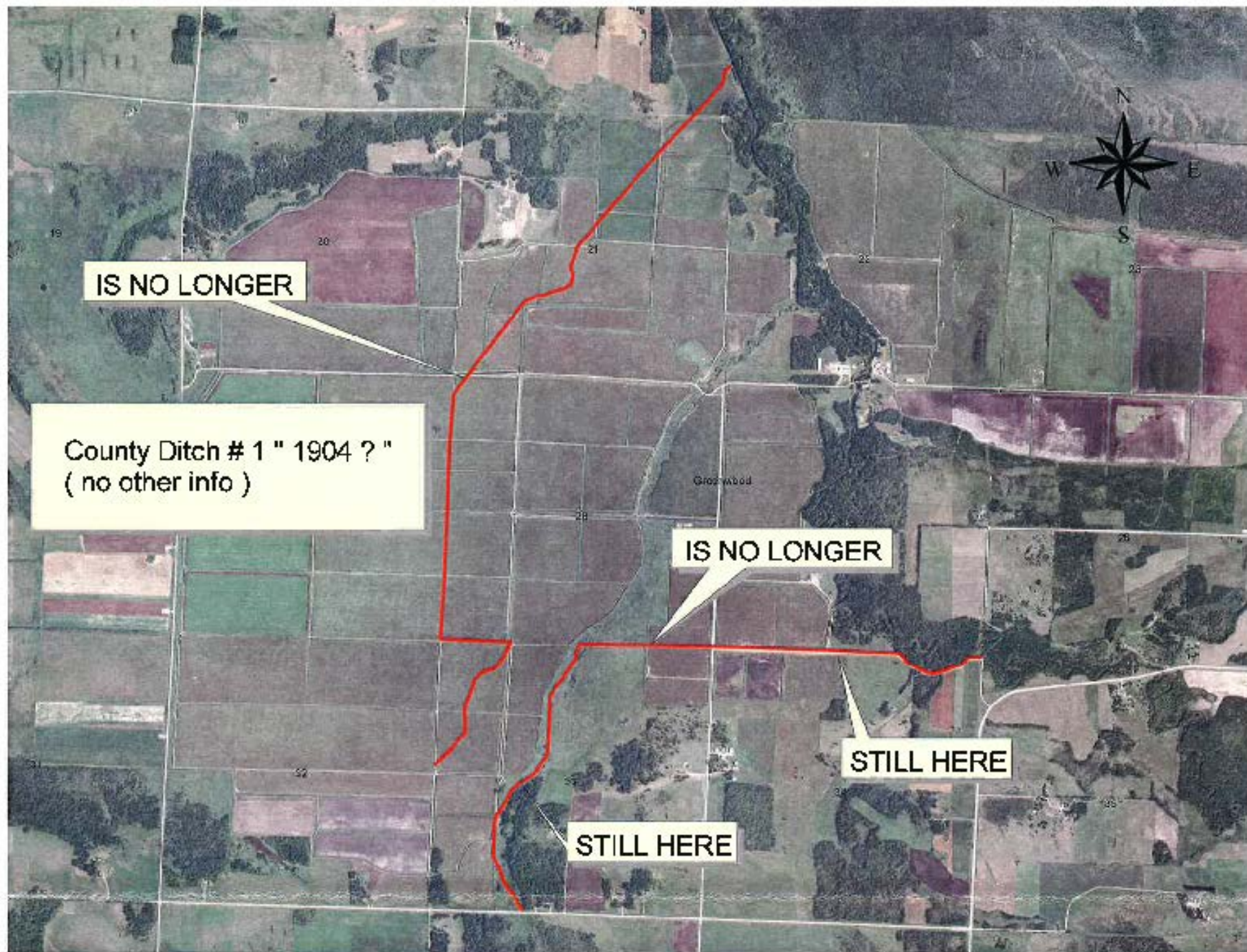
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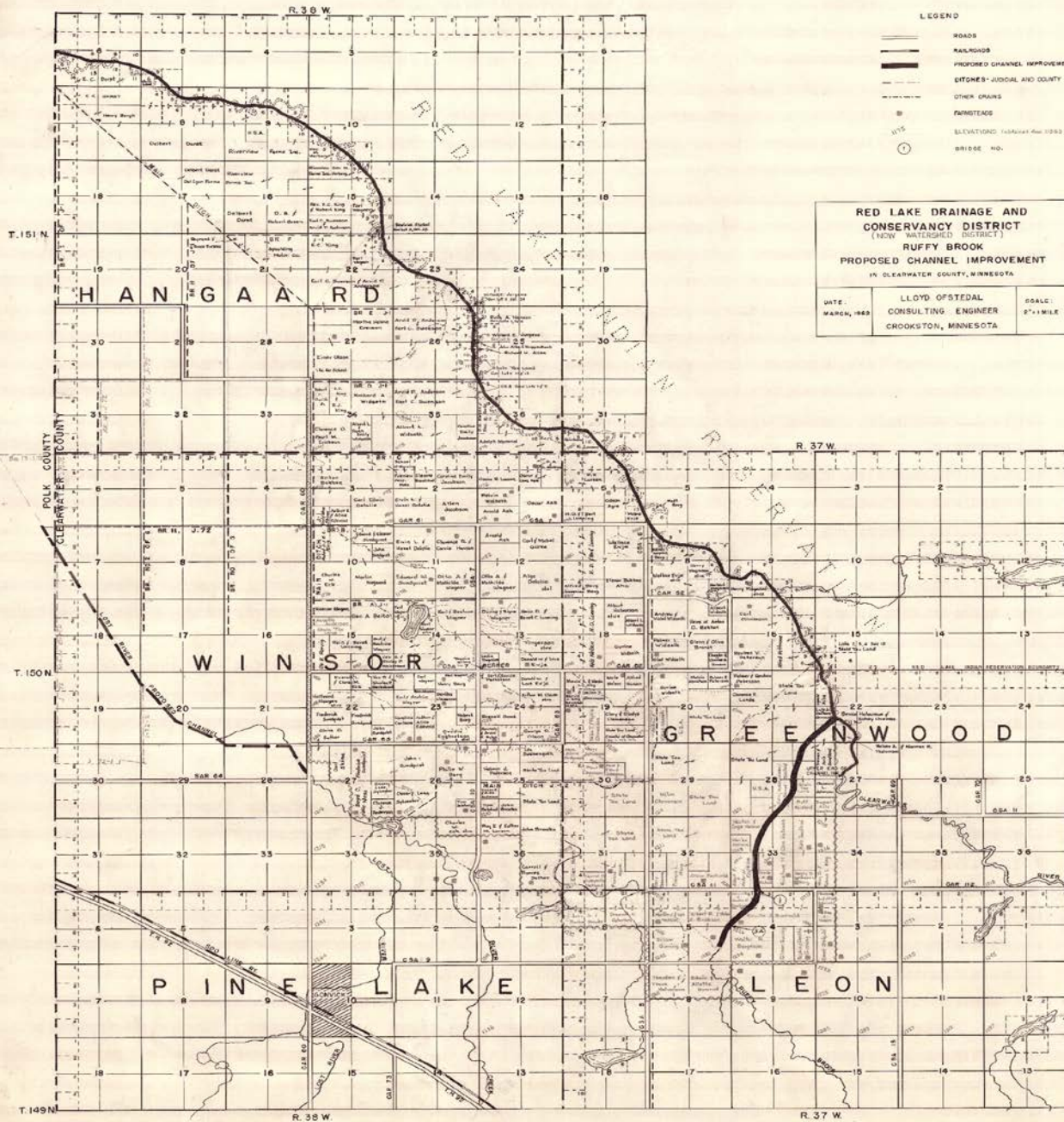
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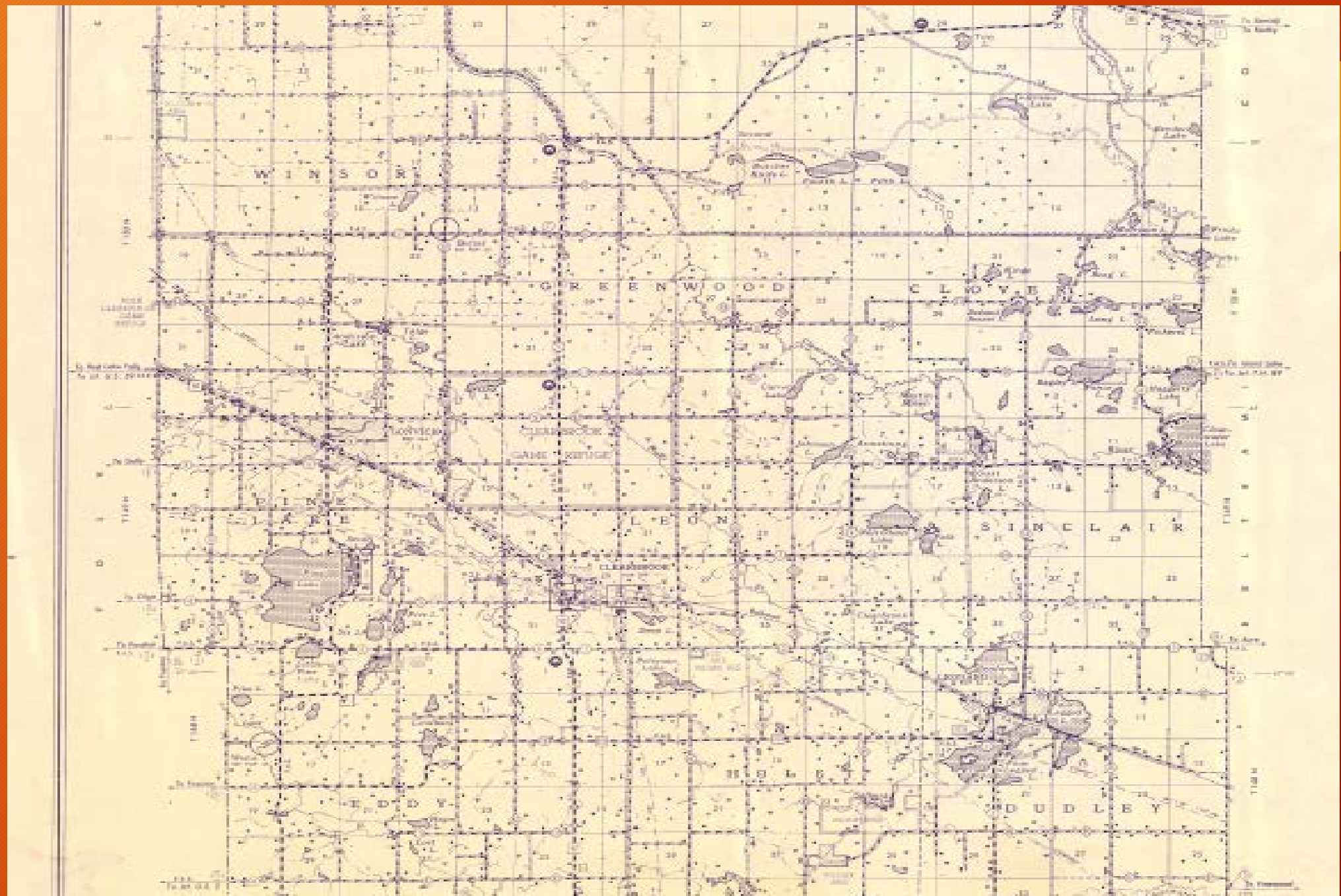
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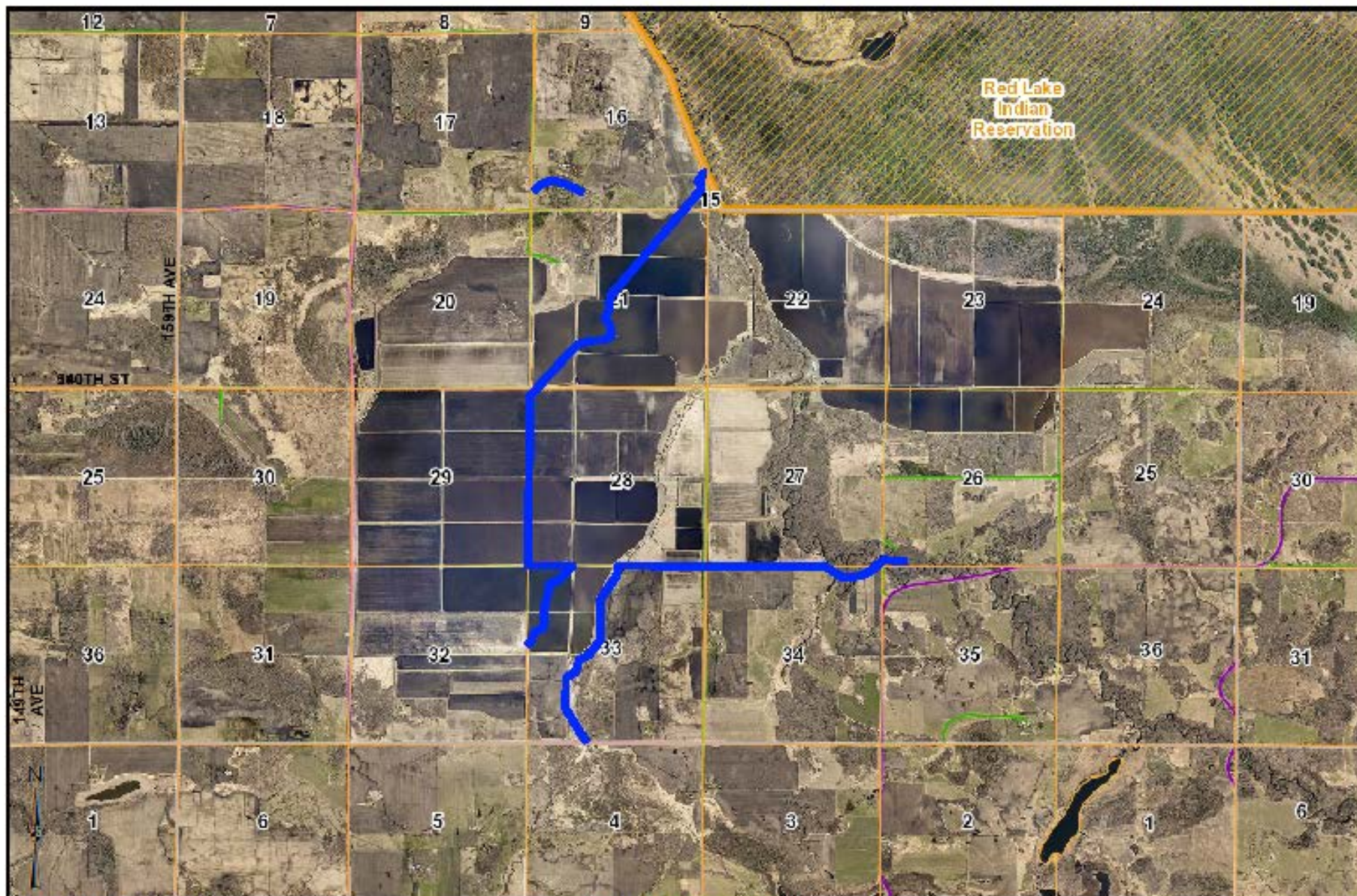
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CD # 1 Project 103

Tony O

1:67,605

Date: 3/8/2022



This map is not a substitute for accurate field surveys or for locating actual property lines and any adjacent features.

Landowner Options

- Do nothing. The ditch would remain the way it is. Red Lake Watershed District would retain responsibility of the ditch.
- Abandonment. The ditch would be abandoned, and the ditch (what is left of it) would be the landowner's responsibility for having it maintained/cleaned. We would need the landowners to pursue this option.
- Redetermine the benefitted area.

103E.811 ABANDONING DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1.Drainage lien payment period must expire.

After the period originally fixed or subsequently extended to pay the assessment of the drainage liens expires, a drainage system may be abandoned as provided in this section.

Subd. 2.Petitioners.

A petition must be signed by at least 51 percent of the property owners assessed for the construction of the drainage system or by the owners of not less than 51 percent of the area of the property assessed for the drainage system. For the purpose of the petition, the county is the resident owner of all tax-forfeited property held by the state and assessed benefits for the drainage system, and the board may execute the petition for the county as an owner.

Subd. 3.Petition.

The petition must designate the drainage system proposed to be abandoned and show that the drainage system is not of public benefit and utility because the agricultural property that used the drainage system has been generally abandoned **or because the drainage system has ceased to function and its restoration is not practical.**

Subd. 4.Filing petition; jurisdiction.

If all property assessed for benefits in the drainage system is in one county, the petition must be filed with the auditor unless the petition is signed by the board, in which case the petition must be made to the district court of the county and filed with the court administrator. If property assessed for benefits is in two or more counties, the petition must be filed with the auditor. When the petition is filed, the drainage authority in consultation with the auditor, or the court administrator with the approval of the court, shall set a time and location for a hearing on the petition. The auditor or court administrator shall give notice by publication of the time and location of the abandonment hearing to all persons interested. The drainage authority or the district court where the petition is properly filed has jurisdiction of the petition.

Subd. 5. **Abandonment hearing.**

(a) At the hearing, the drainage authority or court shall examine the petition and determine whether it is sufficient and shall hear all interested parties.

(b) If a property owner assessed benefits for the drainage system appears and makes a written objection to the abandonment of the drainage system, the drainage authority or court shall appoint three disinterested persons as viewers to examine the property and report to the drainage authority or court. The hearing must be adjourned to make the examination and report and a date must be set to reconvene. The viewers, if appointed, shall proceed to examine the property of the objecting owner and report as soon as possible to the drainage authority or court with the description and situation of the property and whether the drainage system drains or otherwise affects the property.

(c) When the hearing is reconvened, the drainage authority or court shall consider the viewers' report and all evidence offered, and:

(1) if the drainage authority determines that the drainage system serves any useful purpose to any property or the general public, the petition for abandonment must be denied; or

(2) **if the drainage authority determines that the drainage system does not serve any useful purpose to any affected property and is not of public benefit and utility, the drainage authority or court shall make findings and shall, by order, abandon the drainage system.**

Subd. 6. **Effect of abandonment.**

After abandonment of a drainage system, a repair petition for the drainage system may not be accepted and the responsibility of the drainage authority for the maintenance of the drainage system ends.

History:

1990 c 391 art 5 s 103

Abandonment Procedure:

- Abandonment requires a petition to be filed with the Red Lake Watershed District Board.**
- The petition must be signed by owners of 51% of the land area within the defined benefitted area.**
- The Red Lake Watershed District will then set a time and date for a hearing on the proposed abandonment.**
- Notice of the hearing will be given by publication.**
- At the hearing the Red lake Watershed District Board will hear all interested parties.**
- If the Red Lake Watershed District Board determines that the drainage system does not serve any useful purpose to any affected property and is not of public benefit and utility, the drainage authority or court shall make findings and shall, by order, abandon the drainage system.**

From: Westerlund, Julie (BWSR)
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2022 2:54 PM
Subject: Local Implementer Discussions Return January 12!

Hi Everyone –

An announcement and an invitation.

We are excited to **announce** the return of Local Implementers Discussions! BWSR hosted 8 of these in late 2021/early 2022 and we heard positive things, so we're happy to bring them back. We are in the process of lining up local speakers for informal sharing sessions once every three weeks. We're alternating Wednesdays and Thursdays and mornings and afternoons. Each session will be recorded. If you'd like to volunteer, please let us know.

Please join us for the first session on Thursday, January 12 at 2:30 PM. A calendar invitation with more information is attached for you.

We also want to **invite** you to join the [Minnesota Implementers private group](#) on a discussion forum called The Confluence, which some of you have already joined. The Confluence is a social media-like space where implementers from across the Midwest can share questions, ideas, stories, examples, templates, events, etc. This is a space FOR YOU to share with each other. You can also find calendar invitations for the discussion series through June of 2023 in the Events section and previously recorded sessions in the feed.

You'll have an opportunity to learn more at the first session on January 12. Be ready by joining the Confluence now! Just click this link: https://community.watershedleaders.org/share/R1euQ4CcdwOdTF63?utm_source=manual

Looking forward to lots of sharing in 2023!

Thanks!
Julie Westerlund and Jeff Hrubes

MN Board of Water and Soil Resources

Pay Equity Implementation Report

Part A: Jurisdiction Identification

Jurisdiction: Red Lake Watershed District
1000 Pennington Avenue South

Jurisdiction Type: Other

Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Contact: Myron Jesme

Phone: (218) 681-5800

E-Mail: myron.jesme@redlake
watershed.org

Part B: Official Verification

1. The job evaluation system used measured skill, effort responsibility and working conditions and the same system was used for all classes of employees.

The system was used: State Job Match

Description:

2. Health Insurance benefits for male and female classes of comparable value have been evaluated and:

There is no difference and female classes are not at a disadvantage.

3. An official notice has been posted at:

Red Lake Watershed District bulletin board

(prominent location)

informing employees that the Pay Equity Implementation Report has been filed and is available to employees upon request. A copy of the notice has been sent to each exclusive representative, if any, and also to the public library.

The report was approved by:

Red Lake Watershed District

(governing body)

Dale M Nelson

(chief elected official)

President

(title)

Part C: Total Payroll

\$569838.00

is the annual payroll for the calendar year just ended December 31.

- [X] Checking this box indicates the following:

- signature of chief elected official
- approval by governing body
- all information is complete and accurate, and
- all employees over which the jurisdiction has final budgetary authority are included

Date Submitted:1/4/2023

Compliance Report

Jurisdiction: Red Lake Watershed District
1000 Pennington Avenue South

Report Year: 2023
Case: 1 - 2022 Data (Submitted)

Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Contact: Myron Jesme

Phone: (218) 681-5800

E-Mail: myron.jesme@redlake
watershed.org

The statistical analysis, salary range and exceptional service pay test results are shown below. Part I is general information from your pay equity report data. Parts II, III and IV give you the test results.

For more detail on each test, refer to the Guide to Pay Equity Compliance and Computer Reports.

I. GENERAL JOB CLASS INFORMATION

	Male Classes	Female Classes	Balanced Classes	All Job Classes
# Job Classes	5	3	0	8
# Employees	5	3	0	8
Avg. Max Monthly Pay per employee	5502.60	5171.00		5378.25

II. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS TEST

A. Underpayment Ratio = 0 *

	Male Classes	Female Classes
a. # At or above Predicted Pay	3	3
b. # Below Predicted Pay	2	0
c. TOTAL	5	3
d. % Below Predicted Pay (b divided by c = d)	40.00	0.00

*(Result is % of male classes below predicted pay divided by % of female classes below predicted pay.)

B. T-test Results

Degrees of Freedom (DF) = 6	Value of T = -0.849
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a. Avg. diff. in pay from predicted pay for male jobs = 87

b. Avg. diff. in pay from predicted pay for female jobs = 453

III. SALARY RANGE TEST = 0.00 (Result is A divided by B)

A. Avg. # of years to max salary for male jobs = 0.00

B. Avg. # of years to max salary for female jobs = 0.00

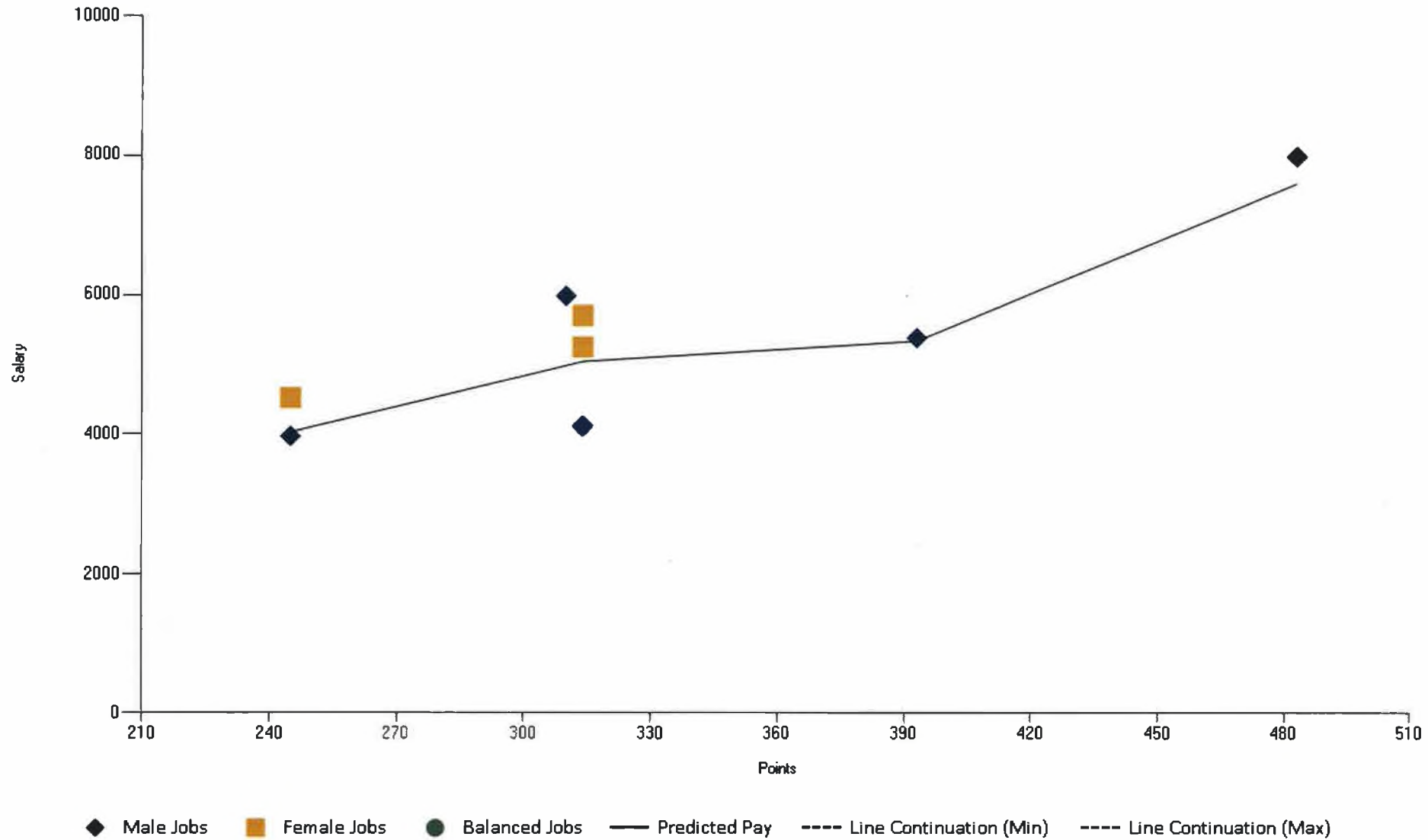
IV. EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE PAY TEST = 0.00 (Result is B divided by A)

A. % of male classes receiving ESP = 0.00 *

B. % of female classes receiving ESP = 0.00

*(If 20% or less, test result will be 0.00)

Predicted Pay Report for: Red Lake Watershed District Case: 2022 Data



Job Class Data Entry Verification List

Case: 2022 Data

Red Lake Watershed District

LGID: 51

Job Nbr	Class Title	Nbr Males	Nbr Females	Non- Binary	Class Type	Jobs Points	Min Mo Salary	Max Mo Salary	Yrs to Max Salary	Yrs of Service	Exceptional Service Pay
2	Natural Resource/GIS	0	1	0	F	245	4531.00	4531.00		7.00	
4	Technician II/Ditch Inspector	1	0	0	M	245	3977.00	3977.00		0.40	
6	Water Quality Coordinator	1	0	0	M	310	5996.00	5996.00		20.00	
7	Engineering Specialist	1	0	0	M	314	4122.00	4122.00		1.60	
5	Accounting Officer	0	1	0	F	314	5266.00	5266.00		1.30	
1	Assistant Administrator	0	1	0	F	314	5716.00	5716.00		35.00	
9	Engineering Senior/Hydro II	1	0	0	M	393	5406.00	5406.00		1.50	
8	Administrator	1	0	0	M	483	8012.00	8012.00		20.00	

Job Number Count: 8

Drainage Work Group Meeting

When: Thursday January 12, 2023 11:00 a.m. - 1:50 p.m. **Hybrid**

Where: MN Farmers Union
305 Roselawn Ave E #200
St Paul, MN 55117

Virtual Option at:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Join with a video conferencing device

mn@m.webex.com

Video Conference ID: 111 908 673 9

[Alternate VTC instructions](#)

Or call in (audio only)

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Agenda:

11:00 Welcome and Introductions

11:05 Overview and any updates of agenda for the meeting – Tom G.

11:10 **Share information about recent and upcoming drainage related events – All**

- AMC Drainage Seminar Feb 8-9, Alexandria, MN

11:20 **Other Group updates/information–**

11:30 **Outlet Adequacy - Tom**

At our last meeting folks asked for some potential “request” language samples to assess. The proposal removes the DMT and establishes this is a committee of the DWG to complete the work. A proposed list of participants is included with a handful of names yet to be determined.

12:00 **DNR Proposal and Discussion – Randall Doneen**

Status update of DNR proposal

12:20 **Break**

12:30 **Registry Response thoughts on a timeline?**

At our last meeting the proponents of the Registry bill asked for a proposal from AMC/MAWD/Others as an alternative to the Registry language from last year. They acknowledged with Conventions around the corner folks would be busy but I would like to revisit the topic to see what sort of timeline we may be able to see a proposal?

1:15 **Topics for Next year brainstorming - All**

I'd like folks to think about or start some discussions for ideas that we can start building towards for next year.

1:45 **Next DWG meeting, June of 2023.**

Virtual Options @ MN Farmers Union

1:50 **Adjourn**

2023 Legislative Briefing and Breakfast

Best Western Plus Capitol Ridge Hotel
161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul | February 15-16, 2023

Agenda – Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Welcome to the Minnesota Watersheds' 2023 Legislative Briefing. The following schedule is approximate. Speakers and times may change as needed to accommodate the ever-changing schedules of lobbyists and directors.

4:00 – 4:30 Minnesota Watersheds' Top Legislative Priorities

- 4:00 Welcome and Announcements – Jan Voit, MW Executive Director
- 4:05 Capitol Activity Update – Ray Bohn, MW Lobbyist
- 4:30 Strategies for Working with the Legislature and State Agencies on MW Platform Items – Jan Voit, Executive Director
 - Increase the general fund levy limit
 - Require 60-day review periods when state agencies adopt new policies
 - Use Clean Water Funds for implementation, not capacity
 - Support stable funding for Flood Damage Reduction and Natural Resources Enhancement Projects
 - Clarification of watershed district project establishment
 - Provide limited liability protections to certified commercial salt applicators

5:00 – 5:50 Funding Updates

- 5:00 Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) Supplemental Budget and Bonding Bills – John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director
- 5:15 Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) Priorities and Bonding Bill Update – Lisa Frenette, RRWMB Lobbyist and Rob Sip, RRWMB Executive Director
- 5:30 DNR – bonding bill?
- 5:45 Other? (Last year was Mark Johnson, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council)

6:00 Closing Remarks/End of Briefing

- 6:00 Jan Voit, Executive Director

6:00 – 8:00 Networking Event: Minnesota Watersheds Members and Legislators

Take advantage of this opportunity to network with other members and chat with legislators as they arrive. **Please also use this time to convene regional caucuses.** There will be a cash bar. Hors d'oeuvres will be served for you to enjoy.

Agenda – Thursday, February 16, 2023

Welcome to the 2023 Legislative Breakfast.

7 am – 8:30 am Networking Event: Minnesota Watersheds Members and Legislators

Take advantage of this opportunity to have a buffet breakfast with legislators at the Capitol Ridge Hotel and discuss our legislative priorities. Invitations were sent to all legislators. However, individual invitations from members helps provides additional encouragement for them to attend.

9 am – 4 pm Meet with Legislators

Please use this occasion to visit with legislators in their offices or at the Capitol.

RED RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

PROPOSED AGENDA – REGULAR BOARD MEETING – ADA, MN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

IN PERSON AND BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Meeting Participation Information:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 277 887 067 080 • Passcode: dMDFCQ

Telephone: 1-701-404-1699 • Conference ID: 307 197 97#

Note That Times for Specific Agenda Items are Approximate

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- **Next RRWMB Meeting:** February 21, 2023 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, in Moorhead, MN.
- **Other Partner Meetings:** Refer to the RRWMB Calendar for additional meeting dates. All meeting dates are posted at the RRWMB office in Ada, MN and on the RRWMB website.
- **NOTE:** For individuals needing this information in an alternative format, please contact the RRWMB for assistance by calling the main office telephone number at 218-784-9500 or by emailing RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip at: rob.sip@rrwmb.us