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Red Lake Watershed District Public Project Hearing

Pursuant to Minnesota State Statute 103D.711, notice is hereby given that a Public Project Hearing to discuss and receive public input regarding the development of a Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) project, commonly referred to as the Turtle Connection and Cross Lakes Flood Damage Reduction Project, Red Lake Watershed District Project No. 114.

This hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Valley Technologies office meeting room, 206 Vance Avenue South, Erskine, MN 56535.

The primary purpose of this project is a design that provides an FDR component, improved fish passage and establishes preferred normal lake levels by adjusting the outlet dams at Cross, Turtle, and Connection Lakes. The proposed project is located in Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, 29 and 30, Queen Township (Township 148 North of Range 39 West), Polk County, MN.

The project would consist of a rock arch rapids and removal of the existing dam at Cross Lake, abandonment and removal of the Turtle Lake dam, and a rock arch rapids and water control structure at South Connection Lake, which will establish preferred long-term lake levels and provide fish passage. The proposal provides a gated/stop log outlet structure at South Connection Lake to provide the ability to manage water levels in Turtle and Connection lakes for FDR.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.5 million. It is proposed that funding would be paid by the State of Minnesota, Red River Watershed Management Board, and the Red Lake Watershed District.

All interested parties, public or private, likely to be affected by the above-mentioned project are invited to attend.

Persons who wish to submit written comments prior to the Hearing or who have questions should address them to the office of the Red Lake Watershed, Administrator Tammy Audette, 1000 Pennington Avenue South, Thief River Falls, MN 56701, or by telephone at: 218-681-5800.

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to attend this Hearing, please contact the Red Lake Watershed District office as soon as possible or at least three working days in advance of the Hearing at the above telephone number.