

## **RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT – POLICIES**

The Managers will operate under the following policies:

1. The Managers will grant audience to any individual or group seeking information or aid in solving any problem pertaining to the management or use of water and related resources.
2. Petitions pertaining to the management or use of water and related resources will be accepted, studied and evaluated by the Managers in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103D and 103E.
3. The Managers will not approve any petition for a project unless it meets the following requirements:
  - That it is in conformity with the Overall Plan
  - That the benefits are greater than the total estimated cost
  - That the proposed project is in compliance with the provisions and purposes of the Minnesota Watershed Act
  - That it is in conformity with the policies of the Red River Watershed
  - Management Board (RRWMB)
4. The Managers, on matters of mutual concern, will cooperate with:
  - Adjacent watershed districts' board of managers
  - State Board of Water and Soil Resources
  - State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
  - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
  - Minnesota Department of Agriculture
  - U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service
  - County, state and federal units of government
  - Units of local government, private and public corporations and private individuals
  - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - Regional Development Commission
  - Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
  - Other affected local, state and federal partners

5. The cost of approved projects which have been properly petitioned for may be paid from assessments upon benefited lands and municipalities or by other means.
6. The Managers shall not permit the use of ditches, streams, rivers or lakes for the disposal of sanitary effluent or other wastes unless the project meets the requirements of and is approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and other authorized agencies.
7. The Managers shall recommend that the protection of fish, wildlife and other game species and the protection of their habitat be considered as part of proposed projects.
8. The Managers will cooperate with the State of Minnesota and all counties and municipalities within the RLWD in all land, water planning and zoning activities carried on by such public corporations, pursuant to the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 304.21 through 394.27 or any other legislative authority.
9. The Managers shall manage and conserve the surface and underground waters within the RLWD for the beneficial use of all people.
10. The Managers will support and encourage the use of soil and water conserving practices.