

## CHAPTER 9

### POLICIES GOVERNING BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers of the Red Lake Watershed District will operate under the following policies:

1. The Board of Managers will uphold all commitments and responsibilities of the Red Lake Drainage and Conservancy District which have been assumed by the Red Lake Watershed District as the successor organization of the Red Lake Drainage and Conservancy District.
2. The Board of 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.
3. Petitions pertaining to the management or use of water and related resources will be accepted, studied, and evaluated by the Board of Managers in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 103D and 103E.
4. The Board of 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.

5. The Board of Managers, on matters of mutual concern, will cooperate with:
  - Adjacent Watershed District's Board of Managers
  - State Board of Soil & Water Resources
  - Department of Natural Resources, State of Minnesota
  - Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
  - Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
  - County, State, and federal Units of Government
  - Units of local government, private and public corporations,
  - or with individuals
  - Red Lake Indian Tribal Council
6. 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.
7. The Board of 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 State Department of Health and other authorized agencies.
8. The Board of Managers shall recommend that the protection of fish, waterfowl, and other game species and the protection of their habitat be considered as part of proposed projects.
9. The Board of Managers will cooperate with the State of Minnesota and all counties and municipalities within the

District 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.

The Board of Managers shall manage and conserve the surface and underground waters within the District for the beneficial use of all people.

10. The Board of Managers will support and encourage the use of soil and water conserving practices.
11. The Board of Managers will cooperate with the Regional Development Commissions.
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