

February 13, 2020

Red Lake County Commissioners
c/o Tanya Hanson, District Manager/Water Plan Coordinator
2602 Wheat Drive – Suite 103
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750

RE: Approval of the Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension

Dear Red Lake County Commissioners:

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is pleased to inform you the Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension was approved on February 13, 2020. Attached is the signed Board Order that documents approval of the extension and indicates the Plan meets all relevant requirements of law and rule.

Please contact your Board Conservationist, Matt Fischer at 218-755-2683 or matt.fischer@state.mn.us for further assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



John Jaschke, Executive Director
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

Enclosure: BWSR Board Order

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Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of Extending the Comprehensive
Local Water Management Plan for Red Lake
County, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section
103B.3367.

**ORDER
EXTENDING
COMPREHENSIVE
LOCAL WATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Whereas, on March 24, 2010, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board), by Board Order, approved the Red Lake County (County) Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until March 24, 2020; and

Whereas, the Board has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.3367; and

Whereas, the Board adopted Board Order #19-69 *Local Water Plan Extension and Amendment Policy* on December 18, 2019;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 28, 2020, the Board received a petition from the County requesting an extension to their Plan. The expiration date will change from the current date of March 24, 2020 to a new date of December 31, 2023. The following information supports the request:
 - a) The County has adopted and is currently implementing the Board approved Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, which covers 35 percent of the County.
 - b) The County assures continued efforts toward completion of Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans developed through the One Watershed, One Plan program. Discussions have started among partners in the Clearwater River watershed, which covers 65% of the County, and it is anticipated that a planning grant will be submitted to BWSR in 2020.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending Comprehensive Local Water Management Plans, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.3367.

3. The Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.3367 and the Board's *Local Water Plan Extension and Amendment Policy* dated December 18, 2019.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the Red Lake County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until December 31, 2023.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, on February 13, 2020.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES



BY: John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director