

**Red Lake County "Other Watercourses" Resolution
as defined in the Buffer Law**

Supervisor David Bachand offered the following resolution, No. NA,
and Linda Mickelson moved its adoption.

Whereas; Minnesota statues 103F.48 requires SWCDs in consultation with local water management authorities, to develop, adopt, and submit to each local water management authority within its boundary a summary of watercourses for inclusion in the local water management plan.

Whereas; the summary of watercourses has been commonly referred to as "other waters".

Whereas; the Red Lake County SWCD believes the purpose of identifying "other waters" is to be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the voluntary installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; current state and federal programs exist to provide landowners with incentives to voluntarily install buffer or filter strips.

Whereas; current State and Federal programs have eligibility criteria for watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Whereas; producing a map of all the watercourses meeting the eligibility criteria would be time consuming and may not be inclusive of all watercourses where water quality would benefit from the installation of a buffer or filter strip.

Therefore be it resolved that; the summary of watercourses or "other waters" for Red Lake County shall be descriptive in format instead of in map format.

Be it further resolved that; the description of watercourses to be included in the summary of watercourses or "other waters" shall be; all watercourses deemed eligible for the adjacent land to be voluntarily enrolled into a buffer or filter strip practice under the current eligibility criteria for state and federal programs. Excluding those watercourses depicted on the DNR buffer protection map.

A list of watercourses included in this descriptive inventory are; Perennial streams, Seasonal streams depicted on USGS topographic maps, Seasonal streams depicted on soil survey maps, Identified by onsite visits, and drainage ditches that are perennial or seasonal streams.

Supervisor Mark LaCrosse seconded the adoption of the resolution, and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Signed by Paul Mulee Title: Chairman Date: 6-12-17