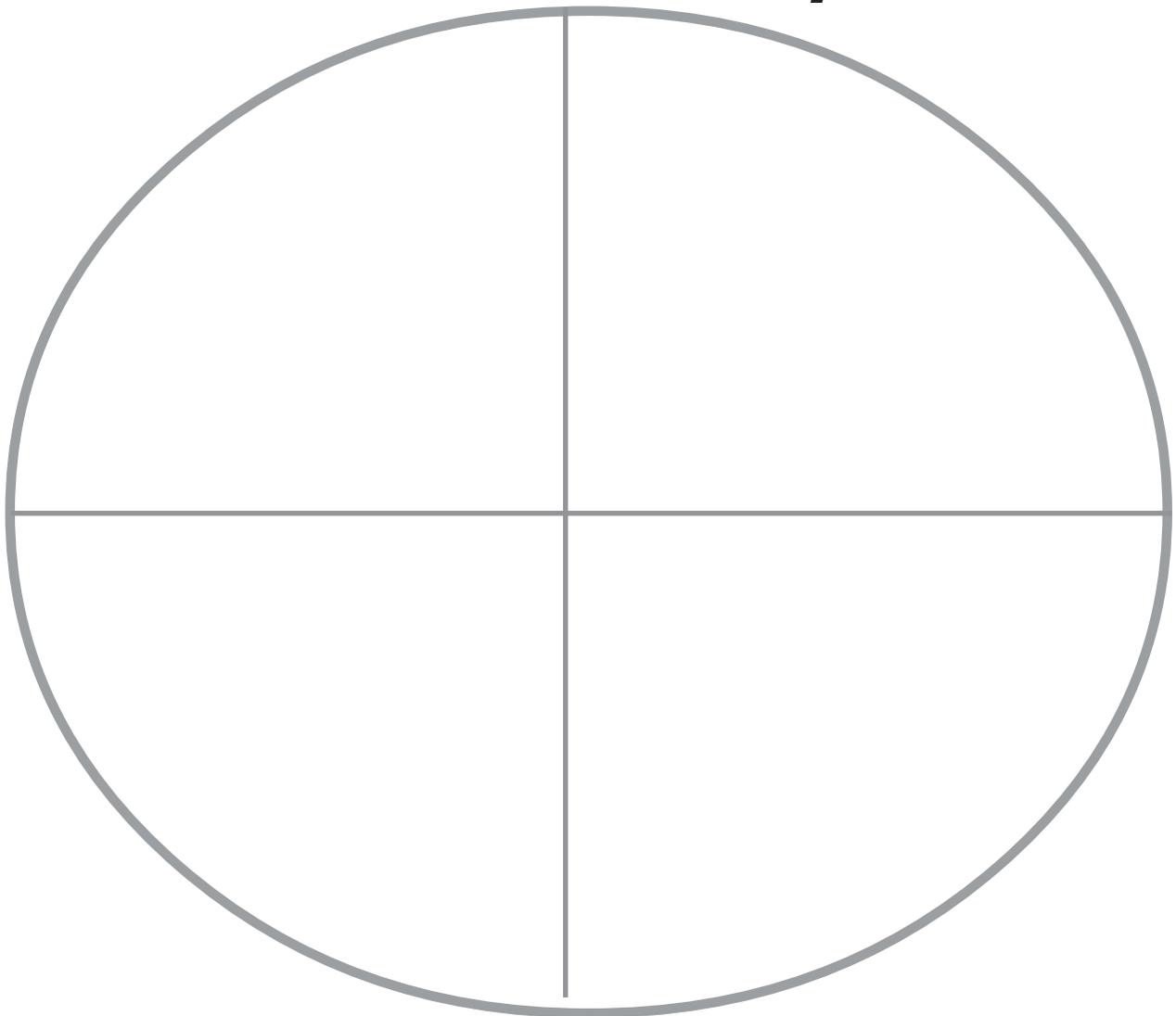


*Minnesota Association  
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# President's Report

By Warren Seykora

This past year has been an especially challenging one for Watershed Districts. The release of the Legislative Auditor's Report on water management in Minnesota presented challenges, but it also presented opportunities for watershed districts to highlight our unique form of water management to policy makers at the capitol.

To that end, MAWD work with BWSR to develop the Minnesota Watershed District Guidebook. This Guidebook was instrumental in providing to legislators the necessary information about watershed districts and countering some of the arguments of the Legislative Auditor's Study. Our thanks goes out to BWSR for their efforts in the development of this important Watershed Guidebook. In fact, rumor has it that BWSR is working with the SWCD's to produce a similar type guidebook for them!

MAWD is presently working with BWSR along with other stakeholder groups on an oversight/accountability plan mandated by the legislature last session. The unveiling of that effort will be at one of our seminar sessions at the Annual Meeting. BWSR has hired a coordinator to work with watershed districts on this program that has been titled Performance Review & Assistance Program.

The 2007 Legislative Breakfast was very well attended. For the first time this year we set-up watershed district booths in the capitol to display what we are all about and the various program and projects watershed districts undertake. The exhibit was well received and will be set-up again next session. Many thanks to those WD's that made the special effort to participate in the exhibit!

For those of you who would like to use credit cards in your daily business, this past session we were able to successfully pass legislation that gives watershed districts the specific authority to utilize them.

Our 2006 Annual Meeting and Trade Show was bigger than ever! We had over 400 attendees with 50 trade show exhibitors showing their wares for our managers, staff, and key partners. In addition, we had fourteen different training seminars that were all very well attended. In addition, we had over 100 folks attend our pre-conference seminars on the Thursday before the Annual Meeting.

MAWD continued with its training efforts during the year by establishing several Messaging Seminars in the metro area and in Alexandria. This seminar was a continuation of our efforts to help watershed districts to be more pro-active in getting our message out to our public about whom we are and what it is we do. It seems like water issues are becoming more and more difficult to deal with as every year goes by, so we must be prepared to meet this growing challenge. Thanks to Ember Reichgott Junge for her help with these sessions.

Ramsey-Washington Metro WD hosted the 2007 Summer Tour. Over 170 managers and staff attended this excellent Tour. We learned much about metro watershed programs and projects and saw first hand the results of a lot of hard work. Thanks to the RWMWD Board of Managers and staff for a job well done.

I am sorry to have to report to you that we lost the South Two River WD this past year. While we thought it was rushing things to terminate the district,

BWSR felt they had no other choice given the law on termination. To address that issue, BWSR and MAWD worked together to give BWSR more flexibility in dealing with termination petitions. With legislation passed this past session, BWSR can now take up to one year to make a final decision, giving them time to work with the district and change its course prior to making a final decision. We believe this was a very good piece of legislation and we look forward to working with BWSR if this situation ever arises in the future.

Congratulations to the new Cedar River WD in Southeastern Minnesota! Mower County petitioned for this new district, primarily as a result of flooding problems in the City of Austin and surrounding areas. Don't be surprised if we see other changes in SE Minnesota as a result of the flooding this past summer.

In addition to the Oversight Workgroup, MAWD has been involved in various stakeholder groups this past summer and fall. Dianne Radermacker, Upper Minnesota River WD has represented MAWD in the RIM CE Task Force, Tim Kelly, Coon Creek WD on the Comprehensive Wetland Strategies Task Force, Roger Lake, Ramsey-Washington Metro WD on Permanent WCA Rules, and myself and Ray Bohn on the Drainage Work Group. Stay tuned for more information on the results of the work of these groups.

Congratulations to Kay Cook from the Sauk River WD on her retirement from the district, the MAWD Board, and BWSR. Term limits forced her to retire in June. Word is that Kay has returned to the WD family via the district's advisory committee. Thanks Kay for a job well done!

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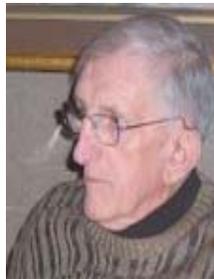
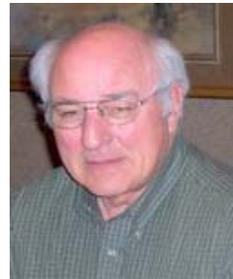


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# Governor Pawlenty appoints three to BWSR

Saint Paul - Governor Tim Pawlenty announced the appointment of Kenneth Robinson, and the reappointment of Quentin Fairbanks and Randy Kramer to the Board of Water and Soil Resources. All three are appointed to four-year terms that expire January 3, 2011.

Robinson, of St. Cloud, represents Stearns County as a manager on the Sauk River Watershed Board. He is the public utilities director for the city of St. Cloud where his duties include the supervision and management of the drinking water, waste water, storm water and hydroelectric operations of the city. Robinson has been the project manager for a number of water protection projects including the Upper Mississippi River Source Water Protection Project and the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources Wastewater Phosphorous Reduction Initiative. He earned his bachelor of science degree in biological science from South Dakota State University in Brookings. Robinson is appointed as the watershed district representative and replaces Karyland Cook on the board.

Fairbanks, of Hines, is a county commissioner and chairman of the Beltrami County Board. He is a member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and serves as a tribal business planner. He served on the executive board of the Red River Basin Commission and is the former chairman of the Headwaters Regional Development Commission. Fairbanks is reappointed as a county commissioner member of the board

Kramer, of Bird Island, is a partner in a 3,800 acre farm. He is the former vice president of the Renville County Farm Bureau and former chairman of the state feed grains committee of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. He is active in the Renville County Agricultural Society and the Renville County Corn Growers Board. Kramer currently serves as the chair and is reappointed as a citizen member of the board.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is the state's administrative agency for 91 soil and water conservation districts, 43 watershed districts, 27 metropolitan watersheds, and 80 county water management organizations. The agency's purpose, working through local government, is to protect and enhance the state's irreplaceable soil



**Ken Robinson, BWSR Board member**

and water resources by implementing the state's soil and water conservation policy, comprehensive local water management, and the Wetland Conservation Act as it relates to the 41.7 million acres of private land in Minnesota. The board consists of 17 members, including 12 members appointed by the Governor.



**Kay Cook, Sauk River Watershed District, retired from the Sauk River Watershed District, the MAWD Board and the BWSR Board. John Jaschke, BWSR executive director, and Board Chair Randy Kramer present Cook with a plaque in honor of her public service.**

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# What is a Watershed District?

## Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

### Water does not respect political boundaries

This saying lies at the heart of why Minnesota has made it possible to manage water resources on the basis of watersheds areas of land that drain to a given lake, river, stream or wetland. Since water flows from place to place, a water resource problem in one community may be caused by another community's actions. By managing water resources on a watershed basis, communities can jointly plan to prevent problems, and coordinate and equably pay for projects to correct problems when they do occur.

### Watershed district authority created in 1955

Recognizing the need to manage water on a broader basis than municipal or county boundaries, the Minnesota State Legislature established the Watershed Act in 1955. This act provided the means to create watershed districts anywhere in the state. As outlined by statute, the purposes of watershed districts are:

To conserve the natural resources of the state by land use planning, flood control, and other conservation projects by using sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare and the provident use of the natural resources.

Watershed districts are special purpose units of local government whose boundaries follow natural watershed divides. Watershed districts have been given broad authorities, including the authority to:

- Adopt rules with the power of law to regulate, conserve, and control the use of water resources within the district.
- Contract with units of government and private and public corporations to carry out water resource management projects.
- Hire staff and contract with consultants.
- Assess properties for benefits received and levy taxes to finance district administration.
- Accept grant funds, both public and private, and encumber debt.
- Acquire property needed for projects.
- Acquire, construct, and operate, drainage systems, dams, dikes, reservoirs, and water supply systems.
- Enter upon lands within and without the district to make surveys and conduct investigations

Since the inception of the Watershed Act, 47 watershed districts have been created through a process of citizens or local governments petitioning to the state. They range in size from 40 to 6,000 square miles, and together they cover approximately 30 percent of Minnesota's land area.

### The watershed management plan:

One of the first responsibilities of a new watershed district is to prepare a watershed management plan. The plan outlines existing and potential water resource issues and planned projects to be undertaken. A watershed management plan must be written by the watershed district and approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources before projects can be undertaken.

<sup>1</sup> Minnesota State Statutes Chapter 112, now repealed and reorganized in Chapter 103D

## **What is a Watershed District? continued**

### **Watershed district governance:**

A local board of managers numbering from three to nine members governs watershed districts. When a watershed district is first established, members of the initial board of managers are appointed by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources for a one-year term. Subsequent board of manager members are then appointed by the county board of commissioners that have territory in the watershed district. District managers must reside in the watershed district, and cannot be a county, state, or federal elected officials (soil and water conservation district supervisors do not fall under this restriction and may serve on board of managers).

### **Watershed district accountability:**

Watershed district board of managers are accountable to the county board of commissioners that appointed them. Watershed districts file annual audit and activity reports to both the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Minnesota State Auditor's Office. Watershed management plans and changes in district boundaries need to be approved by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

### **Advisory committee:**

Watershed districts are required to appoint an advisory committee of at least five members to advise and assist the district board on all matters affecting the interests of the watershed district. When practicable, advisory committees need to include representation from a soil and water conservation district, a county board, an outdoor sporting organization, and a farming organization.

### **Watershed management within the Twin Cities metropolitan area:**

Because of the complexity of water management in urban areas, the Legislature has made the development and implementation of watershed management plans in the 46 Twin Cities metropolitan area 2 watersheds mandatory. This was done through the 1982 Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act .

To carry out watershed management plans, the Metropolitan Water Management Act also required the formation of a watershed management organization (WMO) for each of the 46 watersheds. Watershed management organizations can be administered under three different frameworks: as watershed districts, as joint powers agreements among municipalities, or under county government (with the exception of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, which are unable to administer WMOs under county government). Within the metropolitan area, 14 watershed management organizations are organized as watershed districts, 23 are organized as joint powers agreements, and several are organized under county government.

Watershed districts within the Twin Cities metropolitan area come under the guidance of both the Watershed District Act and the Metropolitan Water Management Act.

2 Metropolitan Area Counties: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

3 Minnesota State Statutes, Chapter 103B, Sections 103B.201 to 103B.255.

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# Capitol Region Watershed District wins Sustainable Saint Paul Award

*Arlington Pascal Stormwater Improvement Project is example of environmental stewardship*

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and the City Council presented the city's first round of *Sustainable St. Paul* awards to honor efforts to protect and restore the environment in St. Paul. The awards pay tribute to businesses and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental stewardship. Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) won for cooperative conservation efforts to fund and construct stormwater facilities as part of the Arlington Pascal Stormwater Improvement Project in a subwatershed near Como Lake.

Older municipalities in metropolitan areas like the cities within the CRWD have very few stormwater management facilities to provide water quality treatment. Como Lake and its neighborhood are significantly impacted through runoff from city streets during rain events and snowmelt. Stormwater is the only water source for the lake and carries along with it anything in the street: sand, salt, yard waste, and pesticides are pollutants that enter the lake via storm drains in the watershed. Yard waste and fertilizer in particular are phosphorus nutrient sources that allow algae to proliferate. As part of the Arlington Pascal Stormwater Project, the cities of St. Paul, Roseville, and Falcon Heights; along with Ramsey County, partnered to address these issues.

Community needs to be addressed were:

- flooding problems in residential areas west of Como Lake, on Larpenteur Avenue, and on Midway Parkway; and
- the need for a reduction the amount of phosphorous and sediment entering Como Lake.

*St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and the City Council present the Capitol Region Watershed District with a Sustainable St. Paul Award in recognition for cooperative conservation efforts to fund and construct stormwater facilities as part of the Arlington Pascal Stormwater Improvement Project in a subwatershed near Como Lake.*



**Mayor Chris Coleman, CRWD Manager Bob Piram, Councilmember Jay Benanav, CRWD Manager Marylyn Deneen, CRWD Administrator Mark Doneux, CRWD Manager Seitu Jones, Bob Fossum and CRWD Manager Joe Collins**

These goals are accomplished through a six-year implementation plan of innovative solutions:

- a flood reduction system;
- eight rainwater gardens;
- eight infiltration trenches;
- an underground stormwater storage facility; and
- the development of a regional stormwater pond in Como Park.

The Arlington Pascal project met both flooding and phosphorus reduction goals, and also shows that water quality improvement and volume reduction can be achieved even in densely developed areas in conjunction with redevelopment and street reconstruction occur, which saves project implementation costs.

The project also offered a unique opportunity to work on parkland to improve water quality while making park-related improvements. The Arlington Hamline Underground

Storage Facility reduces flooding, and the construction area was restored to its original condition continues to be used for park purposes since the completion of the project. The 2007 redesign of Como Park Regional Pond will result in improved water quality and reduced flooding at a popular park that receives more than 2 million visitors annually.

The partnership and cost share funding goals for this project were also met. The project is the culmination of five years of planning and implementation to in part achieve the goals of the CRWD's Watershed Plan. "I want to thank all the partner cities and the staff at St. Paul Public Works as well as Parks and Recreation; we could not have completed the project without their help," said CRWD Administrator Mark Doneux.

For more information, visit Capitol Region Watershed District on the web at <http://www.capitolregionwd.org>. 9



# 2007 Legislative Session Report

by Ray Bohn

## MAWD Legislative Update June 15, 2007

The 2007 Legislative Session ended on time with the legislature completing its work on all the pending major bills. Unfortunately, the Omnibus Tax Bill was vetoed by the governor and appears to have the most impact on local governments missing out on their increased local government aids. Pressure appears to be mounting every day for a one-day special session to resolve the tax bill, and maybe a smaller version of the bonding bill.

Watershed districts fared fairly well in what could have been a watershed (pardon the pun) year for us. The Legislative Auditor's report had several hearings, but the legislature judiciously picked and chose their own approach to watershed management in Minnesota with what I believe was a strong endorsement of the state and local partnership approach.

Some language was passed to deal with accountability issues raised by the audit, but not to the degree that does damage to our relationship with the state. In addition, BWSR received some additional staff that will help resolve some of the issues pointed out in the audit. We hope to work with BWSR this summer to give our input on the needs of watershed districts, and how we can work with BWSR and the legislature to be more responsive to their needs. One of the basic tenets we pushed this session is that in order for our water management system to work in Minnesota there must be a true partnership in the approach.

The one issue not resolved was the constitutional amendment for dedicated funding for clean water, outdoor heritage, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage. This bill, while conferred and reported out, did not get to final passage in either body before adjournment.

With the veto of the bonding bill there is no new money for RIM/WRP for

the coming year. \$8 million was in the vetoed bill.

Below is a breakout of the funding from the Environment & Natural Resources Finance bill signed into law by the governor.

SF 2096 Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Conference Report .... As passed by both bodies on May 4, 2007

### Policy Language passed:

- a. BWSR can reduce, withhold, or redirect grants and other funding if the local water management entity has not corrected deficiencies ... adopts findings on the need and importance of having a process to monitor the performance of local water management entities.
- b. WD Managers & SWCD supervisors designated as "public officials"
- c. 60-Day approval conditions clarifications
- d. BWSR given authority to issue administrative penalty orders.
- e. Requires BWSR to regularly evaluate performance, financial and activity info for each local water management entity & post the info on web site and report to the House and Senate environment committees.
- f. Credit card use authorized for watershed districts.
- g. Agreed upon drainage provisions from DWG.
- h. WCA provisions.
  1. AG provisions amended ... supported by Ag groups.
  2. New de minimis provisions for 5,000 & 2,000 Square feet apply to only 11 county Metro area.
- i. Allows BWSR to defer decisions on watershed district termination for up to one year to conduct an evaluation and communicate with petitioners and affected local governments.

**Legislative update continued**

**Dedicated Funding Legislation**

Conference committee report was referred back to both bodies for action but time ran out and it was never voted on. Committee report included the following. Look for this to pass very quickly after session begins next year, or even as part of a special session package.

- a. 33% for clean water
- b. 33% for outdoor heritage fund
- c. 14.25% parks and trails fund
- d. 19.75 % for the arts and cultural heritage fund

**To be included in the MAWD e-net send your email address to [raybohnmg@aol.com](mailto:raybohnmg@aol.com).**

Legislative updates will be sent periodically throughout the session and links to specific legislation will also be posted on the MAWD web page at [www.mnwatershed.org](http://www.mnwatershed.org)

**Clean Water Legacy Funding:**

	<b>FY08</b>	<b>FY09</b>	
PCA	\$31.0 mil		(one time funding)
BWSR	\$14.2		(one time funding)
DNR	\$4.5 mil		(one time funding)
Ag	\$1.5 mil		(one time funding)
Red River Mediation	\$310,000	\$310,000	
Red River Ring Dikes	\$200,000	\$200,000	
BWSR Budget Block Grants			
	\$4.1 mil	\$4.1 mil	
Red River Basin Commission			
	\$100,000	\$100,000	
WCA	\$1.12	\$1.06 mil	- Total
	\$500,000	\$500,000	- Staff oversight/tech assistance
	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	- Monitor/Enforce wetland replacement & wetland bank sites
	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	- Rulemaking
	\$250,000	\$250,000	- Grants to LGUs in Il county metro
	\$250,000	\$250,000	- Support DNR Enforcement activities
Drainage Work Group updates			
	\$450,000	\$800,000	Total
	\$300,000	\$300,000	- Staff drainage ass't team & update MN Drainage Manual
	\$150,000		- Develop guidelines for drainage records preservation & modernization
		\$500,000	- Cost share of drainage records modernization
RIM Clean Energy	\$700,000		

# Board of Water & Soil Resources establishes Cedar River Watershed District

The Board of Water and Soil Resources voted during its April 25 meeting to establish the Cedar River Watershed District. The watershed district is located in parts of Dodge, Freeborn, Mower and Steele counties.

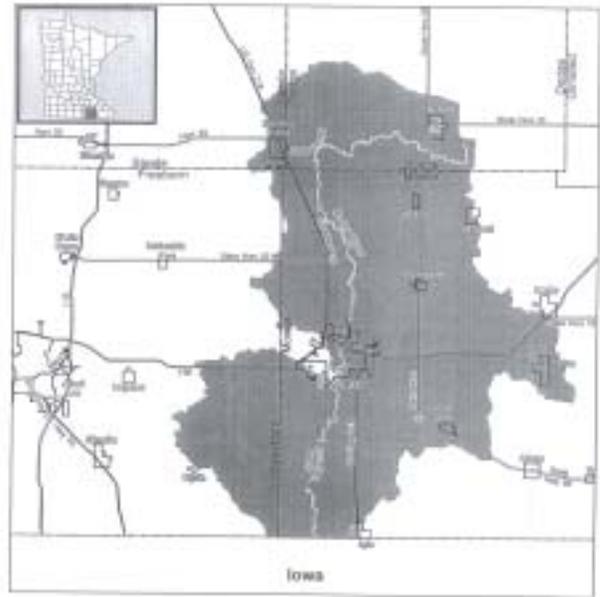
The district was established in response to a petition filed by the Mower County Board of Commissioners on November 30, 2006. Local officials sought to establish a watershed district due to an increase in damaging floods, and to improve water quality on the impaired Cedar River. Flooding in the area has caused significant damage in 2004, 2000, 1993 and twice in 1978. The 2004 flood resulted in the loss of two lives and more than \$17 million in property losses. Cedar River exceeds state health standards for fecal coliform and total suspended solids.

A public hearing was held on January 10, 2007 in Austin. Organizations that voiced their support for establishing the watershed district included Mower County, the Mower Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Austin. Little opposition was expressed at the hearing. After the public hearing, a committee of the Board of Water and Soil Resources recommended that the watershed district be established to benefit the public welfare and public interest.

Watershed districts are local units of government that work to solve and prevent water-related problems. The boundaries of the districts follow those of a natural watershed (an area in which all water drains to one point), and the districts are usually named after that watershed.

The board of managers for the first year of operation of the Cedar River Watershed District was appointed by the Board of Water and Soil Resources from a list submitted with the citizen petition. After the first year, the various County Boards of Commissioners will make manager appointments. The Board selected Al Kording from Dodge County, Steve Kraushaar from Freeborn County, Jim Gebhardt from Mower County, Al Layman from Mower County, Harlen Peck from Mower County, Dan Regner from Mower County and Mike Jones from Steele County to serve as the first board of managers.

“This group of local residents have a lot of important responsibilities,” said BWSR Chair Randy Kramer. “They also have diverse backgrounds – some from rural areas and some from the district’s larger cities. That will be an



Cedar River Watershed District boundaries

asset as they work toward solving complex issues involving water quality and flooding.”

The district’s board of managers will immediately appoint a citizen advisory committee to assist in identifying the water resource issues within the district, developing a watershed management plan to address water resource issues, and instituting a levy for next year.

For more information about the Cedar River Watershed District, contact Jim Haertel of BWSR at 651-297-2906 or Bev Nordby of the Mower Soil and Water Conservation District at 507-434-2603.

**Watershed Districts are special purpose units of local government whose boundaries follow those of a natural watershed (an area of land in which all water flows to one outlet).**

**All other government units, such as states, counties and cities have political boundaries. Water, however, knows not political boundaries and instead goes where it wants to, when it wants to.**

## Annual Meeting & Trade Show

**November 30 - December 2, 2006**

Arrowwood Conference Center, Alexandria, MN

Annual Meeting & Trade Show attendees were offered twelve training seminars, two technical sessions and over 50 Trade Show booths featuring resources for watershed districts and organizations involved in water management. Over 400 watershed district managers, staff and key partners attended the Annual Meeting in 2006 on the first weekend in December. In addition to the Annual Meeting seminars, three pre-conference seminars were offered on Thursday. They included a drainage workshop, a watershed district administrators seminar, and a new manager orientation workshop with over 100 total participants for the day.

In addition, MAWD awards were presented for outstanding watershed district programs and projects.

For information on MAWD visit [www.mnwatershed.org](http://www.mnwatershed.org).

## Summer Tour - June 29 - 30, 2007

Hosted by Ramsey Washington Metro  
Watershed District

The last weekend of each June a watershed district hosts a presentation and tour of the programs and projects for statewide watershed district managers, staff, key partners, and local and state policy makers.

On Friday, June 29th the Ramsey Washington Metro WD hosted the 2007 Tour which included lakeshore restoration, water quality improvement, rain gardens, swamp management, and road drainageway projects. In addition, there were green roof and several other management practices at the office site in Little Canada.

Saturday morning seminars were also conducted on implementing key messages for watershed districts, lesson learned from the termination of the South Two Rivers WD, and new developments in TMDL programs.

The 2008 Summer Tour is in the Bois de Sioux WD in the Wheaton, MN area. MAWD alternates tours between the three MAWD regions in the state.

For more information on the Ramsey Washington Metro WD visit [www.rwmwd.org/](http://www.rwmwd.org/).

## MAWD Annual Events

**Training & Education are important parts of MAWD annual events.**

### Legislative Breakfast & Day at the Capitol - March 14 - 15, 2007



Watershed Districts from across the state displayed their activities in the North corridor of the Sate Capitol outside the environment Committee hearing room during the Legislative breakfast and Day at the Capitol.

Watershed managers and staff gathered for a legislative briefing on Wednesday evening and spent Thursday visiting with legislators and educating them on the processes of clean water, flood damage reduction, drainage and wetland restoration.

# 2006 MAWD Program of the Year Award Winner

## Watershed District Rules Capitol Region Watershed District

The purpose of this program was to develop and adopt science-based watershed district rules that would improve water quality, be reasonable to implement, and would collaborate with the adjacent watershed district and stakeholders.

The District initiated the rulemaking process on January 5, 2005 and adopted a workplan and schedule that would conclude with rule adoption at the end of 2005.

The District's goal is to achieve a decrease in rate and volume of flow, as well as a 60% reduction in phosphorus loads.



Capitol Region winners left to right Mark Doneux, Administrator, Bob Fossum, Staff, Bob Piram, Board President, John Mason, staff, Shirley Reider, Co-Chair, Citizen's Advisory Committee and Sarah Roley, staff.

Success was measured by:

- A 1" volume reduction standard
- Rules that apply to road authorities and redevelopment projects
- Rules developed with Joint TAC and stakeholder input
- Providing an alternative compliance process

- Including a storm water impact fund for sites unable to achieve compliance.
- Rules are virtually identical across two east metro watershed districts.

Congratulations to the Capitol Region Watershed District, the 2006 Program of the Year Award winner.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Board of Directors asked for nominations for the MAWD Awards Program to recognize watershed districts throughout Minnesota for their achievements. This awards program gives special recognition to those watershed districts that deserve an extra pat on the back for a job well done.

The program has two award categories. They are: **Capital Improvement Project of the Year** and

**Watershed Program of the Year**. One award is given in each category. The MAWD Awards committee, chaired by Jan Voit, Heron Lake WD selected and the board ratified the 2006 MAWD award winners.

# 2006 MAWD Project of the Year Award Winner

## Whisky Creek Tributaries Water Resource Management – Buffalo-Red River WD

Using a comprehensive approach through the Mediation PT process, a project was designed that provides both flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancements.

Initially, landowners wanted to petition for laterals to Clay County Ditch 34. The BRRWD was able to use the mediation process to design a multi-faceted project that the downstream landowners supported.

With the historic overtopping of the county road (CSAH No. 52), the BRRWD felt it was only a matter of time

before someone was seriously injured by driving through water over the road.

The project's goals included flood damage reduction, drainage system maintenance, water quality improvements, controlling erosion and sedimentation, habitat restoration, intergovernmental relationships, and an educational component that involves the Barnesville High School River Watch students and water quality monitoring.

Congratulations to the Buffalo-Red River Watershed District, the 2006 Project of the Year Award winner.



Buffalo-Red River Watershed District managers Roger Ellefson and Curtis Nelson (front) and manager John Hanson and administrator Bruce Albright receive the Project of the Year at the MAWD Annual Meeting banquet.



### Governor's MnGREAT Awards

*Minnesota Government Reaching Environmental Achievements Together*

Preventing pollution at the source has become a proven way to protect Minnesota's environment while promoting our economic health. The Governor's MnGREAT Awards recognize environmental achievements by government employees. The program focuses on the prevention of waste and pollution, the reduction of waste at its source, and resource conservation.

## Winners of Governor's Minnesota Great Award!

### **Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District: "Green" Office Facility**

Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District needed a new building. The watershed district led by example and built a facility that not only has a minimal ecological impact but is also a leader by incorporating several green building designs. The building has natural lighting and ventilation, recycled materials, efficient mechanical systems, and local and sustainable materials were used in construction.

One of the most innovative aspects of the site is its infiltration-based stormwater management system that uses native plants, rainwater gardens, a green roof, and a porous-asphalt parking lot. This system prevents stormwater runoff from discharging to nearby bodies of water, and uses it to irrigate the native plants on the site instead.

The new facility increases water quality in the area, conserves energy and water, and incorporates recycled products into the building all while maintaining economic efficiency.



### **Heron Lake Watershed District's *WATER* program (Watershed Assistance Through Education and Resources)**

Heron Lake Watershed District's *WATER* program (Watershed Assistance Through Education and Resources) focuses on five goals: Increase public awareness of water quality issues; reduce non-point and point-source pollution; improve water quantity management within the watershed; monitor lake water quality; improve habitat for wildlife species. These goals have helped increase water quality in the area. A comparison of 1992 results to 2005 results shows that phosphorous concentrations have decreased 61 percent, and suspended solids have decreased by 17 percent from the two inlets to Heron Lake. Through water quality sampling, volunteer monitoring, and a hydrology study, water quality continues to be evaluated.



**L to R: Chris Bauer, Jan Voit, Don Shelby, WCCO, MPCA Commissioner Brad Moore, Kelli Daberkow, and Melanie Luinenburg. Not pictured: Ross Behrends.**

## Heiberg Dam repair dedication included release of sturgeon

A ceremony to mark the renovation of the Heiberg Dam on the Wild Rice River was held in June at the recently repaired and reconstructed ice control dam site, located just north of Twin Valley on State Highway 32, Norman County, in the Wild Rice Watershed District.

Along with restoring the ice control project and the river channel damaged by the major rainfall events and flooding in 2002, the project now provides fish passage on the Wild Rice River. The dam repair project restores a stretch of river rapids, creating fish habitat and allowing sturgeon being stocked in White Earth Lake to migrate back to the Red River, increasing the odds of re-establishing the species to the watershed.

Several state, federal and tribal dignitaries attended the celebration, which included the ceremonial release of 160 lake sturgeon. The fingerlings were hatched by the Rainy River First Nation hatchery in Canada, and it was a ceremonial release of 160 sturgeon fingerlings was part of the Heiberg dam dedication. It was noted the fish are a genetic match to the fish that originally spawned in the Wild Rice River. Sixty thousand of the fish have been restocked in the upstream lakes. The ceremonial release took place at the new boat landing just downstream of the dam.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency was also a major partner in the repair, providing two-thirds of the funding required for the \$1.1 million Heiberg Dam repair project.



Henry Drewes of the DNR presents a Conservation Partnership Award to Warren Seykora, Chairman of the Wild Rice Watershed District.

Jeff LeDoux of Houston Engineering and Watershed Administrator Steve Dalen release a sturgeon in the Wild Rice River.



The Heiberg Dam was originally constructed in 1895. Its original purpose was to generate power for a nearby flour mill. The original dam was destroyed in 1960. The ice control dam was a petitioned project constructed by the Wild Rice Watershed District in 1977.

### Messaging Training Sessions

Watershed Districts face a constant struggle of educating their constituencies on complex programs and projects. To aid in the process, MAWD initiated a values Messaging Training seminar. Through active participation, attendees learned how to think in values-laden language, articulate their values to fend off hostile questions, and connect with different audiences by identifying their core values.

The training began in October with Metro and Greater Minnesota sessions and will conclude with a final session at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Ember Reichgott Junge, president of Ember Communications, Inc. is the seminar presenter.

The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts provides educational opportunities, information and training for watershed district managers and staff through annual tours, meetings.

## 2008 Calendar

**MAWD Legislative Breakfast**  
**March 12 - 13, 2008**

**MAWD Capitol Display**  
**March 11 - 14, 2008**

**MAWD Summer Tour**

**June 19-21, 2008**

**Hosted by Bois de Sioux  
Watershed District  
Wheaton area**

**MAWD Annual Meeting  
& Trade Show  
December 4 - 6, 2008**

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts  
Revenues and Expenditures  
November 1, 2006 - October 31, 2007

	Actual 11/1/2006 to 10/25/07
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Dues	\$ 86,861
Associate Member Dues	
Interest	4,482
Annual Meeting	18,163
Summer Tour	15,478
Legislative Breakfast	3,339
Trade Show Fees	12,708
ADA Training	1,465
Drainage Seminar	2,200
New Managers Training	1,775
Membership Service Training	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>146,471</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Administration & Lobbying	65,000
Lobbyist, Admin Expenses	3,839
Printing	
Supplies & Equipment	265
Newsletter/Communications	-
Directors/Committee PerDiem/Expenses	19,228
Directors Meeting Expenses	1,142
Payroll Taxes	952
Legal Fees	12,782
Accounting Fees	4,073
Watershed District Handbook	-
Liability Insurance	2,324
Contingency	-
Website & Internet	950
ADA Seminar Expenses	3,221
Trade Show Expenses	7,304
Annual Meeting Expenses	14,335
Summer Tour Expenses	15,273
Summer Tour Stipend	1,000
Legislative Breakfast Expenses	3,582
Membership services/Training	7,546
Drainage Seminar Expenses	649
New Managers Training Expenses	759
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>164,224</b>
<b>REVENUE MOR THAN(LESS THAN)</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(17,753)</b>
<b>YE 10/31/06__ BUDGET ACTIVITY:</b>	
Drainage Seminar Fees	(100)
Drainage Seminar Expenses	-
Trade Show Fees	(2,600)
Trade Show Expenses	(183)
	(2,883)
Subtotal	(20,636)
<b>BEGINNING FUND &amp; CASH BALANCES</b>	<b>102,803</b>
<b>ENDING FUND &amp; CASH BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 82,167</b>

# In honor of outstanding service

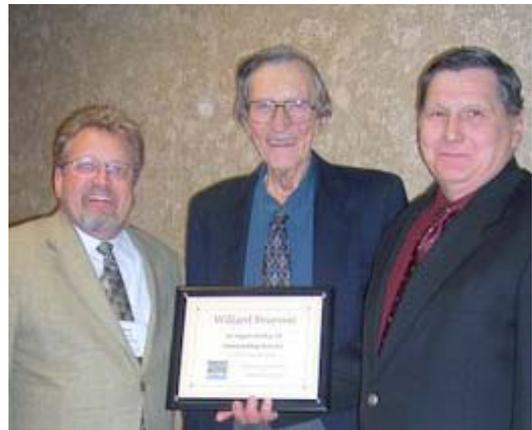
MAWD president Warren Seykora and MAWD administrator Ray Bohn honored several long-time watershed district managers at the 2006 Annual Meeting banquet.



**Andrew Cardinal served as a manager on the Rice Creek Watershed District board. His plaque of appreciation is presented by Warren Seykora, left, and Ray Bohn.**



**Don Craigmile is honored for his many years of service to Two Rivers Watershed District and as a member of the MAWD board of directors.**



**Willard Pearson is honored for his long service to MAWD - he is a charter member, a long-time MAWD board member and serves as a manager of the Lac que Parle Yellow Bank WD.**



**Ray Bohn, MAWD Administrator presents Harley Miller with a plaque in honor of his service in developing Shell Rock River Watershed District and his service on the Shell Rock board.**



**Farrell Erickson received his certificate of appreciation for his service on the Roseau River Watershed District Board of Managers.**

## Flood Control Project Underway Construction Begins on Two Rivers ‘Ross #7’ Impoundment

By Dan Money  
Badger, MN

The Two Rivers Watershed District has started construction on a flood control project located 3 miles northeast of the City of Badger, MN. The project, known as the ‘Ross #7 Impoundment’, will completely control the runoff from Skunk Creek, which is an area 18.2 miles in size. The impoundment is designed to control all of the flow produced from a rainfall event that generates up to 4” of runoff.

Gladden Construction from Laporte, MN has been hired to do the work. The project will have downstream benefits mainly in Barto and Polonia Townships in Roseau County along lateral 1 of State Ditch #95. These benefits include reduction of overland flooding of cropland, reduced damages of roads, culverts, bridges and other infrastructure, and reduced erosion.

The project will have a total of 3,611 acre feet of storage built into it (one acre foot is equivalent to water that is one foot deep and covers 1 acre of land, or about 325,829 gallons). A gated outlet will allow the Two Rivers Watershed District to shut off the outflows when flood conditions are occurring or are about to occur at downstream locations. This will prevent any water from the upstream 18.2 square miles of Skunk Creek from contributing to flooding downstream on lateral 1 of State Ditch #95.

Some benefits will also be realized in other downstream areas such as Lake Bronson, Hallock, and the Red River of the North.

If favorable construction conditions prevail, it is expected the project can be substantially completed in 2007. Funding



**Work begins on the Ross #7 Impoundment which will completely control the runoff from Skunk Creek, which is an area 18.2 miles in size. The impoundment is designed to control all of the flow produced from a rainfall event that generates up to 4” of runoff.**

for the project is being provided 50% by the Minnesota Legislature, 32.5% by the Red River Watershed Management Board, and 17.5% by the Two Rivers Watershed District.

The project is the culmination of about 9 years of problem identification, project planning and design, public input, obtaining permits, and other facets of project coordination and development.

For more information on this project or any other projects or programs of the Two Rivers Watershed District, please call the office at 218-843-3333, email [Daniel.money@mn.nacdnet.net](mailto:Daniel.money@mn.nacdnet.net), or stop by the office located in the Kittson County Courthouse in Hallock, MN.

## Grand Marais Project - Red Lake Watershed District



One of the goals of this Grand Marais Watershed Project was to restore as much as of 1000 acres of wetlands.

The Euclid East Impoundment is located in Belgium Township and Euclid Township. This Impound covers approximately 540 acres, has a drainage area of 17.1 square miles and total storage of 2,443 acre-ft. The embankment was constructed to the elevation of 908 ft. and is approximately 12 feet above natural ground at it’s highest point. There are about 333,000 cubic yards of common borrow and 143,000 cubic yards of common borrow that were required to build this Impoundment.

# Pelican River chosen DNR Watershed District of the Year

Historically, the Pelican River Watershed District has been a forward-looking district primarily concerned with water quality issues. They have continued to progress and intensify their activities in this realm. They have 1.5 professional staff positions and integrate college students in the summer to implement many of their research and data acquisition programs.

Some of their accomplishments are:

- ◆ First district to identify protection and enhancement of water quality as their major objective.
- ◆ First district to study the role of septic tanks on the pollution of lakes.
- ◆ First district to evaluate the effects of weed cutting on nutrient budgets of a lake.
- ◆ First district to assess properties on the basis of recreational benefits.
- ◆ Sponsored the first statewide conference dealing with lake eutrophication.
- ◆ Reduced phosphorous discharge from St. Clair Lake to the Pelican River upstream of Lake Sallie.
- ◆ Integrates drainage rights with water quality enhancements.
- ◆ Maintains intensive lake and stream water quality and quantity data monitoring programs established in 1990.
- ◆ Continued research of nutrient impacts to area lakes and streams.
- ◆ Manages 8 lakes according to individual lake management plans developed by the district.
- ◆ Supports local water education programs for schools, local governments lake associations, and the public.
- ◆ Co-sponsor of a cooperative, major water quality study to identify and reduce phosphorous loadings upstream of Detroit Lake. Termed the Upper Pelican River Watershed Project, partners include the NRCS, Becker County SWCD, City of Detroit Lakes, PCA, University of MN, and the DNR. The project is directed towards a County Ditch system/alterd natural stream that provides minimal agricultural benefits, but supplies substantial phosphorous loads to Detroit Lake. The side benefits will include substantial wildlife habitat improvement and stream restoration along the ditch system.



**Left to Right: Manager Janice Haggart, Mel Sinn-DNR Waters Section Administrator, Manager Ginny Imholte, Administrator Tera Guetter, Manager Dennis Kral, Manager Dave Brainard, Manager Bob Mullikin**

- ◆ Developing and implementing phosphorous, sediment and erosion reduction strategies for a county ditch/alterd natural stream upstream of Floyd Lake. Partners include the Becker SWCD and NRCS.
- ◆ Implementation of stormwater runoff reduction within the City of Detroit Lakes. This is an ongoing program combining structural and regulatory options. They have installed storm-water ponds within the City and require permits for construction activities, which contribute runoff. Best management practices are required for all projects.
- ◆ Actively engaged in Shoreland Management Act activities. Some of the activities they participate in are:
  - ◆ Partners with LUGs and DNR in management decisions.
  - ◆ Participates on the Becker County Predevelopment and Environmental Review Committees.
  - ◆ Member of the Becker County Ordinance Revision Committee.

Congratulations on being selected as the Department of Natural Resource's Watershed District of the Year – 2006!

# Watershed Districts on the move

## Watershed District Address Changes:

### **Middle Fork Crow River**

174 Lake Avenue North PO 8  
Spicer, MN 56288  
Phone: 320-796-0888

### **Red Lake**

1000 Pennington Avenue South  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701  
Phone: 218-681-5800

### **Cedar River**

1408 - 21st Avenue NW, Suite 2  
Austin, MN 5591  
Phone: 507-434-2603

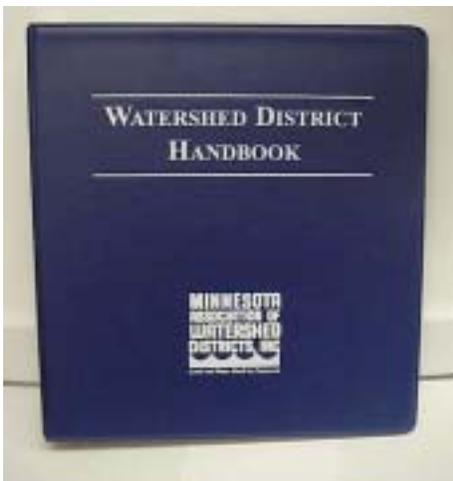
### **Okabena-Ocheda**

Nobles County Public Works Building  
960 Diagonal Road PO Box 114  
Worthington, MN 56187  
Phone: 507-372-8228



**Congratulations to the Red Lake Watershed District on this new building in Thief River Falls.**

## Watershed District Handbook



The Watershed District Handbook is available to all watershed districts free of charge. Please call the MAWD office at 651-452-8506 or email [raybohnmg@aol.com](mailto:raybohnmg@aol.com).

The Handbook is available on CD or on the MAWD website at [www.mnwatershed.org](http://www.mnwatershed.org).



## Watershed District News & Notes

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### Watershed District Anniversaries

**Congratulations!**

**40 Years!**

**Pelican River  
and  
Minnehaha Creek**

## MAWD 2008 Calendar of Events

- **Legislative Breakfast - March 12 - 13**
- **Summer Tour - June 19 - 21**  
Hosted by Bois de Sioux Watershed District
- **Annual Meeting - Dec. 4 - Dec. 6**

Watershed district map - use map from annual meeting booklet



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