

REGULAR MEETING of the BOARD OF MANAGERS
Thursday May 7, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.
RRWD OFFICE 714 6th Street SW, ROSEAU MINNESOTA



Agenda

❖ **CALL TO ORDER:**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve agenda: _____

❖ **CONSENT AGENDA:** _____

- April 16, 2026 regular board meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Review and approve manager and employee expense vouchers

❖ **DELEGATION:**

- **10:00:** Derrick Byfuglien & Scott Hetteen, Byfuglien Trucking lot discussion _____

❖ **OLD BUSINESS:** _____

- Duxby Levee discussion _____

❖ **NEW BUSINESS:** _____

❖ **PROJECTS:**

- Big Swamp North: _____
- Hay Creek: _____
- Roseau Lake: _____
 - Funding _____
 - Construction _____
 - Set final hearings for Phases 1 & 2: _____
 - Payment Application approval _____
 - Spruce Valley: Pay App #3 -- \$246,654.29 _____

❖ **REPORTS:**

- RRWMB: _____
- Technician: _____
- Administrator: _____

❖ **OTHER ITEMS:** _____

❖ **NEXT MEETING DATE:** June 4, 2026 @ 8:00 a.m.

❖ **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** _____ Time: _____

❖ **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- May 25th – Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- June 19th – Office Closed in observance of Juneteenth
- July 2nd – Board meeting
- July 3rd – Office closed in observance of the Fourth of July
- August 25th & 26th – MN Watersheds Summer Tour – Detroit Lakes

**MINUTES OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS
MEETING HELD APRIL 16, 2026**

ORDER: Vice - Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MANAGERS PRESENT: Laverne Voll, Jason Braaten, James Johnson, and Cody Schmalz

MANAGERS ABSENT: Carter Diesen

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Halstensgard, Technician Broten, and Assistant Wensloff

CONSULTING STAFF PRESENT: Nate Dalager and Torin McCormack, HDR Engineering; Michelle Moren, Attorney; Erik Jones, Houston Engineering (via Teams)

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrick Byfuglien & Derian Byfuglien, Byfuglien Trucking; Matt Magnusson, landowner; the following were also present via Teams from the Army Corp of Engineers: Robert Mangaudis, Erica Wittine, and Christine Riley.

AGENDA: A **motion** to approve the agenda with the addition of *Lost River: Scope of Work* under Projects, was made by Manager Voll. Manager Braaten seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA: A **motion** to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Manager Voll and seconded by Manager Schmalz. The motion carried unanimously. Adoption of the Consent Agenda included:

- March 12, 2026, regular meeting minutes as presented
- Treasurer's Report with an additional bill for Moren Law Office in the amount of \$1,410.00
- Permits 2026-004 & 2026-005
- Manager and employee expense vouchers as read by Manager Braaten

DELEGATE: Bob Mangaudis, USACE, (via Teams) introduced himself to the board, He stated that his office received a call from a local resident questioning whether they had abandoned the Duxby Levee. He answered no and explained that it is a federally authorized project, and the Corps will continue to monitor and inspect until congress deauthorizes it. He continued his explanation with the frequency in which they monitor and an in-depth inspection every five years to determine if there is any repair action needed. The last inspection was scheduled for 2025, but he stated that the funding was not received so it has been delayed. Some funding is now available, so the plan is to inspect the levee this summer if funding is available. Administrator Halstensgard suggested meeting this summer to talk about the joint effort monitoring the levee. There is a potential August date for the next inspection. Technician Broten noted that he did repair on a few culverts.

Derrick Byfuglien of Byfuglien Trucking was a delegate for the meeting. The topic was the approximate 25-foot encroachment by Byfuglien Trucking on the Right of Way (RoW) on the West Intercept ditch. Byfuglien Trucking hired R & Q Trucking to do the construction of the trailer parking lot. R & Q worked with Houston Engineering on a grading plan which shows the encroachment.

Administrator Halstensgard pointed out the concern for the integrity of the embankment system of the ditch. She noted the boundary, the buffer and buffer maintenance. Erik Jones (via Teams) presented mapping and noted the visible encroachment. He continued with an explanation of how the drainage system works for the parking lot. Administrator Halstensgard said the West Intercept ditch plan needs to be revisited to have a conversation with R & Q Trucking to explain their process and materials used, notably for the slope stability. The board requested Scott Hetteen attend the May meeting along with the Byfugliens. Manager Braaten made a **motion** for Erik Jones to draft a tech memo. Manager Voll seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Manager Voll made a **motion** to approve the updated Marco Adobe Acrobat contract with Manager Braaten seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Manager Braaten made a **motion** to pay the 2026 taxes in full for the amount of \$13,137.70. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES:

Big Swamp North -

Administrator Halstensgard gave an update on the Juneberry Project Team, stating that at the most recent meeting it was voted that it would be the final project team meeting. The consultants will complete a summary of the activities, the project, and project outcomes.

The Big Swamp North Project Team originated from the Juneberry Project Team. Discussion followed on Ditch 72, located in the Two Rivers Watershed District.

Erik Jones reported that there was a meeting held with DNR; George Coulombe, surveyor, and staff; Ericka Halstensgard, Roseau County Highway Department (RCHD) about legal survey and identifying certain section corners. Erik filled in some information on the survey work to be completed this summer.

WD3 Lat 2 –

Administrator Halstensgard reported that HDR has been working on design plans and the attempt to meet with landowners. Since then, she noted some landowners are not wanting the project to move forward. She recommended that the advertisement for bids is paused until the Watershed documents landowner cooperation. Manager Voll made a **motion** to table the work on WD3 Lat 2. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion. Nate Dalager posed a question about a signed easement letter from the landowner. Administrator Halstensgard clarified that the letter was consent to do survey work. Motion carried unanimously.

Roseau Lake –

Administrator Halstensgard started the funding discussion noting various hearings on the 2026 LSOHC funding. We will not know more information until the session is over near the middle of May, which could also mean more testifying.

Landowner Matt Magnusson commented about water on his land that was not draining and asked questions which were curtailed by Attorney Moren with a reminder of pending litigation and no discussion should be held or questions answered by the RRWD on the subject.

Technician Broten presented drone footage of Roseau Lake and gave a short update on each picture and talked about the water levels in the basin.

Payment Application approvals -

Roseau River Watershed District

April 16, 2026

- Spruce Valley: 2.1 for \$460,993.20 – Manager Braaten made a **motion** to approve payment application 2.1. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Spruce Valley: 2.2 for \$467,115.00 – Manager Voll made a **motion** to approve payment application 2.2. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Lost River : Scope of Work – Administrator Halstensgard informed the board of the HDR proposal for the Lost River State Forest Peatland Restoration Modeling added to the packet. Torin McCormack explained what was done in the past and the opportunity to do things in the future with field data, monies, and how they would affect landowners. Discussion followed. Administrator Halstensgard noted a phone call from Daryl Dahl, RCHD, expressing interest in the potential project. Manager Braaten made a **motion** to move forward with the modeling of the project with the liability insurance adjusted from \$1M to \$1.5M. Manager Voll seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

RRWMB: Manager Braaten provided a written report and gave an update on the March conference held in Moorhead and said it was well attended.

Technician: Technician Broten included a written report and began with an update on wetland monitoring of the Big Swamp North (CD69) system and the need to purchase monitoring equipment for the project. The total cost would be \$7,549. After discussion on the type of equipment and funding for the purchase, Manager Voll made a **motion** to purchase the data loggers, barologger, and well equipment needed. Manager Schmalz seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Technician Broten stated that he and Manager Braaten met with landowner Douglas Erickson. The landowner reported a culvert issue in the CD 8 system and what he would like done about the issue.

He also included the updated Larson Helicopter Spray Rates 2026 in his report.

Administrator: Administrator Halstensgard provided a written report and also included the MN Watersheds Resolution packet with a 2027 legislative package. She stated that if there are any resolutions that the board would like to have added, they would need to be submitted by June 1st.

OTHER BUSINESS: Manager Braaten noted a conversation with landowner Ardmere Haugen and his concern with the trap on the culvert on his ring dike. It was noted that in the contract for the ring dike it states that the landowner bears responsibility for all future maintenance and repair. Mr. Haugen’s ring dike is approximately 25 years old. He was directed to the RCHD for potential cleaning of the ditch adjacent to the ring dike.

The next meeting will be held May 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. After a **motion** by Manager Voll and seconded by Manager Schmalz, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Voll, Secretary

Tracy Halstensgard, Administrator

April 2026 Treasurer's report

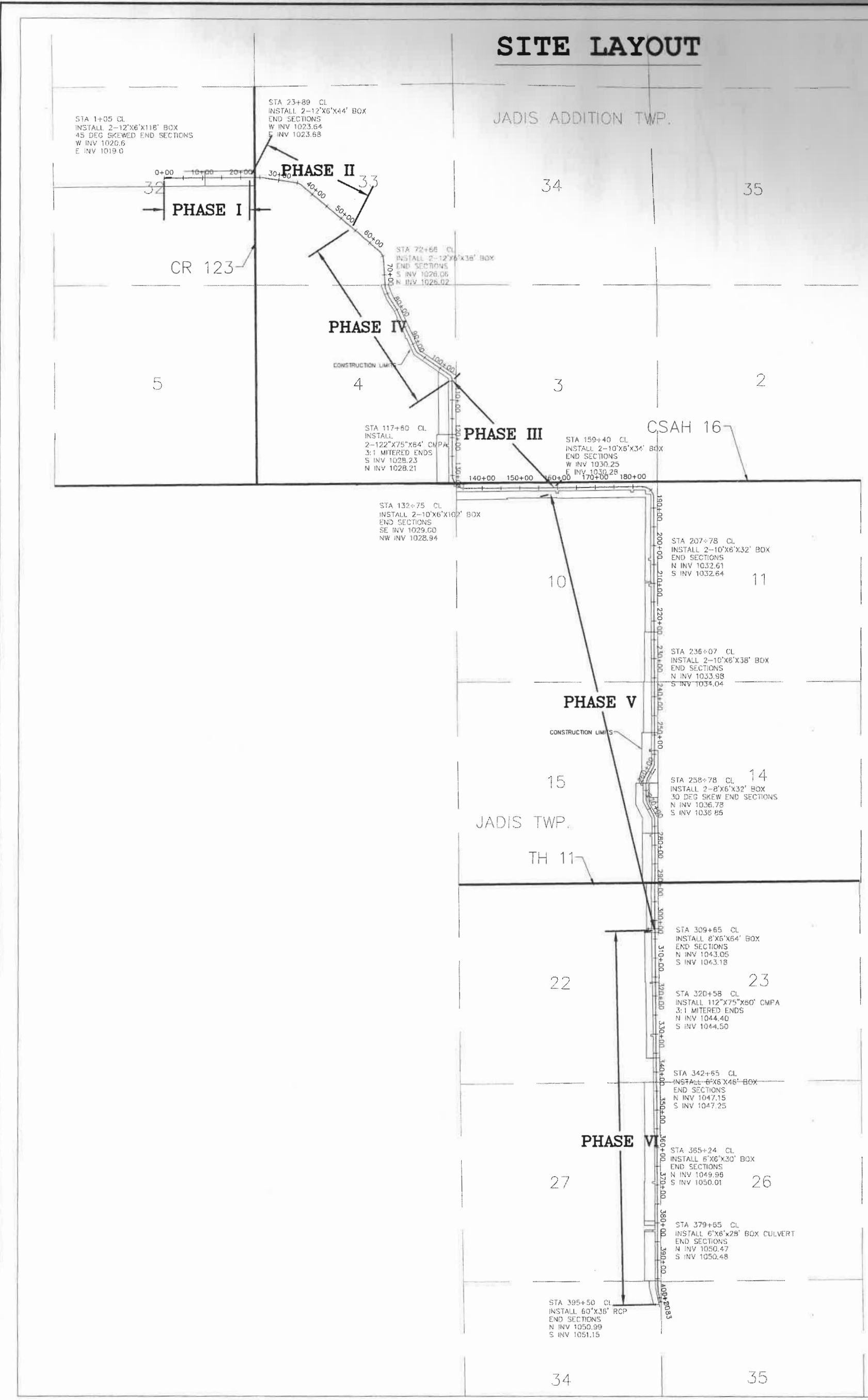
Checkbook Balance as of April 6, 2026	\$615,961.36
Receipts:	
Citizens State Bank -- interest 3-16-26	\$ 184.11
State of Minnesota -- Roseau Lake reimbursement; FHM grant	\$ 497,384.81
City of Warroad -- SD 5 outlet fee	\$ 1,800.00
Red River Watershed Management Board -- reimbursement request 10	\$ 123,426.57
Total:	\$ 622,795.49
Bills:	
Tracy Halstensgard -- Salary, Ins stipend & cell reimbursement	\$ 6,165.19
Blaine Broten -- Salary, Ins stipend & cell reimbursement	\$ 3,917.16
Tawni Wensloff -- wages	\$ 3,078.56
Jason Braaten -- Per Diem & mileage	\$ 419.76
Blaine Broten -- mileage reimbursement	\$ 79.02
Tracy Halstensgard -- mileage	\$ 505.82
James Johnson -- Per Diem & mileage	\$ 1,122.94
Cody Schmalz -- Per Diem & mileage	\$ 184.32
LaVerne Voll -- Per Diem & mileage	\$ 860.26
Elan Financial Services -- credit card	\$ 4,293.60
City Of Roseau -- utilities (pd ACH)	\$ 426.24
Jon Schauer -- 1099 correction	\$ 1,093.75
Marco Technologies -- contract	\$ 91.00
Marco -- copier contract	\$ 182.24
Patrick Moren Law Office -- Legal Fees	\$ 1,410.00
Roseau Electric Co-op -- Int/phone (pd ACH)	\$ 126.86
Verizon Wireless -- Trimble	\$ 40.01
Anderson Bros Construction -- SD 51 debris removal	\$ 26,070.00
North Pine Services -- snow removal	\$ 570.00
Northern Resources -- gas	\$ 58.67
Roseau County Ag Society -- Fair booth fee	\$ 150.00
Houston Engineering -- 80986, 81359 & 81357	\$ 25,482.60
Solinst Canada LTD -- monitoring equipment	\$ 7,612.96
Marco Technologies -- Adobe subscription	\$ 863.64
Spruce Valley Corporaion -- pay application 2.1	\$ 460,993.20
ESRI -- ArcGIS subscription	\$2,388.72
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200805223, 1200815469 & 1200805227	\$ 20,480.00
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200805224, 1200805230 & 1200805365	\$ 29,247.64
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200805226, 1200805229 & 1200805361	\$ 29,513.25
Roseau River International Watershed -- funding	\$ 2,500.00
Roseau County -- 2026 property taxes	\$ 13,137.70
Total:	\$643,065.11

May 2026 Treasurer's report

Checkbook Balance as of April 27, 2026	\$147,491.62
Receipts:	
Citizens State Bank -- interest	
Red River Watershed Management Board -- RRIW funding	\$ 2,500.00
Red River Watershed Management Board -- reimbursement request 11	\$ 155,458.12
Total:	\$ 157,958.12
Bills:	
Tracy Halstensgard -- Salary, Ins stipend & cell reimbursement	\$ 6,165.19
Blaine Broten -- Salary, Ins stipend & cell reimbursement	\$ 3,917.16
Tawni Wensloff -- wages	
Jason Braaten -- Per Diem & mileage	
Carter Diesen -- Per Diem & mileage	
Tracy Halstensgard -- mileage & reimbursement	
James Johnson -- Per Diem & mileage	
Cody Schmalz -- Per Diem & mileage	
LaVerne Voll -- Per Diem & mileage	
Elan Financial Services -- credit card	\$ 6,243.41
City Of Roseau -- utilities (pd ACH)	
Minnesota Energy Resources -- natural gas	
Marco Technologies -- contract (pd online)	\$ 95.55
Marco -- copier contract (pd online)	\$ 182.24
Patrick Moren Law Office -- Legal Fees	
Roseau Electric Co-op -- Int/phone (pd ACH)	\$ 126.86
Verizon Wireless -- Trimble	\$ 40.01
Roseau Times-Region -- meeting notice	\$ 30.60
Northern Resources -- gas	
North Pine Services -- snow removal	\$ 142.50
Houston Engineering -- River Restoration litigation	\$ 3,819.00
Houston Engineering -- Hay Creek Subwatershed	
Houston Engineering -- Misc. Survey	
Houston Engineering -- WD 3 Re-establishment legal survey	
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814153 Juneberry / Big Swamp North	\$ 18,642.50
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814154 WD 3 outlet	\$ 14,142.50
HDR Engineering -- Inv #WD3 Re-establishment	
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814151 Technical Assistance	\$ 8,253.06
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814155 CD 8 re-establishment	\$ 1,283.75
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814152 CD 8	\$ 285.00
HDR Engineering -- Inv # Spruce 35	
HDR Engineering -- Inv #1200814140 Roseau Lake	\$ 23,156.00
Total:	\$86,525.33

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SITE LAYOUT



ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
 WEST INTERCEPTOR
 SITE LAYOUT



JOR Engineering Inc.
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 Phone (320) 762-9740 Fax (320) 762-9741
 Phone (218) 281-7554 Fax (218) 281-7688

Date SURVEYED:
 DRAWN BY:DTM DATE: 3/18/05
 CHECKED BY:MAB DATE: 3/22/05
 JOB NO:WEST INTERCEPTOR
 FILE:SITE PLAN

DATE	REVISIONS	DESCRIPTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFIC OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.
 DATE: 4/6/05
 REG. NO. 42682

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1. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATION, SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

H. J. B. M. B. B.

REG. NO. 42

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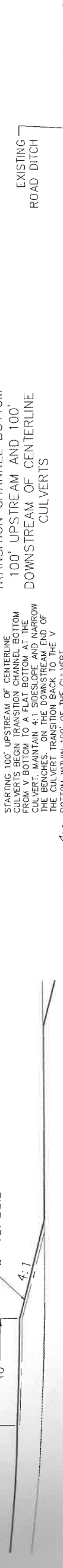
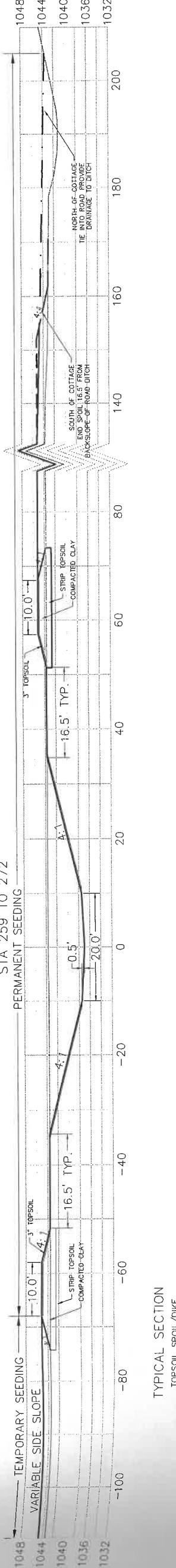
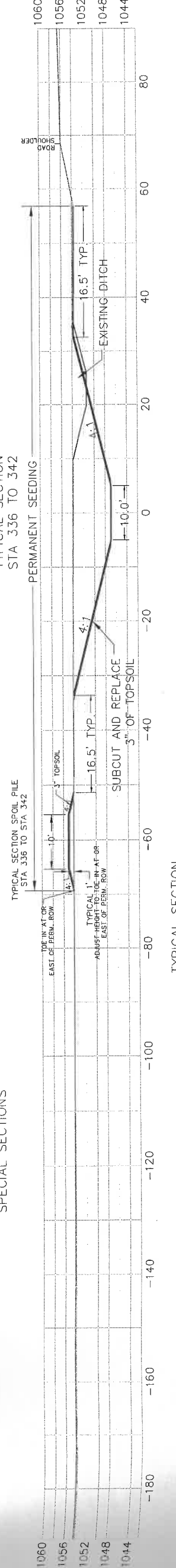
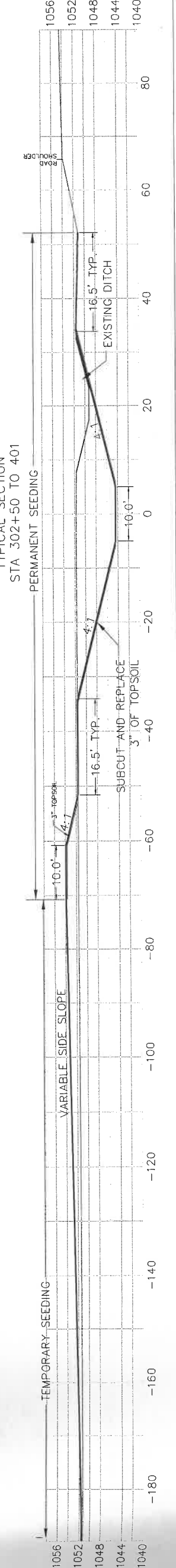
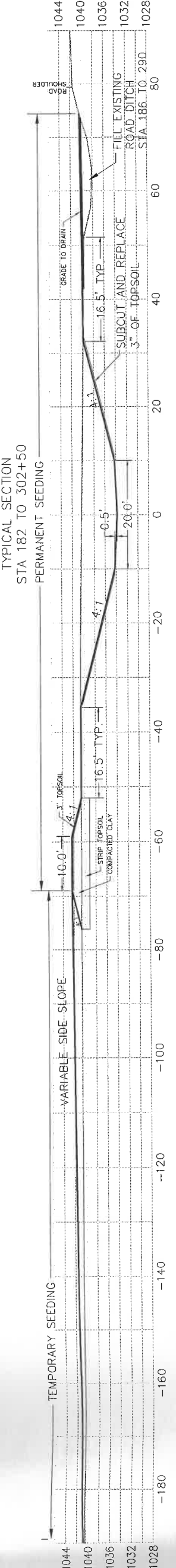
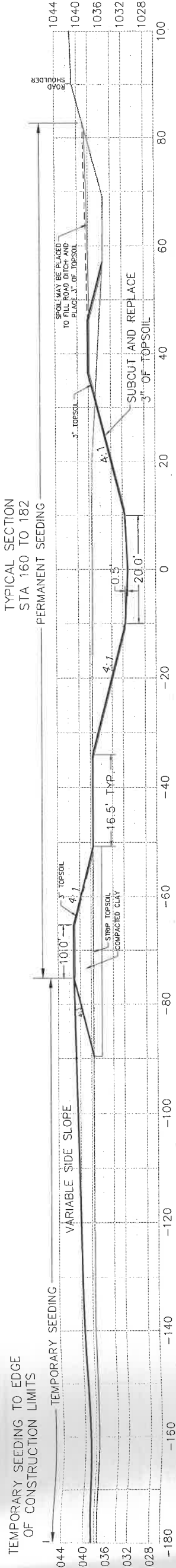
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RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
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TYPICAL SECTIONS



TEMPORARY SEEDING TO EDGE OF CONSTRUCTION LIMITS

TRANSITION CHANNEL BOTTOM 100' UPSTREAM AND 100' DOWNSTREAM OF CENTERLINE CULVERTS

STARTING 100' UPSTREAM OF CENTERLINE CULVERTS BEGIN TRANSITION CHANNEL BOTTOM FROM V BOTTOM TO A FLAT BOTTOM AT THE CULVERT. MAINTAIN 4:1 SIDESLOPE AND NARROW THE BENCHES. ON THE DOWNSTREAM END OF THE CULVERT TRANSITION BACK TO THE V BOTTOM WITHIN 100' OF THE CULVERT

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Badger Creek Project

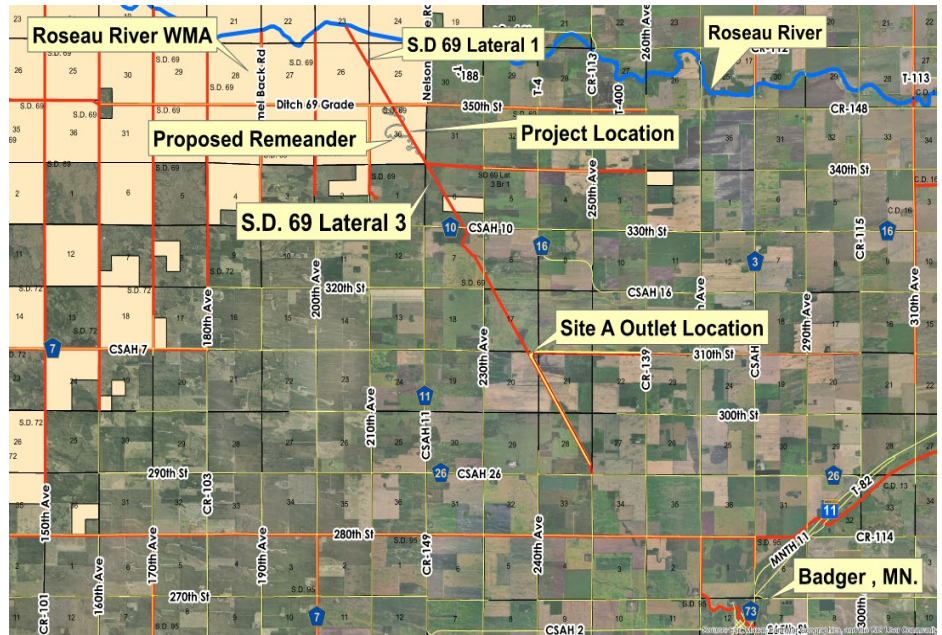


Location: The former Badger Creek was apparent for only 5 miles NW of City of Badger and was diverted away from the Roseau River and current State Ditch 20 and State Ditch 69.

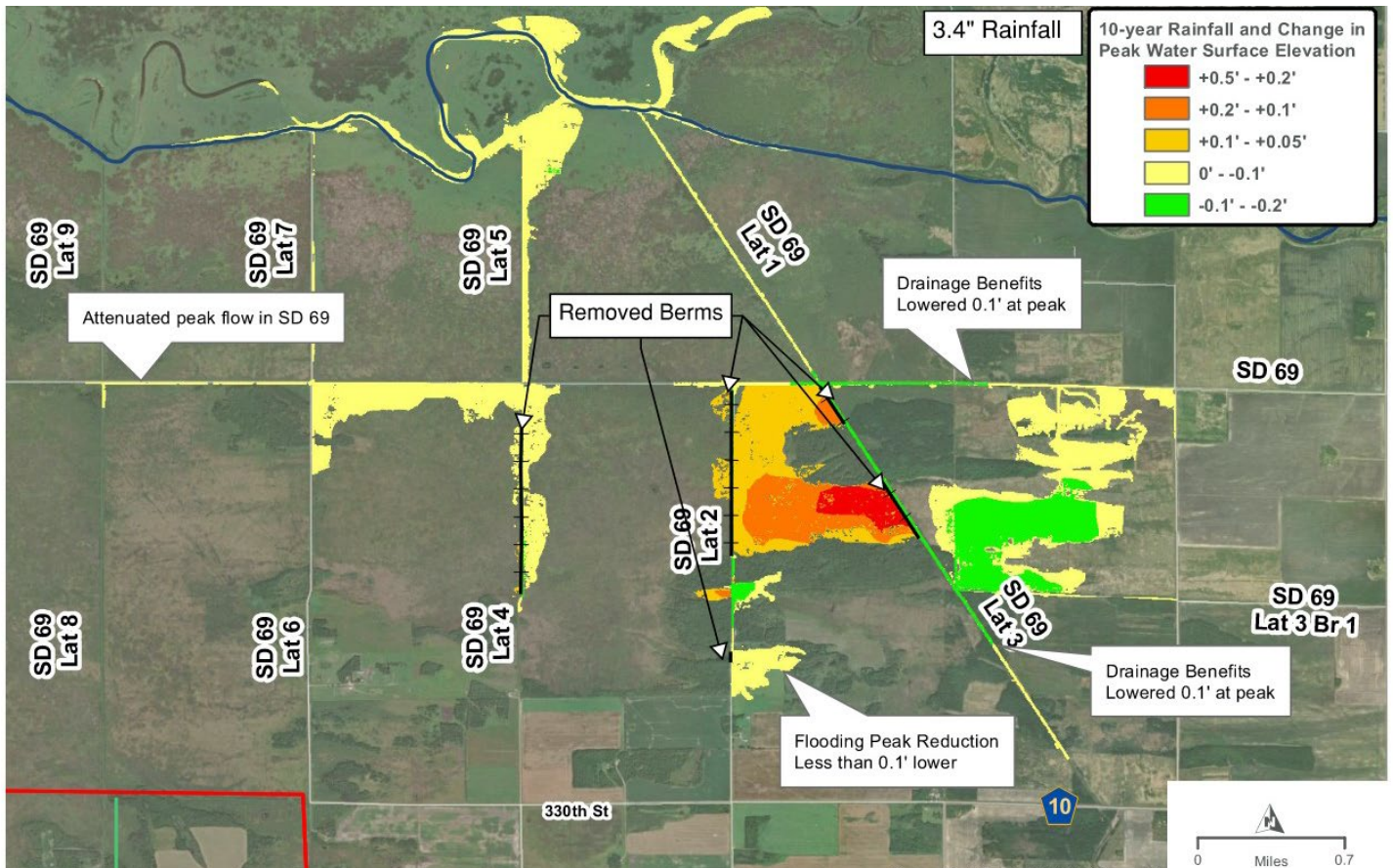
Purpose: To improve man-made ditch through natural stream design. Reconnect to the floodplain. Flood damage reduction and functional improvement for legal ditches.

Options: SD 69 Laterals 1 and 3 have limited drainage function unless the Roseau River is low. Current options are focused on public lands. This is part of the Big Swamp North project focused on peatland restoration and improving maintenance access along SD 69 Main.

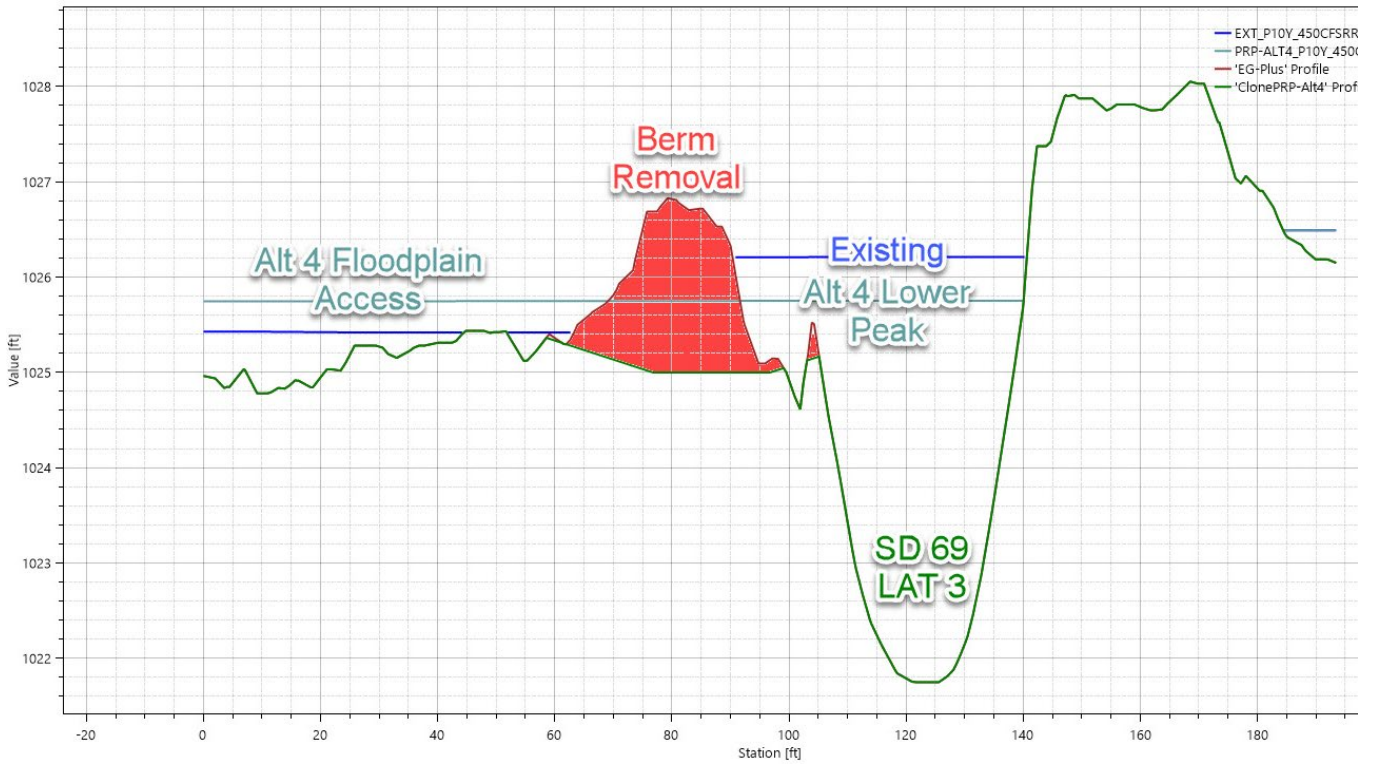
The Project location within Roseau River WMA differs from historical Badger Creek topography, which makes channel meandering a challenge. Two options are being considered as they may meet Project purpose.



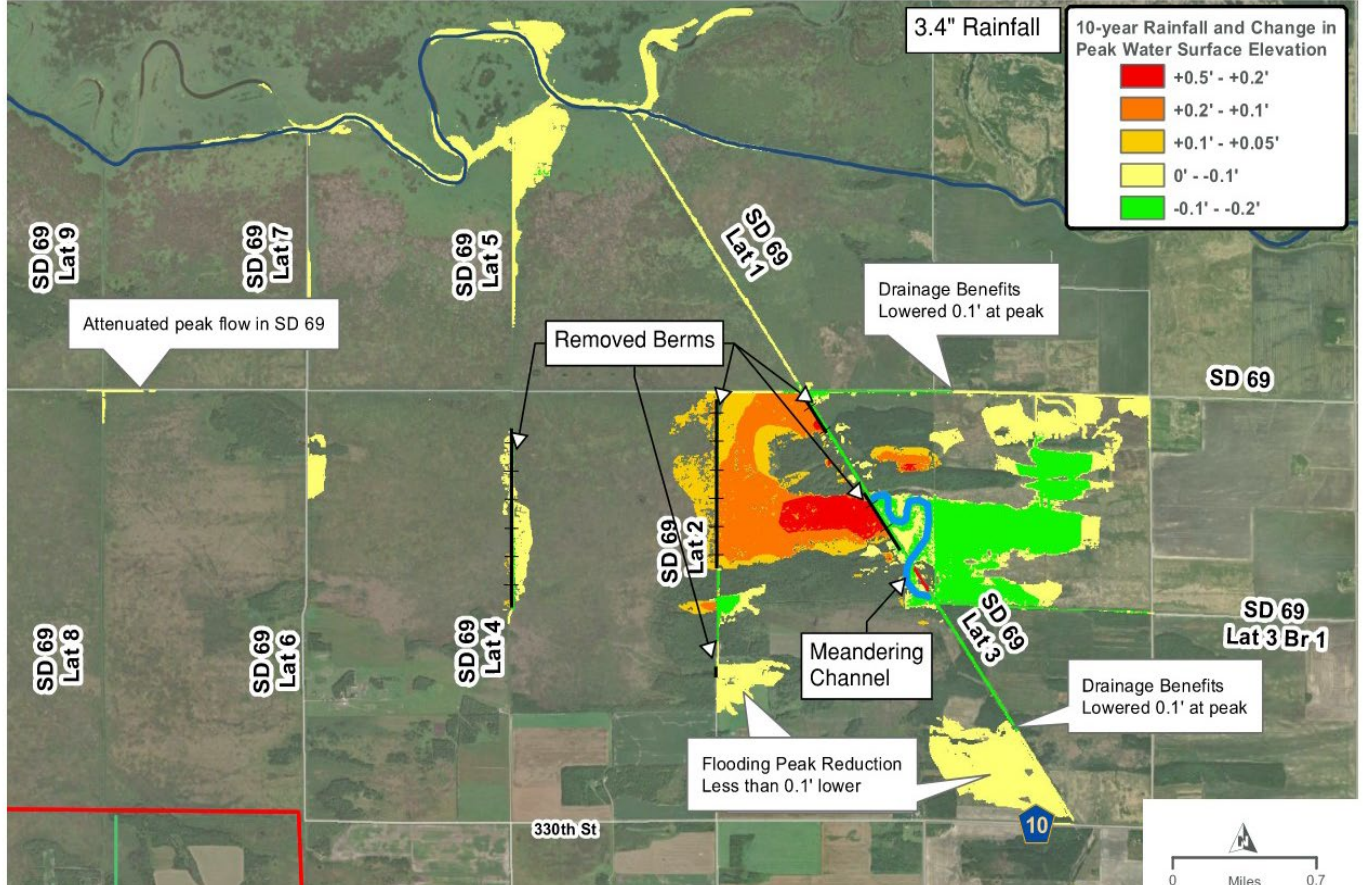
Option 1. Spoil removal and floodplain access



Typical detail of west bank spoil removal



Option 2. Meandering with Spoil removal and floodplain access





Contractor's Application and Certificate for Payment

For (Contract):		For (Contract):		Contractor:		The Spruce Valley Corporation													
Application No.: 3		Application Period: 3/19/2026-4/17/2026		Application Period:		3/19/2026-4/17/2026													
A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I		J	
Item No.	Description	Unit	Contract Quantity	Contract Unit Price	Scheduled Value	Work Completed From Previous Applications	This Period	Materials Presently Stored (not in C or D)	Total Completed and Stored To Date (C+D+E)	Percent Complete To Date (%)	Total Cost This Period	Total Cost Complete to Date	Quantity to Finish (A-F)						
1404.500	MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC, CONTROL OF TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, AND RESTORATION OF HAUL ROADS (LS)	LS	1	\$4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	0.20	0.10	0.00	0.30	30.00%	\$470.00	\$1,410.00	0.70						
2021.501	MOBILIZATION (LS)	LS	1	\$280,344.00	\$ 280,344.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	100.00%	\$0.00	\$280,344.00	0.00						
2101.501	CLEARING AND GRUBBING (P)	ACRE	84	\$400.00	\$ 33,600.00	84.00	0.00	0.00	84.00	100.00%	\$0.00	\$33,600.00	0.00						
2106.507	COMMON EXCAVATION (EV) (P)	CY	236000	\$5.80	\$ 1,368,800.00	141500.00	35,500.00	0.00	177000.00	75.00%	\$205,900.00	\$1,026,600.00	59000.00						
2106.507	COMMON EMBANKMENT (CV) (P)	CY	120000	\$5.40	\$ 648,000.00	89500.00	500.00	0.00	90000.00	75.00%	\$2,700.00	\$486,000.00	30000.00						
2108.5	GEOSYNTHETIC CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (SY)	SY	34500	\$1.30	\$ 44,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	34500.00						
2118.509	AGGREGATE SURFACING, CLASS 5 MOD (CV)	TON	14402	\$23.50	\$ 338,447.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	14402.00						
2575.502	DEWATERING	LS	1	\$2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00						
2575.503	DISK ANCHORING	ACRE	79	\$22.55	\$ 1,781.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	79.00						
2573.504	WOOD FIBER AND BLANKET SYSTEM	LF	800	\$5.55	\$ 4,440.00	0.00	102.00	0.00	102.00	12.75%	\$586.10	\$586.10	688.00						
2574.508	SOIL BED PREPARATION	ACRE	79	\$95.55	\$ 7,548.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	79.00						
2574.507	FERTILIZER, TYPE 1 (50 lbs per acre)	POUND	3950	\$0.75	\$ 2,962.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	3950.00						
2575.501	SEEDING	ACRE	79	\$95.55	\$ 7,548.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	79.00						
2575.502	MULCH MATERIAL, TYPE 1 (2 tons per acre)	TON	158	\$115.55	\$ 18,256.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	158.00						
2575.504	TURF REINFORCEMENT MAT, CATEGORY 4	SY	3733	\$16.75	\$ 62,377.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	3733.00						
2575.507	WEED CONTROL AND INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION	LS	1	\$1,785.55	\$ 1,785.55	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	50.00%	\$0.00	\$892.78	0.50						
2575.508	SEED MIXTURE, Mesic Inslope (65 lbs per acre)	POUND	5135	\$7.05	\$ 36,201.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	5135.00						
	April 1st, 2026 \$ 1MM Completion Incentive	LS	1	\$50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	100.00%	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	0.00						
					\$ 2,925,492.80						\$ 259,638.10	\$ 1,879,412.88							

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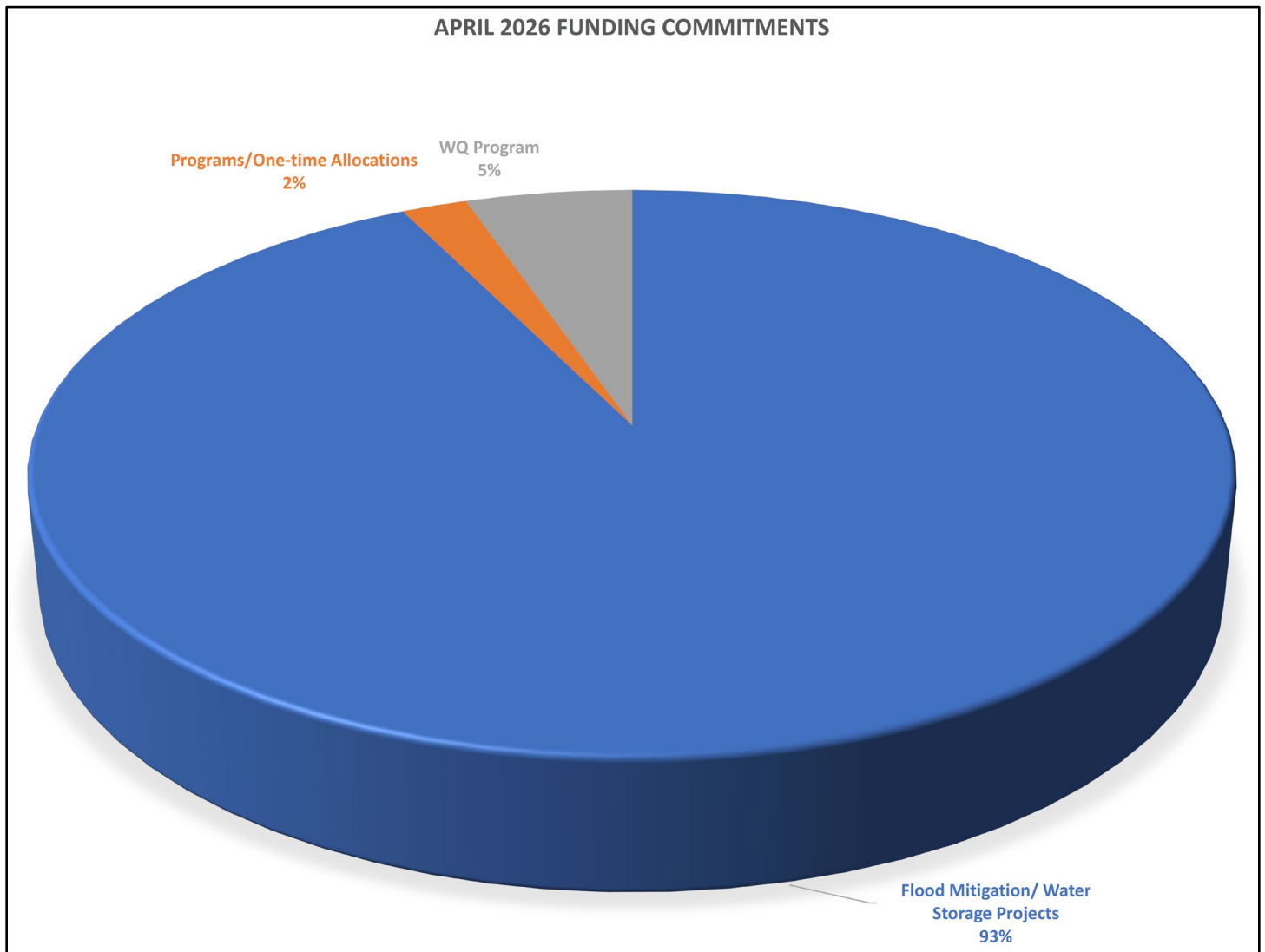


Meeting Highlights – April 21, 2026

1. Funding Commitments: Information was presented regarding current funding commitments of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) for flood mitigation/water storage projects and water quality projects that are in various phases along with annually funded programs and one-time allocations. Current commitments include the following:

• Flood Mitigation – Water Storage:	\$ 19,987,697.31
• Water Quality Program – Base Funding:	\$ 429,586.81
• Water Quality Program – Competitive Funding:	\$ 706,314.88
• Annually Funded Programs/One-time Allocations:	\$ 444,711.21
TOTAL Remaining Funding Commitments:	\$ 21,568,310.21

Below is an illustration of current RRWMB funding commitments as of April 21, 2026. Annual operating expenses are not included in funding commitments.



- 2. Roseau River Rehabilitation Project:** At the request of the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD), the Roseau River Rehabilitation Project was removed from the RRWMB's Funding Commitments at this time. The RRWMB's original financial commitment to the Project was \$466,667.00, with \$51,847.69 being previously disbursed to the RRWD. The remaining RRWMB commitment of \$414,819.31 will be placed into RRWMB general funds.
- 3. CD Reinvestment:** The RRWMB Managers approved moving a maturing CD of \$7,330,132.78 into a six-month CD at 3.80 percent interest, plus the interest accrued of \$183,072.55.
- 4. JD 19/Nelson Slough Project Funding Commitment:** The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District (MSTRWD) requested the RRWMB to increase the current funding commitment of \$1,800,000.00 by \$66,325.00 for the Project. The RRWMB Managers approved the additional amount, with the total funding commitment being \$1,866,325.00.
- 5. City of Newfolden Flood Prevention Project Update:** Mori Maher, MSTRWD Administrator provided an update about the Project to the RRWMB Managers.
- 6. 2026 – 2028 R&J Broadcasting Contract:** A contract of \$66,714.00 was approved from April 21, 2026 to April 18, 2028 with R&J Broadcasting. The annual amount for the two-year period is \$33,357.00. The RRWMB Managers also approved an additional \$3,000.00 for videotaping of the RRWMB's 50th Anniversary Celebration in August 2026, which is a separate amount from the two-year contract. The Managers also approved RRWMB staff to work with R&J Broadcasting to share radio interviews with southern Red River Basin radio stations.
- 7. Water Storage Forum:** The RRWMB Managers referred discussion of a potential statewide water storage forum to the Communication and Outreach Committee for further review and recommendations.
- 8. Outreach to State Legislators – Funding Needs for Flood Mitigation and Water Storage Projects:** The RRWMB Managers heard information from Park Street Public and R&J Broadcasting about various communication and social media tools to reach out to legislators during legislative sessions. The discussion was referred to the RRWMB Communication and Outreach Committee for further review and recommendations.
- 9. River Watch Program Funding:** The RRWMB Managers approved \$340,000.00 for the International Water Institute (IWI) to implement the River Watch Program from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- 10. Minnesota Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) – Rural Floodplain Mapping Grant Application:** The RRWMB Managers approved lowering the request from \$1,250,000.00 to \$550,000.00 due to the \$1 million federal Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant being recently reinstated through Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The RRWMB Managers also approved a contract amendment with the IWI to commence and restart work on the BRIC Grant.
- 11. Northwest Research and Outreach Center (NWROC) – University of Minnesota Drainage Research Funding Request:** The RRWMB Managers approved \$15,000.00 for Dr. Lindsay Pease of the NWROC in Crookston, Minnesota for research related to her work on bioreactors and phosphorus in Northwest Minnesota. Funding was recommended by the RRWMB Water Quality and Monitoring Advisory Committee.

- 12. Senate File 3677/House File 4015 Update – Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), Wetland Determinations, and Public Drainage Activities:** Mark Aanenson of Houston Engineering Incorporated provided updates to the RRWMB Managers on several recent discussions with drainage authorities and the Board of Water and Soil Resources related to the aforementioned legislative bill introductions.
- 13. Red River of the North Draft TMDL:** The RRWMB Managers approved the Executive Director to develop comments on the Draft TMDL, which will be submitted to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.
- 14. Roseau Lake Rehabilitation Project Update:** RRWD Administrator Tracy Halstensgard shared Project updates and the results of recent legislative hearings and discussions with the RRWMB Managers.
- 15. RRWMB Trip to Washington D.C.:** The week of April 13, 2026, RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip, Red River Retention Authority (RRRA) Executive Director Brian Fuder, and Red River Joint Water Resource District Board (RRJWRDB) members Don Kemp and Andy Neset travelled to Washington D.C. The purpose of the trip was to meet with congressional members from Minnesota and North Dakota to discuss federal funding of flood mitigation and water storage projects, policy changes to the PL566 Program, federal agency permitting efficiency and streamlining, and to make connections with the International Joint Commission and federal agencies including USEPA, USACE, and the Federal Highway Administration.



From Left: RRRA Executive Director Brian Fuder, RRJWRDB Member Andy Neset, Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach, RRJWRDB Member Don Kemp, and RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip.



From Left: RRJWRDB Member Don Kemp, RRRRA Executive Director Brian Fuder, US Senator Tina Smith, RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip, and RRJWRDB Member Andy Neset.



From Left: RRJWRDB Member Andy Neset, US Senator Amy Klobuchar, RRWMB Executive Director Robert Sip, and RRRRA Executive Director Brian Fuder.

16. Next Regular RRWMB Meeting: The RRWMB will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at the RRWMB office in Ada, MN.

May 2026

Board Meeting

Technician update

WD3 – We have had a landowner come in and let us know about a dike that has been put up without permits. Looking at google earth imagery, dike would've been put up in 2013-14. (Photos taken)

Big Swamp – Levelloggers and Barologger have been ordered for monitoring.

West Interceptor – This ditch has some dead vegetation in the ditch bottom that could use a burn. Reached out to Forestry Supervisor, Adam Fisher, to see what would be needed besides a burn permit.

Byfuglien Trucking – Has parked a trailer along the west interceptor to keep truck and trailers from backing up onto watershed property.

WD115 Mowing – Leon Mitsatko mows the Duxby levee and is interested in mowing the WD115 ditch as well.

Duxby Levee – RC car/boat with camera for culvert inspection. ACOE mentioned getting something like this for our inspections and gave us a recommendation.

The image is a screenshot of an Amazon product listing for a Hywiwine FPV RC Car. The product is a grey and black off-road style RC car with a camera mounted on top. The listing includes a 'Popular Seller' badge, a price of \$150.24 (reduced from \$300.48), and a 'Buy Now!' button. The product description mentions '4G Real Time Control Toy' and 'Options: Rc Car 1b'. There are also icons for 'Voice INTERCOM' and 'Camera 90° Adjustment'. The listing is part of the 'Inspire Picks' section, indicating it is a 'Trending Seller' with 810 sold units. The quantity is set to 1, and it is marked as 'In stock — Ready to ship' with 'Free Shipping'.

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