



RRWMB RESOLUTION 2023R-17

Resolution to Recommend the 2024 Red River Levy to Member Watershed Districts

WHEREAS, the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) of Managers have determined that the 2024 Operating, Program, and Project Budget is critical to implementing the RRWMB Strategic Plan, vision, mission, purposes, and strategic goals, and approved the Budget on July 18, 2023, which will be effective on January 1, 2024;

WHEREAS, the RRWMB has given careful consideration to the various budget and financial requirements needed to continue appropriate staff levels to fulfil its Strategic Plan, vision, mission, purposes, and strategic goals; maintain an office in a public setting; and to operate for purposes of providing and enhancing services to its member watershed districts for calendar year 2024 in accordance with RRWMB policies, enabling legislation, and RRWMB joint powers agreement;

WHEREAS, the RRWMB has given careful consideration to current funding commitments and financial needs of its member watershed districts as they plan water storage and water quality projects related to the RRWMB Strategic Plan, vision, mission, purposes, and strategic goals of the RRWMB;

WHEREAS, the RRWMB has thoughtfully discussed and carefully considered the need to provide funds for annually funded projects, programs, and initiatives that meet the Strategic Plan, vision, mission, purposes, and strategic goals of the RRWMB for calendar year 2024 including flood damage reduction and water quality projects;

WHEREAS, overall water storage and water quality project costs are affected by land acquisition and easement prices, permitting costs, environmental review timelines, archeological or cultural investigations, construction costs, and other factors that are out of control of the RRWMB and its member watershed districts such as availability of State of Minnesota and federal funds;

WHEREAS, the RRWMB Budget and Finance Committee reviewed RRWMB finances and funding commitments on June 6, 2023 and recommended that the 2024 Red River Levy be set at 75 percent or 0.0003627 times the taxable market value on all taxable property within RRWMB member watershed districts;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RRWMB Board of Managers hereby requests that member watershed districts operating pursuant to the RRWMB joint powers agreement levy an ad valorem tax (Red River Levy) for calendar year 2024 in the amount of 0.0003627 times the taxable market value on all taxable property within their respective districts in accordance with provisions of Minnesota 1976 Sessions Law, Chapter 162, Section 1; as amended by laws of 1982, Chapter 474, Section 1; laws of 1983, Chapter 338; and laws of 1989 First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 5, Section 45;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with said law each member watershed district retains one-half of the proceeds of said 2024 Red River Levy crediting those funds to the individual district's construction fund to be used for the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the district; and the proceeds from the remaining one-half of this levy be transmitted to the Red River Watershed Management Board, Robert L. Sip, Executive Director, 11 5th Avenue East, Suite B, Ada, MN 56510, to be credited to the general fund of the Red River Watershed Management Board and to be used for the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the Red River basin.

Resolution Number 2023R-17 was moved by Manager Vavra, and seconded by Manager Anderson.

The question was on the adoption of the resolution and there were 7 yeas and 0 nays as follows:

WATERSHED DISTRICT (WD)	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Bois de Sioux WD:				
• Linda Vavra (Delegate)	X			
• Jason Beyer (Alternate)				
Joe River WD:				
• John Finney (Delegate)	X			
• Shane Stewart (Alternate)				
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers WD:				
• Bill Petersen (Delegate)	X			
• Lein Schiller (Alternate)				
Red Lake WD:				
• LeRoy Ose (Delegate)	X			
• Dale Nelson (Alternate)				
• Gene Tiedemann (Alternate)				
Roseau River WD:				
• Jason Braaten (Delegate)	X			
• LaVerne Voll (Alternate)				



WATERSHED DISTRICT (WD)	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Two Rivers WD:				
• Roger Anderson (Delegate)	X			
• Dan Money (Alternate)				
Wild Rice WD:				
• Greg Holmvik (Delegate)	X			
• Raymond Hanson (Alternate)				

Upon vote, the Chair declared the Resolution:

- Passed
- Failed

Dated: July 18, 2023

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I, LeRoy Ose, Secretary of the Red River Watershed Management Board, do hereby certify that I have compared the above resolution with the original thereof as the same appears of record and on file with the Board and find the same to be a true and correct transcription thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I set my hand this 18th day of July 2023.



 LeRoy Ose, Secretary