



**Board of Commissioners**

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Roseau, MN 56751

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**AGENDA**

**Tuesday February 10, 2009, 8:30 a.m.**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Roseau County will meet in session on February 10, 2009 at 8:30 am in the Roseau County Courthouse, Room 110, Roseau, MN, at which time the following matters will come before the Board:

**8:30 Call to Order**

1. Presentation of Colors
2. Approve Agenda

**8:45 Consent Agenda**

1. Approve Proceedings
2. Re-Appoint Buddy Erickson to the MN Red River Valley Development Association
3. Approve Bills

**9:00 Pembina Trails Resource Conservation and Dev. Association – Shawnn Balstad**

1. Review 2008 Annual Report

**9:15 Comments and Announcements**

**9:20 Committee Reports**

**9:45 Break**

**10:00 Highway**

1. Approve Purchase of Snow Plow Equipment
2. Approve 2009 Annual Refresher Training Contract with NCTC

**10:15 Sheriff's Office**

1. Discuss Exempt Employee Compensation for OT hours
2. Overview of Stonegarden Grant

**10:45 Roseau County Agriculture Society – Buddy Erickson**

1. Review 2008 Report
2. Overview of 2009 Planning

**11:00 Discussion**

1. Norland Road

**11:30 Adjourn**

To schedule an appointment with the Board, please contact the County Coordinator at 218-463-4248

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District 1, Alan Johnston, Vice Chair - District 2, Jack Swanson, Chairman -  
District 3, Orris Rasmussen - District 4, Russell Walker - District 5, Mark Foldesi

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ITEM # Consent #1

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Klein, Trish	<b>*Department</b> .....	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> ... ..
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Approve Proceedings from 2-3-09

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Attached are the proceedings from the 2-3-09 Board Meeting. Please review carefully and advise of any changes.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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Johnston							
Folds						Failed	
Rasmussen							
Walker						Tabled	

**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 3, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 8:30 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by County Board Chairman Jack Swanson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Jack Swanson, Alan Johnston, Orris Rasmussen, Russell Walker and Mark Foldesi.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Announcements and Comments was added to the agenda. Discussion of the Feb Legislative Town Hall Meeting was added under comments. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Walker, seconded by Commissioner Rasmussen and carried unanimously.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the consent agenda was made by Commissioner Johnston, seconded by Commissioner Walker and carried unanimously.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the proceedings from the January 27, 2009 Board Meeting.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved a public hearing for DEED Small Cities Grant Arsenic Removal Project on February 24, 2009 at 11:00 am.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved John Gaukerud as the 2009 Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District Pembina Trail RC&D Member at Large Appointee.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, approved the 2009 Joint Powers Agreement between Roseau County and the Roseau County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, authorized Commissioner Johnston to attend legislative hearings in St. Paul on Feb 5, 2009.

The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda, proclaimed March 2009 as *Women's History Month*

The Board, by adoption of its Consent Agenda, approved a resolution of support to establish a Veterans home in Beltrami County.

### **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Swanson announced that members of the House and Senate Tax Committees are seeking public input on Governor Pawlenty's budget proposal and have scheduled a Legislative Town Hall meeting in Bemidji on February 20, 2009. Commissioners Swanson and Walker volunteered to attend on behalf of Roseau County.

Coordinator Klein reminded the Board of the University of Minnesota Biomass Field Day Workshop scheduled for February 18, 2009. Commissioner Walker will attend.

Coordinator Klein informed the Board that the Ditch Law Training with speaker Kurt Deter has been rescheduled to February 24 from 1-3 pm.

Upon motion carried the board adjourned at 8:55 am. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 10, 2009, at 8:30 am.

Attest:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teresa Klein, County Coordinator  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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Jack Swanson, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Roseau County, Minnesota

ITEM # Consent #2

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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Reappoint Buddy Erickson to MN Red River Valley Development Association

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
See attached letter from MN Red River Valley Development Association. Buddy's term is up. He has agreed to serve another 3 year term.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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Walker						Tabled	

**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

*Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association*

Milan Drewlow, Secretary  
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February 3, 2009

TO: Trish Harren-Klein, Coordinator  
606 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW  
Room 131  
Roseau, MN 56751

FROM: Milan Drewlow, RRVDA Secretary

The term of **Selvin "Buddy" Erickson**, Director from **Roseau County**, as a representative on the Board of Directors of the Red River Valley Development Association expires at the annual meeting in March, 2009.

The RRVDA welcomes his participation on the Board for another three-year term. We would appreciate receiving confirmation of the candidates acceptance as soon as possible so that a slate of directors can be prepared for the annual meeting in March, 2009. Confirmation may be sent to the following email address [mdrewlow@rrt.coop](mailto:mdrewlow@rrt.coop).

Thank you for your support of the Red River Valley Development Association.

ITEM # 9:00 Appointment

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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Pembina Trails Resource Conservation & Development Association

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Shawnn Balstad, RC & D Coordinator will be meeting with the Board to review the 2008 Annual Report and to answer any questions you may have.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**  
The Board approved the Pembina Trails RC&D Membership at the 2008 rate of \$400. The membership fee increased to \$500. We did discuss this previously but did not take action on changing the amount that was approved as part of the 2009 appropriation list.

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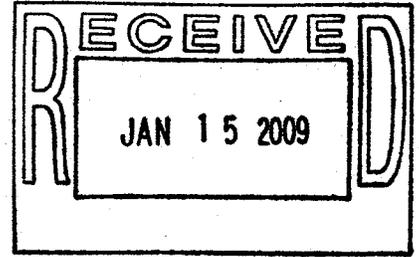


# PEMBINA TRAIL

## RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

2605 WHEAT DRIVE . . . RED LAKE FALLS, MN 56750-4800 . . . PHONE: 218-253-2646, EXT. 103 . . . FAX: 218-253-4112

January 14, 2009



Anne Granitz  
Roseau County Auditor  
606 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Rm 160  
Roseau, MN 56751

RE: Annual Dues - Pembina Trail RC&D

The Pembina Trail RC&D Association has set the annual dues for the year 2009 at \$500.00. The association has requested that I notify each county of the amount due, and ask for payment at their earliest convenience.

*Board approved \$400.00*

Please make check out to: Pembina Trail RC&D Association  
2605 Wheat Drive  
Red Lake Falls, MN 56750-4800

Please send the names, mailing addresses, phone number and email addresses of your commissioners.

Sincerely,

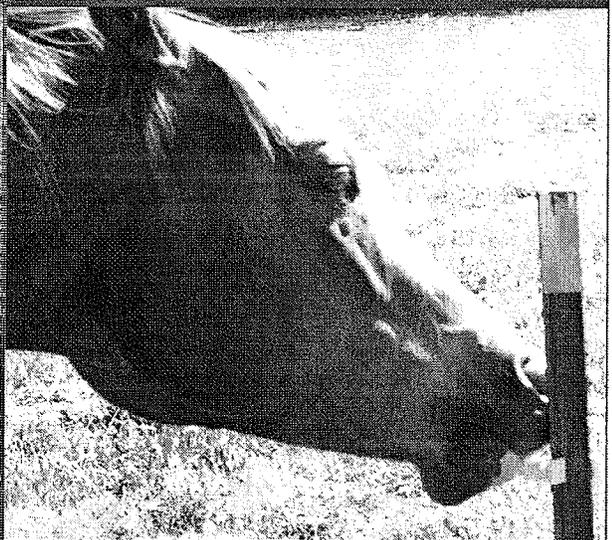
Gerald Jacobson, Chair

SPONSORED BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS IN:  
KITTSON MARSHALL NORMAN PENNINGTON POLK RED LAKE ROSEAU





**Pembina Trail RC&D  
2008 Annual Report**



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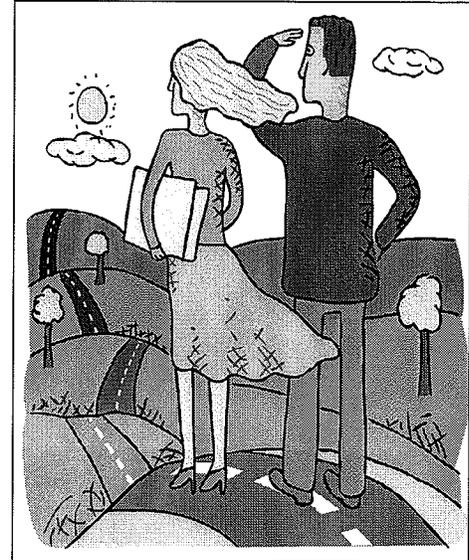
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***Pembina Trail RC&D Mission Statement***  
*“to provide leadership and assistance in coordinating the development of our human and natural resources”*

***Pembina Trail RC&D Vision Statement***  
*“People and communities living in harmony with a healthy economy and environment”*



## **INTRODUCTION**

Pembina Trail Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) program that helps people in rural areas plan and carry out activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic development, and enhance the environment and standard of living in local communities. Because RC&D councils are made up of volunteers and local leaders, the program provides an ideal mechanism for residents to join together to identify and address important regional issues.

The basic idea of the RC&D program is that local people know what is best for their communities. Local grassroots members create and organize their own RC&D areas, define their own goals, and work with a broad range of public and private entities to achieve their objectives. People in the community make the choices for the community – whether they work on community development, land conservation, land management, water management, or something unique to their area. In every case, local people are the decision-makers.

RC&D councils are effective, efficient and have a proven track record. They have successfully leveraged the federal RC&D appropriation at a ratio of 8:1 to directly support conservation and economic development in local communities across the nation. Nationwide, councils are successful because they provide the means to solve natural resource problems and promote sustainable use of natural resources at the local level. There are 375 RC&D areas throughout the United States and its territories including, eight RC&D's in Minnesota.

The Pembina Trail RC&D Association, Inc. was authorized in February 1992 and the office opened July 1, in Red Lake Falls, MN. The USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) supports this program by supplying staff, a vehicle, and an office to the Pembina Trail RC&D council. Pembina Trail RC&D council (board of directors) meets six times a year and the members are encouraged to participate in state, regional, and national RC&D activities.

The Pembina Trail RC&D council sets its own local goals and priorities while providing leadership and coordination to develop programs and projects in northwestern Minnesota. Pembina Trail RC&D completes activities and coordinates available financial and human resources.

## HISTORY BEHIND OUR NAME

The Pembina Trail, sometimes called the Woods Trail, played a significant role in the settlement of northwestern Minnesota. Established in the early 1800's, the settlers and trappers used this oxcart trail as a major overland thoroughfare for commerce and immigration, linking Winnipeg, Manitoba to St. Paul, Minnesota. The trail followed the eastern beach ridges of Glacial Lake Agassiz and then wound through central Minnesota the capital in St. Paul. Usually drawn by one ox, the carts traveled approximately 1,000 miles each year. The carts would carry between 800-1,000 pounds of supplies up to twenty miles in a ten-hour day. They often traveled in trains of 300-500 carts, starting their journey south in June and returning home in September. The trail, and/or its tributary, War Road, winds through all seven counties served by the Pembina Trail RC&D Council; thus, the name "Pembina Trail RC&D." The oxcart logo is used to help us remember and highlight the history of the area.



## AREA OF OPERATION

The geographic focus of the Pembina Trail RC&D service area includes the seven counties of Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk and Norman.

The entire land area served by Pembina Trail is over 5.3 million acres with over 86,000 citizens (U.S. Census Bureau 2006 Estimate). Roughly 70% of the acres are used to produce crops and an additional 5% of the land is used for raising livestock. There are over 6,000 farms in the area with an average farm size of 675 acres. The area has over 800,000 acres in temporary and/or permanent protective easements which is about 15% of the area.

The area is relatively flat and was once covered by a large glacial lake and has unique glacial ridge deposits that are still evident on the landscape. The Pembina Trail RC&D service area also has three National Fish and Wildlife Refuges – the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Rydell National Wildlife Refuge and the Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge, which is still in the process of being officially designated.

## TYPES OF RC&D ASSISTANCE

1. Technical Assistance: RC&D's identify and bring together public and private assistance sources to solve specific problems
2. Planning Assistance: RC&D's assists with the planning, strategy development, and support needed to see a project or activity through to a successful completion.
3. Information/Education Activities: RC&D's conduct multi county conferences, seminars, tours, demonstrations, etc., to promote rural development activities.
4. Grant Writing Assistance: RC&D staff assists with public and private grant proposals to fund local projects.
5. Organizational Support: RC&D's offer broad-based (7-county) support of local projects.
6. Fiscal Agent Services.
7. Other: Dependent on local needs/opportunity.

Applications for RC&D Program Assistance are available in SWCD offices. Local applications for project assistance are first reviewed and approved by County or SWCD Boards (RC&D Sponsors) prior to being submitted to the Pembina Trail RC&D Council for approval. This is done to assure that the assistance requested is consistent with local resource planning goals and objectives.

Application approval by the RC&D Council is dependent upon the following:

- The contribution of the project toward meeting local RC&D objectives.
- Local interest, leadership, and support.
- Staff assistance available.

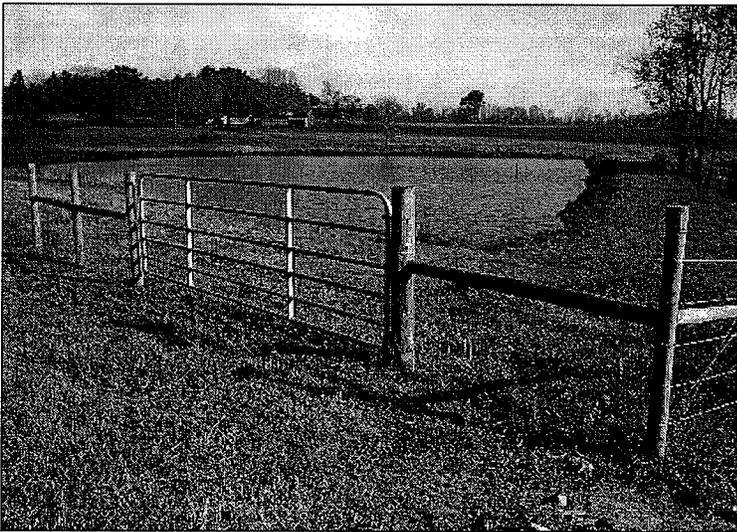


## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Pembina Trail RC&D projects provide practical solutions for:

**Community Development** – Pembina Trail will help create jobs and sponsor job training along with skills development. The council will help improve or acquire needed community facilities, such as recreation structures, sewage treatment plants, solid waste disposal systems, water systems, and roads.

**Land Conservation** - By encouraging land conservation, Pembina Trail RC&D will improve soil tilth, reduce soil erosion, and help keep sediment out of water resources.



**Land Management** - Environmental projects improve natural resources for agricultural and other uses, such as tourism, fish and wildlife habitat, and environmental education. Projects strive to promote and preserve natural scenic sites, provide energy conservation, and produce value-added agricultural crops.

**Water Management** – The council works to protect water resources by encouraging wise water use, controlling flooding and improving the quality of local water supplies.

### 2008-2012 AREA PLAN GOALS:

1. Cooperate with Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and Watershed Districts across the 7-county area to promote and implement best management practices (BMPs) to reduce erosion and sedimentation 20% by 2012.
2. Cultivate renewable energy opportunities in 7 counties to reduce dependence on foreign oil and establish northwest Minnesota as an energy leader by implementing 3 energy-related projects by 2012.
3. Seven counties in the Pembina Trail RC&D area with an increased awareness of noxious weed identification and management by 2012.
4. Help the members of the Red River Water Management Board to increase protection of water quality by 2012 through identification and reduction of non-point source water pollution.
5. Help facilitate a regional sense of place throughout 7 northwest Minnesota counties to attract businesses and families to the area by hosting 3 job fairs or business-related training workshops by 2011.

## SUCCESS STORIES AND PROJECTS

**Dry Hydrants** - Pembina Trail RC&D, working with the Mentor and Fertile Fire Depts. installed two dry hydrants in the City of Mentor and five dry hydrants on Maple Lake in Polk County, MN. A \$13,000 grant from MARC&D provided funding for the dry hydrants.

**2008 Northwest Minnesota Grazing Tour** - The third annual grazing tour was held in Roseau County on June 17, 2008. 40 people in attendance to learned about proper fencing and watering installation techniques as well as the chance to hear from producer hosts who have successfully implemented rotational grazing systems.

**Polk County Cooperative Weed Management Area** - A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant was received for additional invasive species control and the county awarded the weed department additional funds to purchase a new sprayer truck with GPS so infestations and treatment can be geo-referenced.

**Vegetable Oil As An On-Farm Fuel** - University of Minnesota Extension staff from Roseau County have sent soybean samples to Harris Testing Lab. After analysis is complete Pembina Trail will send report to the Clean Energy Resource Team for reimbursement. Northwest Minnesota Foundation was also a funder for this project.

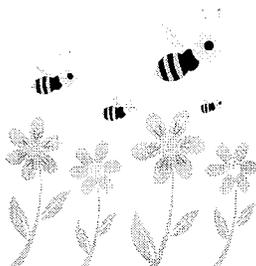
**Northland Community & Technical College—Wind Testing** -Avant Energy completed the wind analysis at NCTC for Pembina Trail. Council Recommendations for turbine size and additional testing will help secure funding for erecting the turbine.

**Dead Animal Collection** - After 14 successful years of assisting livestock producers with the disposal of winter mortality animals the Dead Animal Collection project came to an end. Due to the recent cases of Bovine Tuberculosis in the northwestern part of the state Pembina Trail's partners were no longer able to transport dead livestock to the rendering facility.

## IMPACT OF THE COUNCIL IN THE AREA OF OPERATION

The impact of the council in the seven counties it serves is significant—just look at the previous section detailing projects over the past year. In addition to this, every dollar from Pembina Trail RC&D's sponsoring counties (\$500 each) was leveraged to bring in more dollars to be used to improve the region. The ratio was 9:1! The dollars vary from year to year but the power to leverage those dollars to work on locally led projects is tremendous.

Pembina Trail RC&D worked to increase regional capacity by hosting 2 environmental education workshops, distributed an educational newsletter throughout a seven county region, and partnered with others to help retain 7 businesses and 5 jobs in the region. The RC&D council also assisted with a 35,170 acre watershed plan and provided rural fire protection enhancements to two communities.



## BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

Budget information provided upon request.

## 2008 COUNCIL MEMBERS BY COUNTY

COUNTY	COMMISSIONER	SWCD SUPERVISOR	MEMBER-AT-LARGE
Kittson	Betty Younggren	Scott Klein	Craig Spilde
Marshall	LeRoy Vonasek	Wallace Bengtson	John Umber
Mar-Bel		Lloyd Wiseth & Milton Anderson	
Norman	Steve Bommersbach	Gene Ueland	Delores Adkins
Pennington	Charles Naplin	Brenda Szymanski	Trudy Wilde
Polk	Gerald Jacobson	Russ Severson (W) & Lawrence Vettleson (E)	Diane Grundyson
Red Lake	Ron Weiss	Les Hofstad	Curt Beyer
Roseau	Jack Swanson	John Gaukerud	Melvin Wang

## 2008 COUNCIL OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

### OFFICERS

Gerald Jacobson, Chair  
Mel Want/Ron Weiss, Treasurer

Jack Swanson, V Chair  
Betty Younggren, Secretary

### BY-LAWS & POLICY COMMITTEE

Delores Adkins      Charles Naplin      Jack Swanson

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Betty Younggren      LeRoy Vonasek      Delores Adkins  
Charles Naplin      Gerald Jacobson      Ron Weiss  
Jack Swanson      Mel Wang

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ron Weiss      Steve Bommersbach      Mel Wang  
Lawrence Vettleson

### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Delores Adkins      Lawrence Vettleson

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

Delores Adkins      Diane Grundyson      Gene Ueland  
Trudy Wilde      Betty Younggren

### PROJECT COMMITTEE

Charles Naplin      Russ Severson      Brenda Szymanski  
Betty Younggren



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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URL: <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/partnerships/pembina>



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Pembina Trail RC&D Association, Inc. Council would like to thank the following:

Kittson County	Kittson County SWCD
Marshall County	Mar-Bel SWCD
Norman County	Norman County SWCD
Pennington County	Pennington County SWCD
Polk County	West Polk SWCD
East Polk SWCD	Red Lake County
Red Lake County SWCD	Roseau County
Roseau County SWCD	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Water Plan Coordinators	Middle-Snake-Tamarac River Watershed District
Red Lake River Watershed District	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Red Lake River Corridor Joint Powers Board	Giziibii RC&D Council
Association of the French of the North	Northwest Clean Energy Resource Team
Northwest Minnesota Foundation	Minnesota Extension Educators
Northland Community & Technical College	Inter-county Opportunity Council
Northwest Opportunity Council	Energy & Environmental Research Center
Minnesota Wheat Grower's Association	Prairie Ag Communications
Minnesota Association of RC&D councils	NW Regional Sustainable Dev. Partnership

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# **Celebrate Women**

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## **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ROSEAU COUNTY MUSEUM**

January 22, 2008

**To:** Roseau County Board of Commissioners, City Councils and Township Boards of Badger, Barto, Deer, Dieter, Enstrom, Greenbush, Grimstad, Jadis, Lake, Malung, Mickinock, Reine, Roseau, Ross, Spruce, Stokes, Unorganized, Warroad

**From:** Roseau County Historical Society and the Women's History Month Committee

Thank you for participating in the "One Woman 2009" project in celebration of Roseau County Women's History Month.

You are invited to attend the grand opening celebration on Sunday, March 1 from 2:00-5:00 pm. It will be held in the Roseau County Museum at the Roseau City Center.

The "One Woman 2009" selections will be introduced and musical ensembles from the four Roseau County schools will perform throughout the afternoon. Exhibits will be available for touring.

Additional events will take place throughout the month of March. We have enclosed a list of these events for your convenience.

We encourage you to tour the museum anytime in March to see the "One Woman 2009" and the "Women in Education" exhibits.

**Thursday, March 19 ~ 7-9pm**  
**Roseau City Center**  
**Voyageur & Trapper Rooms & County Museum**

- Red Hat Society Night – wear your Red Hat!
- Non-Red Hatters will judge the couture of the Red Hatters – prizes will be awarded
- Lena & Floydette will entertain us
- \$2.00 donation
- Refreshments will be served
- Tour the museum exhibits

**Sunday, March 29 ~ 2-5pm**  
**Roseau City Center**  
**Voyageur & Trapper Rooms & County Museum**

- “Quilters” – skit by Bonnie Nordvall Olsen & Jenee Provance
- Quilt display by Quilt Guild
- Tour the museum exhibits
- Refreshments will be served in the lobby
- Music
- Free-will donation

# **2009 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENTS**

**Sunday, March 1 ~ 2-5pm  
Roseau City Center  
Lobby & County Museum**

- Grand-Opening of 2009 Women's History Month Exhibit, ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:00
- 12 musical ensembles from the Badger, Greenbush, Roseau & Warroad High Schools will perform throughout the afternoon
- Roseau County "One Woman 2009" ladies or their representatives will be introduced throughout the afternoon
- Tour the museum exhibits
- Refreshments will be served
- Free-will donation

**Saturday, March 7 ~ 10am -12noon  
Roseau City Center  
Voyageur & Trapper Rooms & County Museum**

- Program: "Voices of Education" ~ Roseau County Teachers of the Years
- Music in the Lobby: Handbell choirs from Zion Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran, Moe Lutheran
- Tour the museum exhibits
- Refreshments will be served in the lobby
- Free-will donation

Help create jobs and sponsor job training along with skills development. Help improve community facilities, such as recreation structures, sewage treatment plants, solid waste disposal systems, water systems and roads.

Encourage land conservation, improve soil tilth, reduce soil erosion and help keep sediment out of water resources.



Works to protect water resources by wise water use, controlling flooding and improving local water supplies.

Assist in environmental projects that improve natural resources for agriculture and other uses. Strive to promote and preserve natural scenic sites, provide energy conservation and produce value-added agricultural crops.

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economy and environment**

ITEM # 11:00 Appointment  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Sheriff's Office

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 The Sheriff's Office will return as planned to continue the conversation about compensation for exempt Sheriff's Office exempt staff and to give an overview of the Stonegarden Grant. FYI, here is the excerpt from the 1/27/09 minutes: *The Sheriff's Office requested the Board consider overtime compensation for exempt employees Chief Deputy Terry Bandemer and Captain Tobi Eidsmoe. These positions are exempt and there is no compensation for hours worked in excess of 42. This would allow the Sheriff to authorize overtime compensation in specific situations including natural disasters, high level criminal cases, times when the department is short staffed, and for special operations including the Federal Stonegarden Grant. The Board requested this discussion be tabled until the February 3, 2009 Board meeting.*

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**ATTEST:** Teresa Klein, Board Clerk

ITEM # 10:45 Appointment  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b> Klein, Trish	<b>*Department</b> .....	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b> ... ..
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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Roseau County Ag Society Appointment - Buddy Erickson

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Fair Board Member Buddy Erickson will be meeting with the Board to give a report on the 2008 fair and to review with you plans for the 2009 Roseau County Fair.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

**Coordinator's Office Use (Do Not Write Below)**

<b>Date Received:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>

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ITEM # Discussion 1

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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Norland Road Undesignation

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Attached you will find a letter from DNR Regional Director Mike Carroll regarding the un-designation of Norland Road as a DNR Forest Road. You will also find a copy of the statutes that are referred to in the letter. County Attorney Lisa Hanson is researching this matter to determine the course of action involved with applying for an easement and any costs that may be associated. The Board will need to review the information and decide whether moving forward and having this road undesignated is the best course of action to achieve county objectives.

**\*Financial Consideration:**  
County will be responsible for all maintenance costs.

**\*Legal Consideration:**  
Need to file application for easement for road segment that crosses state administered land.

**\*Other Consideration:**

**\*Resolution (Wording should reflect the intent of the Board vote):**

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# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Bemidji MN 56601  
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Jack Swanson, Chairman  
Roseau County Board  
Roseau County Courthouse  
606 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Room #131  
Roseau, MN 56751

**Re: Norland Road**

Dear Commissioner Swanson,

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Judicial Order for Judicial Ditch 61 known as the "Norland Road". The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is very willing to work with you to un-designate the Norland Road as a forest unit road and convey it by mutual agreement to Roseau County (on behalf of unorganized Norland Township).

In order to do this, there are two concurrent actions: First, the Norland Road would be undesignated by Natural Resources Commissioner's Order as per M.S. 89.71, subd. 1. Second, Roseau County would apply for an easement for the length of the road that is on state administered lands as per M.S. 84.63. The application would be on the standard application form and include a map and legal description that describes the width of the easement based on the width of the actual use including ditches, back slopes, fills, and maintained rights-of-way. At the time when the road is undesignated and an easement is conveyed, we will remove the gate and any signs.

It is important that you understand that once we un-designate the Norland Road, DNR funds are no longer available to do any maintenance work on this road. Norland Road allows access to DNR administered lands for resource management activities like timber sales and we anticipate that timber sales will continue into the future. It is essential that the road be maintained to the current standard. If the road is undesignated, we expect that the level of maintenance by the county would be at the same standard or higher to allow continued access to public lands for prescribed resource management activities.

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Please let me know if Roseau County is interested in pursuing the undesignation and conveyance. Bob Milne, Regional Forestry Lands Coordinator located in Bemidji, would work with you to coordinate the un-designation and easement application preparation. Bob can be reached at 218.308.2382.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Carroll", written in a cursive style.

Michael R. Carroll  
Regional Director

cc: Samantha Juneau, AGO  
File

## **2008 Minnesota Statutes**

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### **84.63 CONVEYANCE OF INTERESTS IN LANDS TO STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.**

Notwithstanding any existing law to the contrary, the commissioner of natural resources is hereby authorized on behalf of the state to convey to the United States or to the state of Minnesota or any of its subdivisions, upon state-owned lands under the administration of the commissioner of natural resources, permanent or temporary easements for specified periods or otherwise for trails, highways, roads including limitation of right of access from the lands to adjacent highways and roads, flowage for development of fish and game resources, stream protection, flood control, and necessary appurtenances thereto, such conveyances to be made upon such terms and conditions including provision for reversion in the event of non-user as the commissioner of natural resources may determine.

**History:** Ex1967 c 21 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 10 s 2; 1998 c 403 s 2

## 2008 Minnesota Statutes

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### 89.71 FOREST ROADS.

Subdivision 1. **Designation, inventory, recording.** The commissioner shall designate forest roads by written order published in the State Register. Designated forest roads, bridges, and other improvements administered under section 89.002, subdivision 3, are designated to the width of the actual use including ditches, backslopes, fills, and maintained right-of-way, unless otherwise specified in a prior easement of record. The commissioner may undesignate, by written order published in the State Register, all or part of a state forest road that is not needed to carry out forest resource management policy. Designations and undesignations are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply. The commissioner shall maintain and keep current an inventory listing and describing roads in which the state claims a right or property interest for state forest road purposes. The commissioner may file for record with a county recorder or registrar of titles appropriate documents setting forth the state's interest in all or part of any state forest road.

Subd. 2. **Right-of-way.** Additional rights-of-way and easements, including easements needed for drainage or slopes, may be acquired by the commissioner by purchase or gift and by condemnation for safety or environmental protection on existing roads and to provide access to tracts of public land larger than 1,000 acres having no access, following a public meeting in the area affected. Rights-of-way and easements shall be designated as state forest roads when needed for construction, maintenance, or safety of roads.

Subd. 3. **Construction; maintenance.** The commissioner shall develop specifications for the design and construction of state forest roads and shall establish maintenance schedules for forest roads consistent with their intended use.

Subd. 4. **Rules.** In adopting rules relating to the use of state forest roads, the commissioner may incorporate into the rules, by reference, traffic regulations contained in chapters 169 and 169A.

Subd. 5. **Posting of minimum-maintenance forest roads.** The commissioner may designate a state forest road as a minimum-maintenance forest road to be maintained at a level consistent with the intended use. Designation of a state forest road as a minimum-maintenance forest road is effective on the posting of signs, at entry points to the road and at regular intervals along the road, to the effect that the road is a minimum-maintenance forest road and that the user travels on the road at the user's risk. Posting of the signs is prima facie evidence that adequate notice of minimum-maintenance status has been given to the public. Liability on a road designated under this subdivision is governed by section 160.095, subdivision 4.

Subd. 6. **Conveyance of unneeded roads to other governments.** When the commissioner undesignates a state forest road and determines that the road is no longer needed for any state purpose, the commissioner may convey by mutual agreement, in the manner provided in section 84.63, the state interest in the road to the United States, the state of Minnesota, or any of its subdivisions, whether or not the road is on state land.

Subd. 7. **Application of other law.** Except as otherwise provided, the commissioner is not a road authority under chapters 160 to 168, and chapters 160 to 168 do not apply to forest roads