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**February 14, 2012**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Roseau County will meet in session on February 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Roseau County Courthouse, Room 110, Roseau, MN, at which time the following matters will come before the Board:

**9:00 Call to Order**

1. Presentation of Colors
2. Approve Agenda
3. Comments and Announcements
4. Approve Bills

**9:10 Delegations/Board Appointments/Citizen Comments\***

9:10 Rod Kjersten, Northwest Regional Library Update

9:30 Rick Battles, Warroad River Watershed District

**10:00 Consent Agenda**

1. January 24, 2012 Proceedings
2. Roseau County and Roseau County Soil and Water Conservation District Joint Powers Agreement
3. Appoint Buddy Erickson as the Red River Valley Development Association County Representative
4. Commissioner Phillippe – DNR Legacy Advisory Committee
5. Roseau County Trailblazers 2<sup>nd</sup> Benchmark

**10:10 County Committee Reports**

**10:10 Department Reports**

**Auditor's Office**

1. MN Viewers Association Dues

**Highway Department**

1. Call for Bids – 2012 Seal Coat Projects
2. Call for Bids – Federal Bituminous Projects 2012
3. Final Payment to Minn-Dak
4. Final Payments to Beito Repair
5. Northland Community and Technical College MSHA Training

**10:30 BREAK**

**10:45 County Board Items**

1. Support for Small Logging Operations Resolution
2. Commissioner Committee Reports

**11:00 Unfinished Business**

**11:00 Adjourn**

**\*Limited to five minutes**

**FYI**

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ITEM # NW Reg Library  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b>	<b>*Department</b>	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b>
Rod Kjersten ▼	Noerthwest Regional Library ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Northwest Regional Library

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Roseau County's Representative to the Northwest Regional Library Board, Rod Kjersten, will meet with the Board to give them an update on the Board's activities.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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Foldesi						Failed
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Walker						Tabled

**ATTEST:** Jeff Pelowski, Interim Coordinator

ITEM # Warroad River Watershed

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b>	<b>*Department</b>	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b>
Rick Battles ▼	WRWD ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
Warroad River Watershed District

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
Rick Battles of the Warroad River Watershed District will meet with the Board to discuss obtaining matching funds for a grant obtained to study the Warroad River.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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**ATTEST:** Jeff Pelowski, Interim Coordinator

# **WARROAD RIVER SURVEY PROJECT**

## **CLEAN WATER GRANT FUND**

The Warroad Water Shed has received a state grant from the BWSER Clean Water Grant fund for nearly \$38,000 to initiate a study related to erosion & sediment in the Warroad River Watershed. Up to \$37,000 of local funding is needed to match the state funds in order to complete the Tasks identified in the Work Plan associated with the state grant.

The district is looking to other local interests for matching funds. These local interests include those who would benefit from developing a future where erosion and deposition of sediment in the Warroad River is understood and projects can be developed to address the problem.

This specific Project and associated Grant will begin this process.

- This Grant will help fund a study for investigation and quantifying sources of sediment to the lower portion of the Warroad River.
- Potential to develop an understanding of primary sediment source contributing to the development of the sediment plume continuously forming in the harbor area of the Warroad River and Lake of the Woods.
- It will help to identify and prioritize critical management areas and potential support future projects and grant request for the Warroad River Watershed district.
- Highlight this BWSR Clean Water work completed in the Warroad River Watershed and how it contributes to the following concurrent water quality work in progress on Lake of the Woods watershed.
  - EPA's work on the Lake of the Woods erosion and sediment study along the mainland US shoreline.
  - MPCA's work on the Lake of the Woods TMDL study focusing on the tributaries to the lake.

- Educate the general public and governing bodies about water quality, erosion/sedimentation, and general health evaluations of the Lake of the Woods and Warroad River, and why the funds and efforts are being invested in this natural resource.

It is the beliefs of the board of managers, of the water shed, that the results of this project will be a great benefit to the Warroad Community, it is anticipated to impact and guide to other management decisions in the watershed, including those made by the City of Warroad and the surrounding area.

Project duration March 2012 – January 2013

**Project Budget**

Grant funds -	\$36,335.00
Match – cash and in kind -	<u>\$37,000.00</u>
Total Project Cost -	\$73,335.00

<b>Project Partners</b>	<b>Requested Amount</b>	<b>committed or Pending</b>
Clean water Grant		\$36,335.00
Roseau County	\$10,000.00	per board approval
NW Minnesota Foundation	\$12,000.00	per board approval
City of Warroad	\$5,000.00	per council approval
Warroad Water shed	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	\$10,000.00
Matching funds	\$37,000	

**The Warroad Water Shed District is seeking your support for the Warroad River Survey Project.**

The following pages include the **Project Description**.

# Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Project Description

## Warroad River Sediment Source Assessment

### Project Description

The proposed project will investigate and quantify sources of sediment to the lower portion of the Warroad River near its confluence with Lake of the Woods (LOW). A sediment balance will be performed for the study area, using the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE) approach to compute the (potential) volume of sediment contributed from overland sources in the watershed. Historic data on dredging activities within the river will be used to estimate the volume of sediment deposited in the river (at the confluence). Results will then be used to estimate sediment contributed either from LOW itself or from stream bank/channel erosion. As a second step, GIS-based terrain analysis methods will be used to create a hydro logically-corrected digital elevation model (DEM) from the newly available Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data and to identify and prioritize critical management areas in the watershed. The third component of the work is focused on stakeholder involvement and education, which will be performed through a public meeting, web-based communications, and educational materials created to communicate project results.

Results of the analysis will indicate areas with potential for excessive soil erosion where efforts to implement best management practices (BMPs) should be targeted. This outcome is particularly valuable to local resource managers for prioritizing and funding projects within the watershed and effectively managing efforts to reduce erosion/sedimentation that improve water quality overall. Results will help in addressing a problem that's been recognized in numerous studies and reports (LOW County, 2010; MPCA, 2004; SAFL, 2004; WRWD, 2007). They will also feed directly into the upcoming watershed-wide total maximum daily load (TMDL) work. Overall, this study's results are expected to impact not only the Warroad River, but also LOW itself.

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## **The water resource that is targeted.**

Warroad River and Lake of the Woods

## **The process, technology, or tools the project will use for targeting, enhanced protection or restoration efforts.**

The focus of the proposed project is to quantify the amount of sediment contributed to the Warroad River from overland sources in its watershed, estimate the volume coming through wave action and littoral drift from LOW and/or stream bank/channel erosion, and perform terrain analysis (using newly-available Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) and other geographic information system (GIS) data) to identify and prioritize areas within the watershed that are critical for water quality restoration and protection efforts. The amount of sediment being contributed to the Warroad River from overland sources will be computed using the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation (RUSLE), a commonly-used approach developed by the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The RUSLE approach computes the maximum potential sediment load at various points across a landscape, based on the watershed's physical characteristics, vegetative cover, and land use practices. For the proposed work, all calculations will be performed on a 3x3 (meter) grid, using results from the LiDAR data analysis. LiDAR data will be combined with information on engineered structures and other anthropogenic impacts in the area to create a highly accurate (hydro logically-corrected) DEM for the Warroad River watershed. Sub-basins derived from this DEM will be the framework for quantifying total maximum sediment loads (from RUSLE) within the area. Historic data on dredging projects, including quantities removed and estimates of sediment deposited, will be obtained from the City of Warroad, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other local partners. A direct comparison will then be made between the results of the RUSLE analysis and sediment volumes computed from the dredging records to complete a sediment balance around the Warroad River Delta. Results will include an estimate of the amount of sediment coming from watershed sources versus from LOW and/or stream bank erosion. Terrain analysis, including Stream Power Index (SPI) analysis, will be performed to identify and prioritize critical management areas within the Warroad River watershed. Results of this analysis will indicate areas with potential for excessive soil erosion where efforts to implement BMPs should be targeted. This outcome is particularly valuable to local governments for prioritizing and funding projects within the watershed and effectively managing efforts to reduce erosion/sedimentation and improve water quality overall.

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## **The standards or procedures the project will supplement, complement, or exceed.**

Results of this work will inform/supplement/complement current efforts by local resource managers to design, implement, and fund water quality protection and restoration activities in the Warroad River watershed. At the completion of the proposed project, these managers will be better equipped to target future grant and project dollars at priority areas. Existing procedures are to react to problem locations once they arise, usually after sediment has been transported downstream. The proposed sediment balance and terrain analysis work will put into perspective the quantity of sediment reduction that is needed to see an improvement in water quality and guide managers toward areas with higher potentials for achieving these reductions. In addition to informing on-going efforts within the watershed, results of this work will also inform and feed into the upcoming watershed-wide TMDL project in the LOW watershed (scheduled to begin in 2013). Results of this work will help to engage local stakeholders early in the TMDL process by starting the communication process, results will also inform source identification and load calculations to be done under the TMDL. Finally, results of the proposed work may even assist in identifying priority areas for field work during the Intensive Watershed Monitoring work that will accompany the TMDL efforts.

## **How anticipated future standards or procedures will result in enhanced water quality protection or restoration.**

With a greater understanding of the source of sediment into the Warroad River (i.e., overland or in-channel/lake), local resource managers can start to design and prioritize appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for reducing sediment loads. Also, when considering sediment load reductions from the landscape, terrain analysis and RUSLE results will help guide managers to the areas of the watershed with the greatest potential for sediment yield and erosion. Utilizing this knowledge, implementation projects and stakeholder participation can be adequately prioritized.

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## **How the outcomes of our project would be integrated into day-to-day operations and become the new normal standard or procedure.**

Results of the proposed work will be used to inform resource management decisions and also inform future additions of the Warroad River Watershed District's Management Plan. In addition to a general understanding of the source of sediment to the Warroad River (i.e., overland vs. channel/lake), outcomes of this analysis will include maps of priority management areas and areas with potential for high sediment yield. These products will be (easily) referenced by resource managers when making decisions on prioritizing, encouraging, and funding water quality protection and restoration efforts. As such, they can easily be incorporated into daily management decisions.

## **The long term benefits and outcomes of our project.**

Although numerous studies and reports have recognized the problem of excessive erosion in the Warroad River and surrounding areas (LOW County, 2010; MPCA, 2004; SAFL, 2004; WRWD, 2007), this is the first District-led project performed to understand/address it. This work is considered a vital first step is establishing a viable plan to implement water quality improvement projects and is expected to inform addition work in the area, including the implementation of BMPs. The knowledge developed under this project, the studies that it will inform, and the BMPs that are implemented based on its results will improve the sedimentation problems and water quality in the Warroad River, reduce the level of maintenance needed in the Harbor, and (potentially) assist in improving conditions in LOW.

## **How the new standards or procedures will be sustainable over the long term.**

The Warroad River watershed has long suffered from erosion/sedimentation problems. The economic, social, and environmental impacts of those problems are widespread, as is the recognition of need for a project such as this. Impacts of this study will be widespread and have the potential to greatly inform and assist in addressing these long-term problems. As such, results of this work will not only inform, support, and be incorporated into the watershed management plan and upcoming total maximum daily load (TMDL), but are also anticipated to impact and guide other management decisions in the watershed, including those made by the City of Warroad and other stakeholders.

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## **Evaluation procedures we will to assess the results upon successful completion of the project.**

A clear vision of the sediment sources and the identification of priority areas to target for water quality BMPs will be considered a successful outcome. Beginning the process of informing the larger public on these issues will also be a measure of success.

A tangible measure of project outcomes will be the targeting of several locations for water quality improvement projects within the Warroad River Watershed District. Less tangible results will be a more informed public (measured by the number of attendees at the public meeting) and results to inform future Management Plan updates.

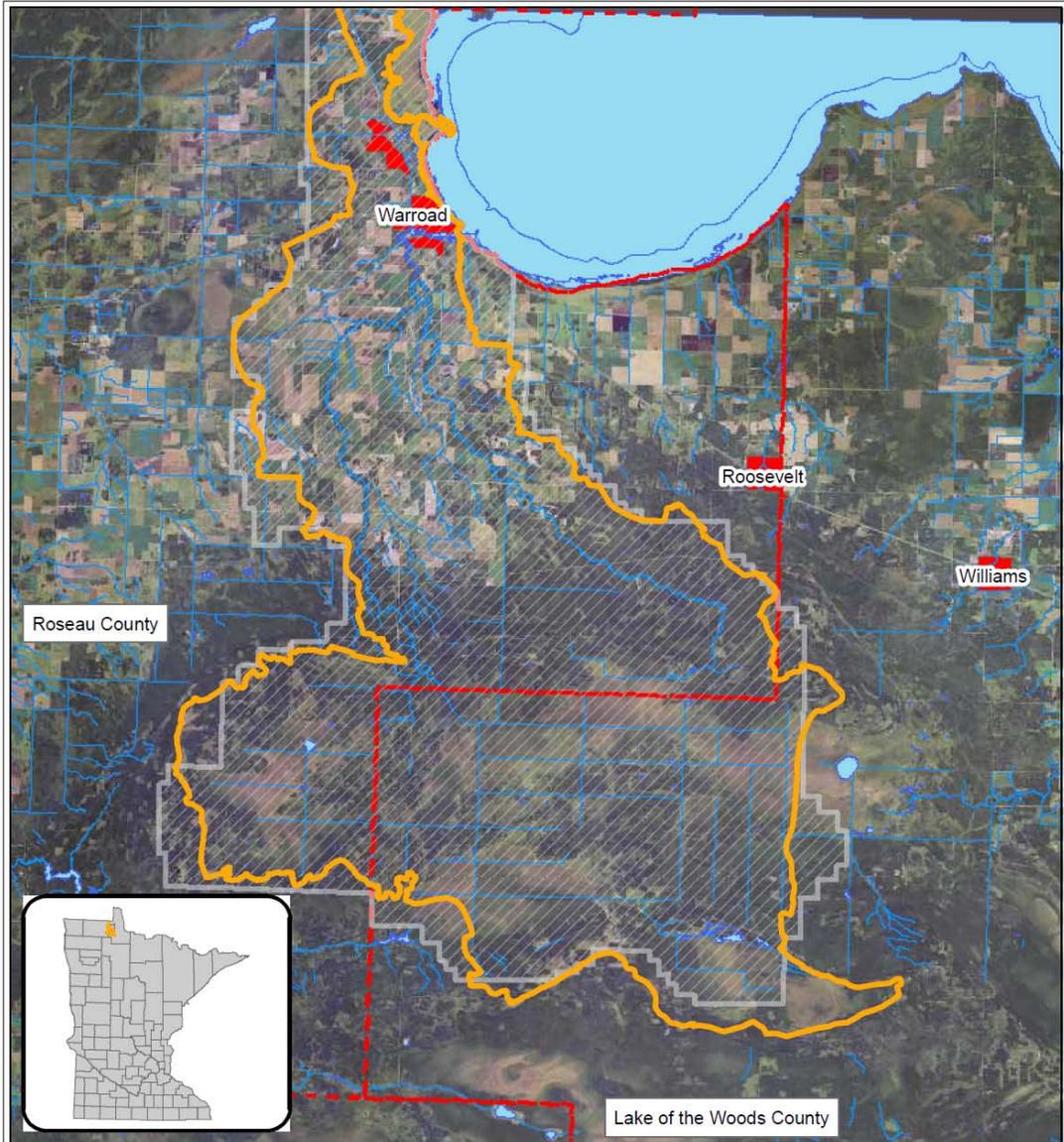
The sediment balance and terrain analysis results will provide information for prioritizing future Best Management Practices (BMP) locations and maximizing the impact of future clean water fund (CWF) investments. Similarly, results will be used to inform future CWF grant applications to target BMPs in these prioritized areas.

## **Timeline for Implementation**

Start Date - March 2012; Technical Analysis - September 2012 (in time to submit projects for next round of CWF); Public Outreach/Education - November 2012; Final Project Report - January, 2013  
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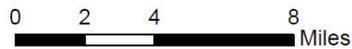
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# Warroad Watershed District Map



## LEGEND

-  Warroad River Watershed
-  Warroad River Watershed District
-  Counties
-  Cities



Locational Map of Proposed Study Area					
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 Houston Engineering Inc.			Maple Grove P: 763.493.4522 F: 763.493.5572		

ITEM # Consent 1  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b>	<b>*Department</b>	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b>
Miller, Ann Marie ▼	Administrative Assistant ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve Proceedings

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Proceedings from the January 24, 2012 Board Meeting are being submitted for Board review and approval.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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**ATTEST:** Jeff Pelowski, Interim Coordinator

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROSEAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 24, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of Roseau County, Minnesota met in the Courthouse in the City of Roseau, Minnesota on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Russell Walker. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Commissioners present were Roger Falk, Glenda Phillipe, Jack Swanson and Russell Walker. Commissioner Foldesi was excused.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Forthwith payment to Roger's Two Way Radio was added to the payment of bills. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously.

### **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Assistant Ann Marie Miller informed the Board of the upcoming Rinke-Noonan Drainage and Wetland Seminar to be held in St. Cloud, MN on February 23, 2012.

Commissioner Swanson commented on Commissioner per diems noting that for per diems to be reported accurately the total number of meetings attended and the total amount of per diem eligible for reimbursement should be considered. Swanson stated that in 2011 he attended 243 meetings that would be eligible for \$25,650.00 in per diem reimbursement and that his actual payout for per diems was \$2,850.00. Swanson also requested the Board consider publishing Commissioner per diems on an annual basis as to be pro-active in keeping the public informed.

### **APPROVE BILLS**

A motion was made by Commissioner Foldesi, seconded by Commissioner Phillipe and carried unanimously to approve the payment of the following bills:

#### **Warrants Approved For Payment 1/12/2012**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CENTURYLINK	3,630.73
MN DEPT OF FINANCE -TREAS	5,171.00
NW MN SERV COOP-BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	65,820.50
ROSEAU CITY	8,898.03
SELECT ACCOUNT-VEBA	8,993.29

**20 Payments less than 2,000 17,669.62**

**Final Total: 110,183.17**

#### **Warrants Approved For Payment 1/19/2012**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
COMMITTEE ON AGING	13,600.00
NW REGIONAL LIBRARY	91,857.00
ROSEAU CO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY 1	5,000.00
ROSEAU CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY	40,000.00
ROSEAU CO MEDICAL TRAVEL	4,465.00
ROSEAU CO SOIL & WATER CONS	65,000.00

ROSEAU CO TRAILBLAZERS	48,723.36
US POSTAL SERVICE	20,000.00
<b>6 Payments less than 2,000 1,589.46</b>	
<b>Final Total: 300,234.82</b>	

**Warrants Approved On 1/24/2012 For Payment 1/27/2012**

<b>Vendor Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
FARMERS UNION OIL CO-WARROAD	2,464.80
HOUSTON ENGINEERING	2,813.50
JOHNSON OIL CO INC	7,635.31
MACTEK SYSTEMS INC	4,812.00
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	2,004.00
MN DEPT OF CORRECTIONS STS	28,917.00
MN TRANSPORTATION ALLIANCE	2,330.00
NORTHERN RESOURCES COOPERATIVE	8,845.67
NORTRAX EQUIPMENT CO	126,985.67
ROSEAU CO HWY DEPT	3,896.05
<b>40 Payments less than 2,000 13,660.00</b>	
<b>Final Total: 204,364.00</b>	

And approved a forthwith payment to Roger's Two Way Radio in the amount of \$18,276.62.

**DELEGATIONS – BOARD APPOINTMENTS -**

DNR Wildlife Manager Randy Prachar – Roseau Lake Bottom

Randy Prachar met with the Board to give an overview of the Roseau Lake Bottom's Citizen's Advisory Committee report which details plans for the management of the Roseau Lake Bottom as it pertains to wildlife and flood control.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Consent Agenda was made by Commissioner Swanson, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously. The Board, by adoption of its consent agenda approved the January 3, and January 10, 2012 Proceedings; approved a four year Election Services Agreement with Synergy Graphics beginning January 24, 2012; terminating January 24, 2016; and approved a three year Assessment Agreement with the City Of Roseau beginning January 1, 2012, terminating December 31, 2014.

**COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Building Committee**

Interim Coordinator Jeff Pelowski addressed the Board on behalf of the Building Committee with regard to heating and cooling management in the jail. The Building Committee has been consulting with Gartner Temperature Controls on ways to create efficiencies in heating and cooling the jail. Since the Building Committee's last meeting Gartner has researched additional options for the committee to consider. The Committee will have an update for the Board following their next meeting.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Treasurer Diane Gregerson met with the Board to request approval for the purchase of a new color copier for her Office. The Board by consensus approved this request.

Interim Coordinator Jeff Pelowski requested Board approval of the State of Minnesota's 2012 Pay Equity Report. This report is prepared and submitted every three years. A motion to approve the 2012 Pay Equity Implementation Report was made by Commissioner Phillipe, seconded by Commissioner Falk and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Karen Foss requested the Board consider changing the \$500 Administrative Fee for Dangerous Animals. Foss stated that Chief Deputy Curt Hauger would like to be able to administer fees on a case-by-case basis. The Board discussed the importance of being consistent with this fee and by consensus agreed to leave the fee at \$500.00.

County Auditor Martha Monsrud met with the Board to request approval of the 2012 Liquor License Fees. A motion was made by Commissioner Falk, seconded by Commissioner Swanson and carried unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

#### 2012-01-02

BE IT RESOLVED that the Roseau County Board of Commissioners hereby grant the following liquor licenses to:

Judy Olson (Olson's Skime Store) an Off-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor license;

Springsteel Resort Inc. (Springsteel Resort) an On-sale intoxicating liquor license, a Sunday liquor license, and an Off-sale 3.2 percent malt liquor license;

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 4195 (Warroad Eagles) an On-sale intoxicating liquor license, and Sunday liquor license;

Pine Ridge Liquor Inc. (Pine Ridge Liquor) an Off-sale intoxicating liquor license;

Donald G. Jackson (DJ's Salol Store) an Off-sale intoxicating liquor license;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said licenses are effective February 1, 2012, through January 31, 2013, and recommends that said licenses be approved by the Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Director if applicable.

### **COUNTY BOARD ITEMS**

The Board discussed the location for the June 7, 2012 AMC District III meeting which will be hosted by Roseau County. The Board agreed to host the event at the Roseau City Center.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Falk reported on the following committee meeting(s): Highway Committee, 1/10/12; TAC meeting, 1/12/12, Social Services Board, 1/17/12; Building Committee, 1/17/12; Legislative Committee meeting with Bob Lessard, 1/19/12; Joint Powers Natural Resource Board, 1/23/12.

Commissioner Phillipe reported on the following committee meeting(s): Highway Committee, 1/10/12; Lake Township Board, 1/11/12; Land Asset meeting, 1/12/12; Warroad

City Council, 1/13/12; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 1/16/12; Social Services Board, 1/17/12; Warroad City Council, 1/23/12.

Commissioner Swanson reported on the following committee meeting(s): Highway Committee, 1/10/12; Northwest Regional Radio Board, 1/11/2012; Jadis Township Board, 1/11/12; Land Asset meeting, 1/12/12; Roseau County Committee on Aging, 1/16/12; Roseau Civic and Commerce Association Banquet, 1/16/12; Social Services Board, 1/17/12; Building Committee, 1/17/12; Northwest Housing and Redevelopment Authority, 1/18/12; Legislative Committee meeting with Bob Lessard, 1/19/12; AMC Conference Planning committee, 1/19/12; Roseau School Board, 1/19/12.

Commissioner Walker reported on the following committee meeting(s): Highway Committee, 1/10/12; Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus, 1/12/12; Social Services Board, 1/17/12; Legislative Committee meeting with Bob Lessard, 1/19/12.

Upon motion carried, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 11:15 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Attest:

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

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Jeff Pelowski, Interim County Coordinator  
Roseau County, Minnesota

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Russell Walker, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Roseau County, Minnesota

ITEM # Consent 2

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b>	<b>*Department</b>	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b>
Johnson, Scott ▼	SWCD ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
**Roseau County and Roseau County Soil and Water Conservation District Joint Powers Agreement**

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Scott Johnson is requesting Board approval of the Joint Powers Agreement between Roseau County and the SWCD for administration of the Wetland Conservation Act.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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**ATTEST:** Jeff Pelowski, Interim Coordinator

## **JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

### **BETWEEN ROSEAU COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND ROSEAU COUNTY**

#### **FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT (1991)**

This agreement is made between Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District and Roseau County, for administration of the Wetland Conservation Act, pursuant to authorizing resolutions of the boards of Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District and Roseau County.

This agreement is authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 103C.331 subdivision 19 (for SWCDs), and 471.59 (for counties and municipalities).

1. Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District will act as Local Governmental Unit (LGU) for Roseau County, to administer, to the extent of this agreement, that soil and water conservation related official controls of Roseau County under the Wetland Conservation Act and the rules of the Board of Water and Soil Resources adopted under the act.
2. The joint powers board, consisting of two supervisors, with one alternate, appointed by the Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District Board and two commissioners, with one alternate and one member at large appointed by the Roseau County Board of Commissioners, will be made aware of occurrences and events, by the appointed LGU administrator from the Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District, of the Wetland Conservation Act on a quarterly meeting basis or as necessary.
3. Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District will be the authority on administering, exemption and no-loss determinations and wetland banking within the county and the technical evaluation panel will be the decision maker on replacement plans.
4. Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District and the joint powers board will follow Roseau County procedures regarding notices and hearings, and will collect for its account fees as agreed to by the Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District and Roseau County Commissioners.
5. Appeal of the technical evaluation panel decision may be made to the joint powers board.

6. Roseau County will reimburse Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District for all costs incurred by Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District under this agreement.
7. Roseau County will provide legal advice and support to Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District when requested by Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District for administration and enforcement.
8. The joint powers board will meet as necessary to discuss Wetland Conservation Act events and any related issues pertaining to the Wetland Conservation Act.

This agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District and Roseau County by resolutions of their respective boards.

This agreement shall become effective upon execution by all duly authorized signatures and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2012 or thirty days after written notice of termination by either party to the other.



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Board Chair, Roseau County Soil & Water Conservation District

1-10-12

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Date

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Board Chair, Roseau County

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Date

ITEM # Consent 3  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
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<b>*Person Responsible for Request</b>	<b>*Department</b>	<b>*Board Meeting Date</b>
Monsrud, Martie ▼	Auditor ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 The term of the director from Roseau County will expire in March. The association is requesting confirmation of any candidates. I did talk to Buddy Erickson and he is willing to serve for one more term.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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Phillipe, Glenda ▼	District 1 Commissioner ▼	Feb ▼, 14 ▼, 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Commissioner Phillipe's Appointment to the DNR Parks & Trails Legacy Advisory Committee

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Commissioner Phillipe has been invited to serve on the DNR Parks and Trails Legacy Advisory Committee.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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Gross, Rich ▼	Trailblazers ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Roseau County Trailblazers Second Benchmark

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 The Roseau County Trailblazers are requesting approval of their second benchmark.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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Monsrud, Martie ▼	Auditor ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Minnesota Viewers Assoc.

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Received letter regarding this matter and I need to respond with Roseau County's decision.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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# MINNESOTA VIEWERS ASSOCIATION

402 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE  
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Fax 507-627-2191

## Memorandum

**To: County Auditors and Watershed District Administrators**  
**From: Minnesota Viewer's Association**  
**Re: Associate Membership annual dues**  
**Date: February 3, 2012**

We thank you for your Annual Associate Membership of \$125.00 and your continued support. The Association provides educational services to viewers, appraisers, auditors, commissioners, engineers, board members and others who make decisions for counties and watershed districts on projects depending upon the determination of benefits and damages for project funding.

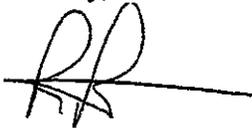
As an associate member you will receive notice of the seminars and may send representatives to these seminars. The association now holds 5 seminars each year located at various locations within the state. Within the past year the seminar topics have covered the topics of: How Appraisers and Assessors look at drainage, Determining Benefit Values, Consideration of indirect benefits, and Using GIS and LiDAR in viewing. Topics considered for the 2012 seminars will be a mix of continuing from the beginning of the viewing process and new topics that may affect benefits, damages and the viewing process.

The viewers association is a participating member of the BWSR drainage work group and the WCA work group. Our involvement in these groups is to make certain that drainage benefits determined are a consideration in the state's policies and legislation.

If you are an associate member we hope that you will continue to support the organization, if not we hope that you will become a member and that you will benefit from our educational service.

Annual Associate Membership is \$125.00 and an invoice and receipt are attached. Please fill in the information on the top portion and return it with you membership fee. If you have any questions about our organization or membership, feel free to call me at my business office at 507-627-1150 or email me at [viewer@mchsi.com](mailto:viewer@mchsi.com).

Sincerely,



Ron Ringquist  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Ketring, Brian ▼	Engineer ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve Call for Bids for 2012 Seal Coat Projects

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 S.A.P. 068-602-039 (CSAH No. 2) and S.A.P. 068-603-024 (CSAH No. 3)

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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Ketring, Brian ▼	Engineer ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve Call for Bids for 2012 Federal Bituminous Projects

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 S.P. 068-603-022 (CSAH No. 3) and S.P. 068-606-011 (CSAH No. 6)

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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

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Ketring, Brian ▼	Engineer ▼	Feb ▼ 14 ▼ 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve final payment to Minn-Dak Asphalt, Inc.

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Final Payment for 2011 Bituminous Projects for \$286,655.42.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

**\*Other Consideration:**

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

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Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve final payments to Beito Repair for the following projects:

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 DR 1830, CD 7, PW 2046 for \$1,835.66, DR 1830, CD 9, PW 2040 for \$1,424.32, and DR 1830, SD 72, PW 1988 for \$3,024.20.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Approve Contract with Northland Community & Technical College

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 This Contract is for the 2012 MSHA Annual Refresher Training on April 12, 2012.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

**\*Legal Consideration:**

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

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Swanson, Jack ▼	District 2 Commissioner ▼	Feb ▼, 14 ▼, 2012 ▼

Amount of time being requested:

**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Support For Small Logging Operations Resolution

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 St. Louis County has requested Roseau County support passing a resolution for small logging operations.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Committee Reports

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Commissioners Phillipe and Swanson have submitted committee reports for Board review.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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**Roseau County Board  
February 2012 Committee Report  
Glenda A. Phillippe**

**January 24 – Roseau County Board – Roseau**

COW

**January 25 – Warroad Watershed - Warroad**

Will address the county board with matching fund proposal. ConCon monies most likely available for project. Hontvet recently purchased Burgum land west of Warroad inquired about drainage and procedure.

**January 26 – Safety Training- Roseau**

Attended mandatory training at Roseau City Center.

**February 1 – Land of the Dancing Sky Agency on Aging – TRF**

2012 Area Plan was presented. Legal Services of Northwest MN presentation; Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services presentation; will coordinate meetings in Roseau County for both services. Scheduled a meeting with RCCoA and Shannon Henrickson, AAA Director, on February 27 to discuss ways to improve health of Senior Medical Travel without dropping Title III grant from Agency on Aging.

**February 7 – Roseau County Sheriff – Roseau**

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**February 7 – Roseau County Courthouse Heads – Roseau**

COW

**February 9 – DNR Land Exchange – Bemidji**

**February 9 – Legacy Workshop – McIntosh**

**February 13 – Warroad City Council – Warroad**

Cancelled; lack of quorum

**February 13 – Warroad School Board – Warroad**

**February 14 – Roseau County Board – Roseau**

COW

February 21 – Social Services – Roseau

February 21 – Highway Department – Roseau

February 27 – RCCoA – Roseau

February 28 – Roseau County Board – Roseau

February 28 – Township Officers – Roseau

## **JACK SWANSON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1/25/12 ROSEAU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**1/26/12 GREATER MINNESOTA ADVISORY PANEL (ST PAUL); met with governor's staff and local participants on format, agenda for first meeting**

**1/26/12 ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES LEADERSHIP TRAINING (ST PAUL); open meeting law, working with elected officials**

**1/26/12 ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES LEADERSHIP TRAINING (ST PAUL); difficult employees, county governance**

**1/30/12 CONSTITUENT MEETING (SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUE)**

**1/30/12 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE; phone call with scott cooper (bush foundation) on local government innovation**

**1/31/12 COUNTY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**2/1/12 AWAIR SAFETY TRAINING (REQUIRED)**

**2/1/12 COMMUNITY JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE; talked about early intervention; supported continuation of 'tracker' program; heard that 'teen journey' will be state-funded for 12 months**

**2/1/12 ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED BOARD; talked about one-time PILT payment and roseau lakebottom project**

**2/2/12 NORTHERN COUNTIES LAND USE COORDINATING BOARD (CHISHOLM); will have NCLUCB administrator work on a multi-county beaver control plan to present to DNR**

**2/6/12 ROSEAU CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

**2/6/12 ROSEAU CITY COUNCIL**

**2/7/12 COUNTY SHERIFF'S COMMITTEE**

**2/7/12 COUNTY COURTHOUSE COMMITTEE (INAUGURAL MEETING)**

**2/9/12 A.M.C. FUTURES TASK FORCE (ST PAUL)**

**2/10/12 A.M.C. FUTURES TASK FORCE (ST PAUL)**

**2/13/12 WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

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**\*Subject Title (As it will appear on the agenda):**  
 Information for Review

**\*Background (Provide sufficient detail of the subject):**  
 Commissioner Swanson has submitted the attached information for review only.

**\*Financial Consideration:**

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**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Fish and Wildlife  
2012 Minnesota Wolf Season Recommendations**

**Dates:** November 24, 2012 – January 5, 2013; season will close when quota is reached.

**Area:** Statewide, no specific management units      **Quota:** 400

**Limit:** one per licensed hunter or trapper      **Licenses:** 6,000

**Methods:**

- Hunting
  - Big game firearms, archery, or muzzleloader
  - Calls and bait allowed with some restrictions; no dogs
  
- Trapping
  - Foothold traps allowed under current state trap restrictions
  - Snares – modify snare restrictions for licensed wolf trappers attempting to take wolves during wolf season; requirements on snares to avoid non-target capture of moose and deer

**Objectives:**

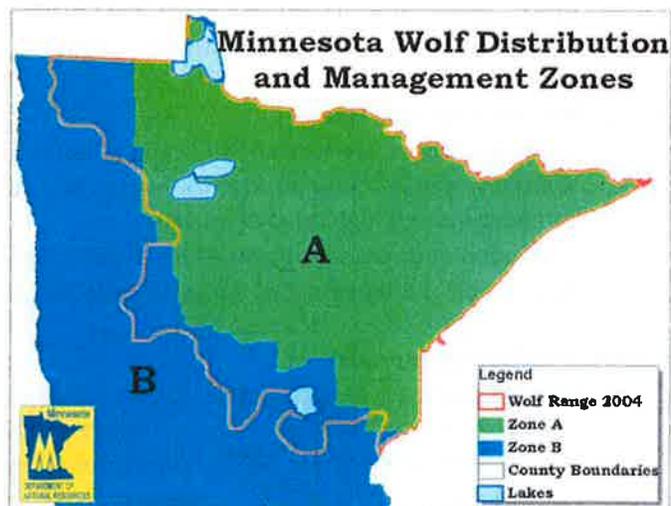
First year – inaugural wolf season to gauge hunter and trapper interest, success rates, and data gathering

Critical elements

- conservative first year quota
- limited number of hunters
- close season when approaching or at quota
- same day registration – track progress of season and harvest quota
- carcass submission – collect demographic data on wolf population
- winter 2012 – 2013 DNR wolf population survey

Future seasons

- Adaptive management approach; progressive approach each year with new information from previous season
- Evaluate first year season to inform level of harvest, hunter numbers, and methods of take
- Develop specific population objectives for areas of the state that have high rates of depredation conflict.
- Develop population model for evaluating harvest and wolf population.



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Wolf Briefing January 5, 2012

### Background

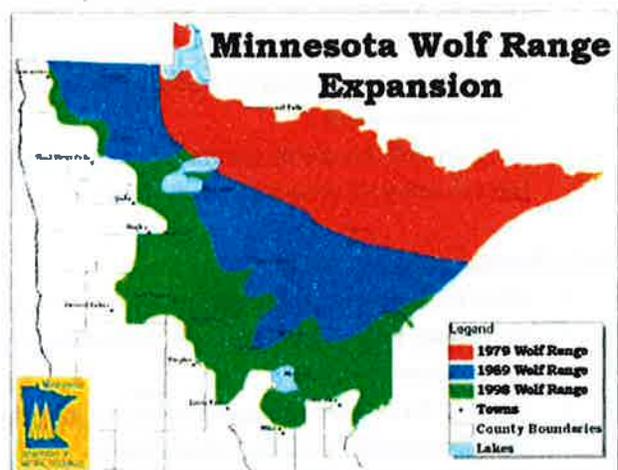
- Wolves were unprotected in Minnesota prior to federal protection in 1974 under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).
- The federal wolf recovery plan (1992) identified a recovered population number of 1,251 – 1,400 wolves for the Minnesota portion of the western Great Lakes population.
- The Minnesota Wolf Management Plan (2001) identifies a minimum statewide winter population goal of 1,600 wolves; there is no maximum population objective and wolves are allowed to occur naturally in suitable wolf habitat throughout the state.
- The wolf population in Minnesota has fully recovered and will be delisted for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in January 2012 (two previous delistings in 2007 and 2009 were overturned following federal court challenges)
- Wolf control has been conducted by the federal government since the late 1970s, with USDA Wildlife Services performing the work since 1986. The USDA wolf control program was suspended December 31, 2011 due to loss of federal funding.
- Minnesota statutes were amended to change the state status of wolves to a small game species and provide the ability to authorize a season without a five year waiting period effective July 2011.

### Minnesota Wolf Population Information

- Minnesota DNR has conducted systematic wolf surveys since 1978 at 10 and 5 year intervals.
- The most recent survey (winter 2007-2008) estimated the wolf population to be 2,921 (confidence range of 2,192 to 3,525).
- There has been no significant change in wolf population size or distribution since 1998, based on surveys in 1998, 2004, and 2008.
- The next survey will be conducted in winter 2012-2013.

### Details of Wolf Delisting

- US Fish and Wildlife Service published a final delisting rule in the Federal Register on December 28, 2011; the rule will take effect on January 27, 2012.
- ESA protections will no longer apply to wolves in Minnesota or adjacent states that are part of the Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment -- see map.



### Gray Wolf Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Wolf Briefing January 5, 2012

### 2011 WOLF DAMAGE CONTROL DATA – USDA

<b>Total complaints received</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>Total complaints verified</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Total livestock complaints verified</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Percentage of total complaints verified</b>	<b>51.7</b>
<b># of farms with verified complaints</b>	<b>96</b>
<b># of domestic dog verified complaints</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Complaints trapped</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>Wolves captured</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Wolves killed</b>	<b>203</b>

### MDA ANNUAL WOLF DAMAGE PAYMENT CLAIMS

Fiscal Year	Number of Claims	Total of Claims
2006	71	\$72,895
2007	82	\$81,683
2008	82	\$95,526
2009	87	\$88,366
2010	104	\$106,615
2011	128	\$102,230
2012–Nov11	61	\$81,300

### Wolf Hunting and Trapping Season Development

1. DNR will work with the Legislature to seek additional authorization related to wolf season management, including creating a wolf license and providing clear authority to limit numbers of hunters and quotas.
2. Likely several wolf harvest management units would be established. Given the high densities of hunters in Minnesota compared to western states and the absence of Minnesota data on a managed wolf season, initial seasons will need to be conservative to gather data on wolf populations, harvest, and success rates to inform future management.
3. The DNR will be proposing a separate season for wolves that takes into account when pelts are prime and provides opportunity for hunters and trappers to specifically target wolves while minimizing conflicts with other seasons. Likely components of a season include:
  - a. Timing similar to bobcat hunting and trapping season in Minnesota (late November – early January).
  - b. Identify harvest quotas based on management units. Provide various levels of harvest pressure for conservative, moderate, or liberal harvest in areas depending on management objectives and potential for conflicts with livestock depredation.
  - c. Limit hunters and trappers through lottery.
4. Additional considerations for implementing wolf season
  - a. Manage for a sustainable wolf population consistent with the Minnesota wolf management plan. Failure to carefully manage harvest in accordance with plan objectives could lead to relisting under ESA.
  - b. Assess and refine wolf survey methods and monitoring techniques to develop a long term wolf harvest model to track wolf harvest impacts and annual population estimates.
  - c. Develop tagging, registration and reporting requirements, and carcass collection for biological data collection.
  - d. Wolf licensing development, including application, lottery, registration, and potential to control harvest through direct quota.

# **Minnesota Wolf Management Plan Fact Sheet**

## **Zone A**

The killing of depredating wolves is limited to situations of immediate threat, and immediately following verified losses of livestock, domestic animals, or pets.

Owners (and the owners agents) of livestock, guard animals, or domestic animals may kill wolves, as allowed under the Minnesota wolf management plan, when they pose an immediate threat to such animals, on lands owned leased or occupied by the owners of such animals. Persons who kill a wolf under these circumstances must protect all evidence and report the taking to a conservation officer as soon as practicable, but no later than 48 hours after the wolf is taken. Similarly, an owner of a domestic pet may kill a wolf that poses an immediate threat to a domestic pet under the supervision of the owner. The owner is not restricted to lands owned or leased by the owner.

If the DNR verifies that livestock, domestic animals, or pets were destroyed by a wolf, and the owner requests wolf control, a predator control area will be opened for up to 60 days. The control area may not exceed a one-mile radius surrounding the damage site. Trained and certified predator controllers, with permission of the owner and other landowners within the control area, may take wolves.

## **Zone B**

The killing of depredating wolves by (owners and the owner's agents) is allowed for the purpose of protecting livestock, domestic animals, or pets. Documentation of immediate threat or a verified loss is not required, but the killing of wolves is limited to land owned, leased, or managed by the domestic animal owner or, by employing the services of a State certified predator controller, to a one-mile radius from that land. A person must report a wolf shot or trapped under these conditions to a conservation officer as soon as practicable but no later than 48 hours after the wolf was shot or trapped.

A control zone may be opened for 30 days to 214 days, depending on the time of year, and may be opened anytime within 5 years of a verified depredation loss.

An owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a wolf that poses an immediate threat to a domestic pet under the supervision of the owner. The owner is not restricted to lands owned or leased by the owner. The owner must protect all evidence, and report the taking to a conservation officer as soon as practicable, but no later than 48 hours after the wolf is destroyed.

## **Definition of Immediate Threat**

The observed behavior of a wolf in the act of stalking, attacking, or killing livestock, a guard animal, or a domestic pet under the supervision of the owner.

## DeListing frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Once Minnesota's wolves are removed from the federal endangered species list, some residents have questions about how this change will affect what they can legally do to protect their livestock and pets from wolf depredation.

Following are a few frequently asked questions about wolf management in Minnesota.

### **How will wolves be managed under the state plan?**

The state wolf plan is designed to protect wolves and monitor their population while giving owners of livestock and domestic pets more protection from wolf depredation. It splits the state into **two management zones** [PDF](#) (1.28 MB) with more protective regulations in the northern third, considered the wolf's core range.

Similar to federal regulations, the state plan allows anyone to take a wolf to defend human life. Any wolves taken must be reported to a DNR conservation officer within 48 hours, and the person who took the wolf must protect all evidence.

### **What will change under the state plan?**

State regulations allow harassment of wolves that are within 500 yards of people, buildings, livestock or domestic pets, to discourage wolves from contacting people and domestic animals. Wolves cannot be attracted or searched out for purposes of harassment, and cannot be physically harmed.

### **Can I shoot a wolf to protect my livestock or pet?**

Once wolves are removed from the list of threatened and endangered species, owners of livestock, guard animals, or domestic animals may shoot or destroy wolves that pose an **immediate threat** to their animals, on property they own or lease in accordance with local statutes.

"Immediate threat" means the observed behavior of a wolf in the act of stalking, attacking, or killing livestock, a guard animal, or a domestic pet under the supervision of the owner.

Additionally, the owner of a domestic pet may shoot or destroy a wolf posing an immediate threat on any property, as long as the owner is supervising the pet.

**In all cases**, a person shooting or destroying a wolf under these provisions must protect all evidence, and report the taking to a DNR conservation officer within 48 hours. The wolf carcass will be surrendered to the conservation officer.

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### **What's the difference between Zone A and Zone B?**

Outside the wolf's core range, in the southern two thirds of the state (Zone B), a person may shoot a wolf at any time to protect livestock, domestic animals or pets on land they own, lease, or manage. The circumstance of "immediate threat" does not apply.

A DNR conservation officer must be notified within 48 hours, and the wolf carcass will be surrendered to the conservation officer.

### **How will we ensure the wolf population is maintained?**

# **Beaver Control Provisions for**

## **Private Landowners, Local Government Units, and Road Authorities**

Although beavers provide many positive environmental values, they can also cause property damage. Presently, beavers are abundant in Minnesota.

In many cases, beaver damage cannot be effectively managed unless the beavers are removed. Removing a dam without removing the resident beavers generally results in the dam being immediately rebuilt. Taking beaver during the six month long trapping season is encouraged.

In some situations, water levels in the beaver pond may be controlled by devices such as the Clemson beaver pond leveler.

There are several provisions in law to help landowners and others manage beaver damage.

### **Private Landowners**

#### **BEAVER SEASONS.**

Landowners may take beaver on their property during the open season, or allow the taking of beaver by recreational trappers. If the landowner occupies the land as a principal residence they are exempt from a small game license, but will generally need a trapping License. The beaver trapping season is about six months long, from mid-October to late April or early May, and an unlimited number of beaver may be taken by trappers with the proper licenses during the open season. [MS 97B.925]

#### **TAKING ANIMALS CAUSING DAMAGE.**

A person may take beaver on land owned or occupied by the person where the animal is causing damage. The person may take the animal without a license and in any manner except by poison, or artificial lights in the closed season. A person that kills beaver under this provision must notify a conservation officer or employee of the wildlife section within 24 hours after the animal is killed. The commissioner may issue special permits to take beaver that are damaging property or to remove or destroy their houses or dams. [MS 97B.655]

#### **SPECIAL PERMITS.**

Special permits may be issued to take beaver or to remove or destroy their houses or dams for the purpose of preventing or reducing damage or injury to people, property, agricultural crops, or other

## Road Authority

### REMOVAL OF BEAVERS, BEAVER DAMS AND LODGES BY ROAD AUTHORITIES.

When a drainage watercourse is impaired by a beaver dam and the water damages or threatens to damage a public road, the road authority may remove the impairment and any associated beaver lodge within 300 feet of the road under a permit issued by the local conservation officer. The permit will authorize road authorities to kill or arrange to have killed beaver associated with lodges within 300 feet of a public roadway. The local road authority can implement a local beaver control programs that may include offering a bounty under certain circumstances and in consultation with the section of wildlife and the board of soil and water conservation services. [MS 97B.667]

### PERMITS.

Special permits will be issued by the local conservation officer to kill or arrange to have killed beaver associated with a lodge within 300 feet of a public road. The road authority or individual trapper must notify the conservation officer within 10 days of any beaver that are killed.

The division of enforcement and regional wildlife managers will issue special beaver permits to take beaver by trapping to:

- Individual trappers who are working in cooperation with road authorities to resolve nuisance beaver complaints; and
- A road authority employee designated by the road authority to take beaver where the animal is causing damage.

A special permit would not be required on legally accessible land during the approximately six-month long trapping season, running from mid-October through late April or early May. The department encourages nuisance beaver removal during the open season whenever possible to maximize utilization of the furbearer resource and the associated recreational opportunity.

### BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM.

The amendments provide for implementation of a local beaver control program. In consultation with the DNR Section of Wildlife and the Board of Water and Soil Resources, county and township road authorities can develop a beaver control program plan that could include components such as:

- A process by which nuisance beaver complaints are logged by the road authority.
- A program to identify and coordinate trappers on a county-wide basis.
- Minimum standards for trappers who participate in the program. For example, ability to obtain a small game and trapping license.
- Documentation that licensing or special permit requirements have been met for beavers taken under a bounty program, or the person is exempt from licensing/permit requirements, i.e. landowner on own property.
- Terms for payment.