

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

520 Lafayette Road North
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of the review of the Watershed Management Plan for the Black Dog Watershed Management Organization, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subdivision 9.

**ORDER
APPROVING
A WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Whereas, the Board of Managers of the Black Dog Watershed Management Organization (BDWMO) submitted a Watershed Management Plan (Plan) dated August 2022 to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subd. 9, and;

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. **Watershed Management Organization Establishment.** The Black Dog Watershed Management Organization (BDWMO) was established in 1985 through a joint powers agreement. The vision of the Organization is that water resources and related ecosystems are managed to sustain their long-term health and aesthetic beauty in order to contribute to the well-being of the citizens within the watershed. The current plan was approved by the Board in September 2012.
- B. **Authority of Plan.** The Metropolitan Surface Water Management Act requires the preparation of a watershed management plan for the subject watershed area which meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Sections 103B.201 to 103B.251.
- C. **Nature of the Watershed.** The BDWMO encompasses approximately 26 square miles in northwestern Dakota County, covering parts of the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, and Lakeville. The BDWMO is bound by Scott County to the west, the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District to the north, Eagan-Inver Grove Watershed Management Organization to the northeast, and the Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization to the southeast. The majority of the watershed is fully developed and outlets through the Lower Minnesota Watershed District to the Minnesota River, with a small portion of the watershed that outlets towards the Credit River.
- D. **Plan Development and Review.** The BDWMO initiated the planning process for the 2022-2032 Plan in mid-2020. As required by Minnesota Rules (MR) 8410, a specific process was followed to identify and assess priority issues. Stakeholders were identified, notices were sent to municipal, regional, and state agencies to solicit input for the upcoming Plan. A public kickoff meeting was hosted on April 21, 2021, along with a resident survey that was completed in Winter-Spring 2021. A Technical Advisory Committee meeting was held on March 12, 2021. The Plan was submitted for formal 60-day review on May 12, 2022. The BDWMO received 20 comments on the 60-day draft Plan. All comments on the draft Plan were

addressed in writing. After formal review of the Plan, the BDWMO held a public hearing on the draft Plan on August 17, 2022. The final draft Plan and all required materials were submitted and officially received by the Board on August 22, 2022.

- E. **Local Review.** The BDWMO distributed copies of the draft Plan to local units of government for their review pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B132, Subd. 7. Responses were received from the Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District and Dakota County. Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District reviewed the draft and provided a letter of no comment. Dakota County comments were largely focused on groundwater issues and pollutant sources such as subsurface sewage treatment systems. Dakota County provided suggested text and a policy addition. The BDWMO accepted the comments and made the suggested changes and additions to the Plan.
- F. **Metropolitan Council Review.** During the 60-day review, the Council suggested uniform performance standards among the member cities for permitting. During the Plan update process, the BDWMO reviewed this option and determined that there would be limited benefit from the significant amount of effort to create uniformity among the member cities. The Council requested cost estimates for all projects within the Capital Improvement Program and if estimates are not currently available, a minor amendment should be completed in the future. The BDWMO updated the costs for several projects between the 60-day draft and 90-day draft and committed to updating others through a plan amendment as cities provide more information on projects that they will be leading the implementation on.
- G. **Department of Agriculture (MDA) Review.** The MDA did not have any comments.
- H. **Department of Health (MDH) Review.** No comments were received by the MDH on the Plan.
- I. **Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Review.** The DNR did not have any comments.
- J. **Pollution Control Agency (PCA) Review.** PCA provided a letter that they did not have any comments on the Plan.
- K. **Department of Transportation (DOT) Review.** DOT commented that the trigger for rate, volume control and water quality treatment should be consistent with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination standards. The BDWMO recognizes the difference and wants to maintain treatment for smaller projects within its boundary.
- L. **Board Review.** Board staff requested clarification on items related to the impaired waters, water quality trends, local water plans, and erosion and sedimentation goals and policies. BDWMO made the necessary changes to the Plan. Board staff also requested updated cost estimates for projects included in the implementation table. BDWMO made provided responses and updated all information as available at this time.
- M. **Plan Summary.** The BDWMO identified water quality, lake ecology & habitat, groundwater management, and education & engagement as their highest priorities in the Plan. The BDWMO has relied on city-led implementation in the past, but this Plan looks to enhance its partnerships through increased cooperation with the Dakota Soil and Water Conservation District and Dakota County as well as the member cities. The Plan has broken its implementation down to five subwatersheds within the BDWMO which will improve targeting of the practices and should create better opportunity for tracking improvement.

N. **Central Region Committee Meeting.** On October 6, 2022, the Board’s Central Region Committee and staff met in St. Paul and via teleconference to review and discuss the final Plan. Those in attendance from the Board’s committee were Joe Collins (chair), Jill Crafton, Jayne Hager Dee, Mark Zabel, Heather Johnson, and Steve Robertson. Board staff in attendance were Central Region Manager Marcey Westrick and Board Conservationist Steve Christopher. BDWMO Administrator Daryl Jacobson, BDWMO Plan Consultant Greg Williams and BDWMO Board Members Scott Thureen and Mike Hughes were also in attendance. Greg Williams and Daryl Jacobson provided highlights of the Plan and process. Board staff recommended approval of the Plan. After presentation and discussion, the committee unanimously voted to recommend the approval of the Plan to the full board.

CONCLUSIONS


1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law and rule have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving the Watershed Management Plan for the Black Dog Watershed Management Organization (BDWMO) pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.231, Subd. 9.
3. The BDWMO Watershed Management Plan, attached to this Order, defines the water and water-related problems within the BDWMO’s boundaries, possible solutions thereto, and an implementation program through 2032.
4. The BDWMO Watershed Management Plan will be effective October 26, 2022, through October 26, 2032.
5. The attached Plan is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Sections 103B.201 to 103B.251.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Black Dog Watershed Management Organization Watershed Management Plan dated August 2022.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 26th day of October 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: 
Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources



BOARD ORDER

Fiscal Year 2023 Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Program Grants

PURPOSE

Authorize the FY23 Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Program

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

- A. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 2, Subd. 8(b) appropriated \$750,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the Board for building a new initiative to strategically restore and enhance approximately 1,000 acres of diverse native habitat to benefit multiple insects through grants, cost-share, and outreach.
- B. On April 27, 2022, by Board Order #22-20, the Board authorized staff “to develop and distribute subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) for remaining funds similar to the initial RFP with a maximum request amount not to exceed \$60,000, include counties as eligible applicants, allow landscape conversion to native plant communities to be an eligible activity (in addition to pollinator plots and landscape enhancement), and allow pollinator plots and landscape conversions to be up to ten acres in size.”
- C. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their September 26, 2022 meeting, reviewed the Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Program Grant Policy and recommended approval to the full board at the October 26, 2022 meeting.

ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Adopts the attached Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Program Policy.
2. Authorizes staff to develop and distribute the FY2023 Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Program Request for Proposals.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this October 26, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: October 26, 2022



BOARD ORDER

Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Clean Water Legacy Partners Pilot Grants

PURPOSE

Authorize Fiscal Year (FY) 22/23 Clean Water Legacy Partners Pilot Grants Program and adopt FY 22/23 Policy and Request for Proposals ranking criteria.

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

- A. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 6 (n) appropriated \$400,000 in fiscal year 2022 and \$600,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the Clean Water Fund “for developing and implementing a water legacy grant program to expand partnerships for clean water.”
- B. The proposed policy and request for proposal criteria were created to provide expectations for applicants and subsequent implementation activities conducted with these funds.
- C. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their October 24, 2022 meeting, reviewed the proposed FY 22/23 Clean Water Legacy Partners Pilot Grants Request for Proposals criteria and Policy, and recommended approval to the Board.

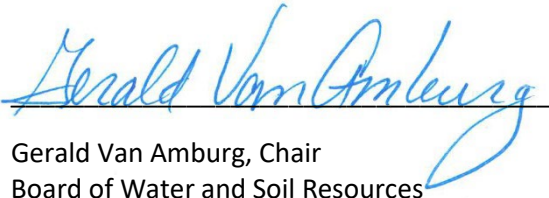
ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Adopts the attached FY 22/23 Clean Water Legacy Partners Pilot Grant Policy.
2. Authorizes the FY 22/23 Clean Water Legacy Partners Grants Pilot Program according to the attached ranking criteria for the Request for Proposal.
3. Authorizes staff to finalize and issue an initial Request for Proposals and issue subsequent Request for Proposals as needed.
4. Authorizes staff to develop grant agreements and related processes and protocols for grant management and oversight consistent with statutes and grant administration policies.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this October 26, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: October 26, 2022

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
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In the Matter of the review of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Clearwater River Watershed, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 and 103B.801.

**ORDER
APPROVING
COMPREHENSIVE
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Whereas, the Policy Committee of the Clearwater River Watershed (WRM) submitted a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on September 27, 2022, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14, and;

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. **Partnership Establishment.** The Clearwater River Watershed Partnership (Partnership) was established in August 2020, through adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement for the purposes of developing a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The membership of the Partnership includes Clearwater Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Pennington SWCD, East Polk SWCD, Red Lake SWCD, as well as Clearwater County, Pennington County, Polk County, Red Lake County and the Red Lake Watershed District.
- B. **Authority to Plan.** Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 allows the Board to adopt resolutions, policies or orders that allow a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D to serve as substitutes for one another or be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.801, established the Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; also known as the One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) program.
- C. **Nature of the Watershed.** The Clearwater River Watershed is one of the Red River Basin's most geographically diverse watersheds spanning forest, recreational rivers, lakes, large intact wetlands, wild rice paddies, beach ridges, pasture, and croplands. It encompasses 1,385 square miles (886,400 acres) of land across Glacial Lake Agassiz in Clearwater, Polk, Red Lake, Pennington, Mahnomon, and Beltrami counties, and includes the Red Lake and White Earth Nations. Major towns in the watershed include: Bagley, Gonvick, Red Lake Falls, Erskine, and Clearbrook.
- D. **Plan Development.** The Plan was developed as a single, concise, and coordinated approach to watershed management. The Plan consolidates policies, programs, and implementation strategies

from existing data, studies and plans, and incorporates input from multiple planning partners to provide a single plan for management of the watershed. The Plan focuses on prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation efforts and lays out specific actions to manage water quantity, protect and restore water quality, natural habitat, recreational uses and drinking water sources in the watershed.

E. **Plan Review.** On September 27, 2022, the Board received the Plan, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Plan for final State review pursuant to Board Resolution #18-14. During the development of the Plan, State agency representatives attended and provided input at advisory committee meetings. The following state review comments were received during the comment period.

- i. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): MDH staff thanked the partnership for including MDH priorities and inputs in the plan and had no additional comments to provide. MDH recommends approval of the plan.
- ii. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR): DNR staff thanked the partnership for including DNR priorities and additional inputs during the plan and review process. DNR staff noted it was a pleasure working with the Advisory Committee. DNR recommends approval of the plan.
- iii. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA): MPCA staff noted that they appreciated the opportunity to participate and provide input and that the plan is well written, concise and thorough. MPCA recommends approval of the plan.
- iv. Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB): EQB did not provide comments for the final review.
- v. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA): MDA did not provide comments for the final plan review.
- vi. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources regional staff: BWSR staff provided comments throughout the planning process and had no suggested or required changes to the Plan submitted for the final review. We commend the partners for their trust level and commitment to the resources of the Plan area. BWSR staff recommend approval of the Plan and look forward to working with the Partnership during implementation.

F. **Plan Summary and Highlights.** The highlights of the Plan include:

- A thorough narrative description of the land and water resource features that shape the planning area and inform the broad priorities within the plan.
- A collection of 12 priority issues split between two distinct levels as selected by the group to focus efforts and define measurable goals.
- The plan includes focused priorities for seven (7) planning regions to ensure issue prioritization is specific to the needs of each geographical area.
- Each planning region has unique short and long-term goals and implementation schedules.
- The Prioritize, Target and Measure Application (PMAApp) was used to identify, prioritize, and target possible locations of upland structural projects and field management conservation practices in each specific planning region in the plan utilizing direct local input.
- This plan contained resource protection priorities utilizing a ranked quality index.
- A thorough discussion of capital improvement projects within the watershed, including seven projects identified for implementation.
- A thorough discussion of regulatory and enforcement measures to meet the needs of county and watershed district obligations, including shoreland management, public drainage, buffers and land use planning.

- G. **Northern Regional Committee.** On October 5, 2022, the Northern Regional Committee met to review and discuss the Plan. Those in attendance from the Board's Committee were Neil Peterson, Gerald Van Amburg, Todd Holman, Jeff Berg, Theresa Ebbenga, Theresa Haugen, Ron Staples, LeRoy Ose, Rich Sve and Kurt Beckstrom. The representatives from the Partnership were Chester Powell, Tanya Waldo, Terry Sorenson, Corey Hanson, Lori Buell, Peter Nelson and Myron Jesme. Chester Powell presented the Plan on behalf of the partnership. Board regional staff provided its recommendation of Plan approval to the Committee. After discussion, the Committee's decision was to present a recommendation of approval of the Plan to the full Board.
- H. This Plan will be in effect for a ten-year period until October 26, 2032.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Clearwater River Watershed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14.
3. The Clearwater River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan attached to this Order states water and water-related problems within the planning area; priority resource issues and possible solutions thereto; goals, objectives, and actions of the Partnership; and an implementation program.
4. The attached Plan is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14.
5. The attached Plan when adopted through local resolution by the members of the Partnership will serve as a replacement for the comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D, but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan of the Clearwater River Watershed, submitted September 27, 2022.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this twenty-sixth day of October 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


BY: Gerald Van Amburg, Chair

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Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- A. **Partnership Establishment.** The Long Prairie River Watershed Partnership (LPRWP) was approved for a One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P) planning grant by the Board on August 26, 2020. The LPRWP organized their planning process through adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement for the purposes of developing a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP). The membership of the LPRWP includes Douglas County, Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Todd County, Todd SWCD, Morrison County, Morrison SWCD, and the West Ottertail SWCD.
- B. **Authority to Plan.** Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 allows the Board to adopt resolutions, policies or orders that allow a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed, or amended, approved, and adopted according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D to serve as substitutes for one another or be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.801 established the Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; also known as One Watershed, One Plan and Board Decision #18-14 adopted the One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures Version 2.0 and Board Decision #19-41 adopted the One Watershed, One Plan Content Requirements Version 2.1 policies.
- C. **Nature of the Watershed.** The Long Prairie River, bookended by lake-rich areas, makes up the Long Prairie River Watershed. Originating in the Alexandria Lakes Area in Douglas County, the Long Prairie River flows 92 miles through Todd County to join the Crow Wing River south of Motley in Morrison County. Otter Tail and Wadena counties also contain small portions of the watershed. This watershed encompasses approximately 571,712 acres (893 square miles) in central Minnesota and contains more than 220 lakes and 965 miles of rivers and streams. Primary towns include Alexandria, Long Prairie, Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, and Motley.

- D. **Plan Development.** The Plan was developed as a single, concise, and coordinated approach to watershed management for the purpose of guiding watershed managers as they work with landowners and communities to protect and restore the watershed's resources. The Plan consolidates policies, programs, and implementation strategies from existing data, studies, and plans, and incorporates input from multiple planning partners to provide a single plan for management of the watershed. The Plan focuses on prioritized, targeted, and measurable implementation efforts and lays out specific goals and actions to manage lake/stream water quality protection and enhancement, groundwater quality and quantity including drinking water protection, and natural habitat protection management in the watershed.
- E. **Plan Review.** On September 23, 2022, the Board received the Plan, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Plan for final State review pursuant to Board Decision #18-14. State agency representatives attended and provided input at advisory committee meetings during development of the Plan. The following state review comments were received during the comment period.
- I. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA): MDA confirmed receipt of the Plan and recommended approval.
 - II. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): MDH confirmed receipt of the Plan and recognized the comments were all tracked and used for plan modifications. MDH appreciated the inclusion of MDH priorities and additional inputs during the planning and review process and recommended approval of the Plan.
 - III. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR): DNR confirmed receipt of the Plan. DNR is satisfied with the responses to issues raised during the 60-day review, had no additional comments and recommended approval of the Plan.
 - IV. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA): MPCA commented that the Plan was very well written, concise and thorough and recommended approval of the Plan.
 - V. Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB): EQB did not provide any comments.
 - VI. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Regional Staff: BWSR staff provided comments during the 60-day review commending the Partnership for inclusion of the initial priority issues submitted by BWSR and for addressing the comments received during the internal review period. All comments submitted throughout the planning process were adequately addressed in the final Plan and BWSR staff recommended approval of the Plan.
- F. **Plan Summary and Highlights.** The highlights of the plan include:
- The Plan identifies four different planning regions which were defined based on land use, hydrology, geology, and vegetation. The four planning regions are Alexandria Lakes, Long Prairie River, Eagle/Moran Creeks, and Fishtrap/Turtle Creeks.
 - The plan development process generated fifteen issues, organized in seven resource categories (Lakes/Streams, Drinking Water, Groundwater, Soil, Forest/Grassland, Wetlands, and Aquifer) using existing reports, plans, studies, data, and stakeholder input. Each issue was assigned as one of three priority levels within each planning region. Seven issues were identified as Priority A for having a "high" priority ranking in at least one planning region and will be the focus of initial implementation efforts. Six issues were identified as Priority B for having a "medium" priority ranking in any planning region and will be addressed during the

Plan, likely with additional funding. The remaining three issues were identified as Priority C for having a “low” priority ranking watershed-wide and are not the focus of the Plan but may be addressed with additional funding.

- The Plan details six measurable goals that collectively address the thirteen Priority A and B issues. The measurable goals are presented as a series of fact sheets. Each fact sheet summarizes the priority issues the goal addresses, the planning region prioritization for each issue, background information about the issue and goal, the long-term and short-term goal, example actions that can be implemented to make progress toward goals, and specific resources and/or subwatersheds that are prioritized for the goal.
- Separate targeted implementation tables were created for each planning region that include actions within the Projects and Practices implementation program. Watershed-wide implementation tables were created for actions related to Regulatory, Outreach, and Data Collection and Monitoring implementation programs.
- The Plan recognizes three funding levels for implementation. Level 1 Current Funding, Level 2 Current Funding + WBIF, and Level 3 Partner and Other Funding. Actions pursued under Funding Level 2 are the focus of the Plan and have an estimated annual cost of \$1.6 million.

G. **Northern Regional Committee.** On October 5, 2022, the Northern Regional Committee met to review and discuss the Plan. Those in attendance from the Board’s Committee were Rich Sve, Neil Peterson, Ron Staples, Gerald Van Amburg, Todd Holman, LeRoy Ose, Kurt Beckstrom, Jeff Berg, Theresa Ebbenga and Theresa Haugen. Board staff in attendance were Northern Regional Manager Ryan Hughes and Board Conservationist Chris Pence. The representatives from the Partnership were Danielle Anderson, Jerry Haggenmiller, Adam Ossefoort and Shannon Wettstein. Board regional staff provided its recommendation of Plan approval to the Committee. After discussion, the Committee’s decision was to present a recommendation of approval of the Plan to the full Board.

H. This Plan will be in effect for a ten-year period until October 26, 2032.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Long Prairie River Watershed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14.
3. The Long Prairie River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan attached to this Order states water and water-related problems within the planning area; priority resource issues and possible solutions thereto; goals, objectives, and actions of the Partnership; and an implementation program.
4. The attached Plan is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #18-14.

5. The attached Plan when adopted through local resolution by the members of the Partnership will serve as a replacement for the comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed or amended, approved, and adopted, according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D, but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan of the Long Prairie River Watershed submitted September 23, 2022 and dated 2022-2032.

Dated at St Paul, Minnesota, this twenty-sixth of October 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


BY: Gerald Van Amburg, Chair