

**Resolution # 2024-18**  
**Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement**  
**the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion River**  
**Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

**Whereas** the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District is a member of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Planning Policy Committee; and

**Whereas** the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District has been an active participant in the development of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas** all partners must also adopt the Plan to serve as a substitute for either the SWCD comprehensive plan or county local water management plan as per 103C or 103B respectively for the duration of the state approved Plan.

**Whereas** the Policy Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day comment period; and

**Whereas** no major changes were requested by the public or by state agencies; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District approves submission of the plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board. Contingent on recommendation of plan approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Northern Committee and subsequent BWSR Board approval, the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion watershed within its jurisdiction.

**Be It Further Resolved** the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate agency officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Motion Made by: Mills

Seconded by: White

Affirmative: Mills, White, Hawkins, Sullivan, and Storlie

Opposed:

*Certification of Recording Officer*

*I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Cook County Board of Commissioners held on the 13th day of February 2024 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.*



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Ann Sullivan, Chair  
Cook County  
Commissioner

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**Whereas** the Policy Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day comment period; and

**Whereas** no major changes were requested by the public or by state agencies; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District approves submission of the plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board. Contingent on recommendation of plan approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Northern Committee and subsequent BWSR Board approval, the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion watershed within its jurisdiction.

**Be It Further Resolved** the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate agency officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Motion Made by:


Seconded by:

Affirmative:

Opposed:

*Certification of Recording Officer*

*I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District Board held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2024 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.*

  
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Stanley Tull, Chair  
Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors



**Board of Commissioners**  
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Joe Baltich - First District  
Derrick (Rick) L. Goutermont – Second District  
Richard (Rick) C. Hogenson – Third District  
Jeremy M. Hurd – Fourth District  
Rich Sve – Fifth District

**RESOLUTION NO. 24021302.12**  
**Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement**  
**the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion River**  
**Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

**Whereas** the County of Lake is a member of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Planning Policy Committee; and

**Whereas** the County of Lake has been an active participant in the development of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas** all partners must also adopt the Plan to serve as a substitute for either the SWCD comprehensive plan or county local water management plan as per 103C or 103B respectively for the duration of the state approved Plan.

**Whereas** the Policy Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day comment period; and

**Whereas** no major changes were requested by the public or by state agencies; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Lake County Board of Commissioners approves submission of the plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board. Contingent on recommendation of plan approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Northern Committee and subsequent BWSR Board approval, the County of Lake hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion watershed within its jurisdiction.

**Be It Further Resolved** the Lake County Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate agency officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

Commissioner Hogenson moved the approval of the foregoing resolution and the same was declared adopted upon unanimous vote of all members present. Absent: Goutermont, Sve

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STATE OF MINNESOTA     }  
County of Lake            }     ss.  
Office of Clerk of the Board     }

I, Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Lake County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

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RESOLUTION NO. 24021302.12

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT, ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT  
THE RAINY HEADWATERS – VERMILION RIVER  
COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF MY OFFICE

at Two Harbors, Minnesota, this 13th day of February  
2024.



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Laurel D. Buchanan, Clerk of the Board

**Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement  
the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion River  
Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

**Whereas** the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District (Lake SWCD) is a member of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Planning Policy Committee; and

**Whereas** the Lake SWCD has been an active participant in the development of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas** all partners must also adopt the Plan to serve as a substitute for either the SWCD comprehensive plan or county local water management plan as per 103C or 103B respectively for the duration of the state approved Plan.

**Whereas** the Policy Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day comment period; and

**Whereas** no major changes were requested by the public or by state agencies; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the Lake SWCD Board of Supervisors approves submission of the plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board. Contingent on recommendation of plan approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Northern Committee and subsequent BWSR Board approval, the Lake SWCD Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion watershed within its jurisdiction.

**Be It Further Resolved** the Lake SWCD Board of Supervisors approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate agency officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Motion Made by: Hippert

Seconded by: Lande

Affirmative: All

Opposed: None

*Certification of Recording Officer*

*I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.*



Doug Hauke, Lake SWCD Board Chair



**North St. Louis  
Soil and Water Conservation District**  
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Virginia MN 55792  
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**Whereas** the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District is a member of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Planning Policy Committee; and

**Whereas** the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District has been an active participant in the development of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

**Whereas** all partners must also adopt the Plan to serve as a substitute for either the SWCD comprehensive plan or county local water management plan as per 103C or 103B respectively for the duration of the state approved Plan.

**Whereas** the Policy Committee submitted the Plan for 60-day comment period; and

**Whereas** no major changes were requested by the public or by state agencies; and

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District approves submission of the plan to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Board. Contingent on recommendation of plan approval by the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) Northern Committee and subsequent BWSR Board approval, the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District hereby adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan for the area of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion watershed within its jurisdiction.

**Be It Further Resolved** the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate agency officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Motion Made by: *Modich*

Seconded by: *Bainler*

Affirmative: *Bainler, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*

Opposed: *none*

*Motion carried on roll call vote*

*Certification of Recording Officer*

*I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the North St Louis SWCD Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024; and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.*

Mark Peterson, Board Secretary



*Resolution*  
*of the*  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
*St. Louis County, Minnesota*

*Adopted on: February 20, 2024 Resolution No. 24-111*  
*Offered by Commissioner: McDonald*

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**Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and Memorandum of Agreement**

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, Minn. Stat. §§ 103B.301 to 103B.355 authorized counties in Minnesota to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County currently has a state-approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan that covered the period of August 26, 2010, to August 26, 2020, and which has been further extended to December 31, 2028; and

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2019, Resolution No. 19-198 delegated to the North and South Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) the fiscal responsibility of coordinating, assembling, writing, and implementing the One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103B; and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency completed preliminary studies of the watershed and the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) selected the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion watershed for a planning grant to the SWCD through the 1W1P program; and

WHEREAS, The St. Louis County Board appointed Commissioner Paul McDonald to the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Watershed Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis County has been an active participant in the development and adoption of the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, During the 60-day public comment and review period, no major changes were requested by the public, St. Louis County, or state agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Policy Committee and participating Local Government Units (LGUs) must adopt the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Watershed Comprehensive Management Plan (Plan) and serve as a substitute for either the SWCD comprehensive plan or county local water management plan as per Minn. Stat. § 103B or 103C respectively for the duration of the state-approved Plan; and

WHEREAS, On January 26, 2024, the Policy Committee approved and recommended approval by the six partners and their governing bodies of the Plan and Implementation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and authorizes submission of the Plan to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources contingent on the recommendation of plan approval by the BWSR North Region Committee and subsequent to BWSR Board approval, the St. Louis County Board adopts and will begin implementation of the Plan within the Rainy Headwaters – Vermilion Watershed.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the St. Louis County Board approves the Rainy Headwaters - Vermilion Watershed Implementation MOA authorizing the appropriate County officials to execute the MOA and allow the parties to carry out the coordinated planning, development, and implementation of the Plan.

Commissioner McDonald moved the adoption of the Resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote:

Yeas – Commissioners Harala, Boyle, Grimm, McDonald, Jugovich and Chair Nelson – 6

Nays – None

Absent – Commissioner Musolf – 1

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
Office of County Auditor, ss.  
County of St. Louis

I, **NANCY NILSEN**, Auditor of the County of St. Louis, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D. 2024, and that this is a true and correct copy.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE at Duluth, Minnesota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2024.

NANCY NILSEN, COUNTY AUDITOR

By:

Clerk of the County Board/Deputy Auditor