

COMMITTEE AND MEMBERSHIP LIST



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Introduction: This document lists internal committees of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB). The document also includes external committees that RRWMB Managers and staff participate on statewide or regionally. RRWMB staff and legal counsel serve on various committees as appointed by the RRWMB President. The map below illustrates current RRWMB members.

RRWMB Current Officers as of January 15, 2019:

John Finney, President
 LeRoy Ose, Secretary

Greg Holmvik, Vice-president
 Jason Braaten, Treasurer

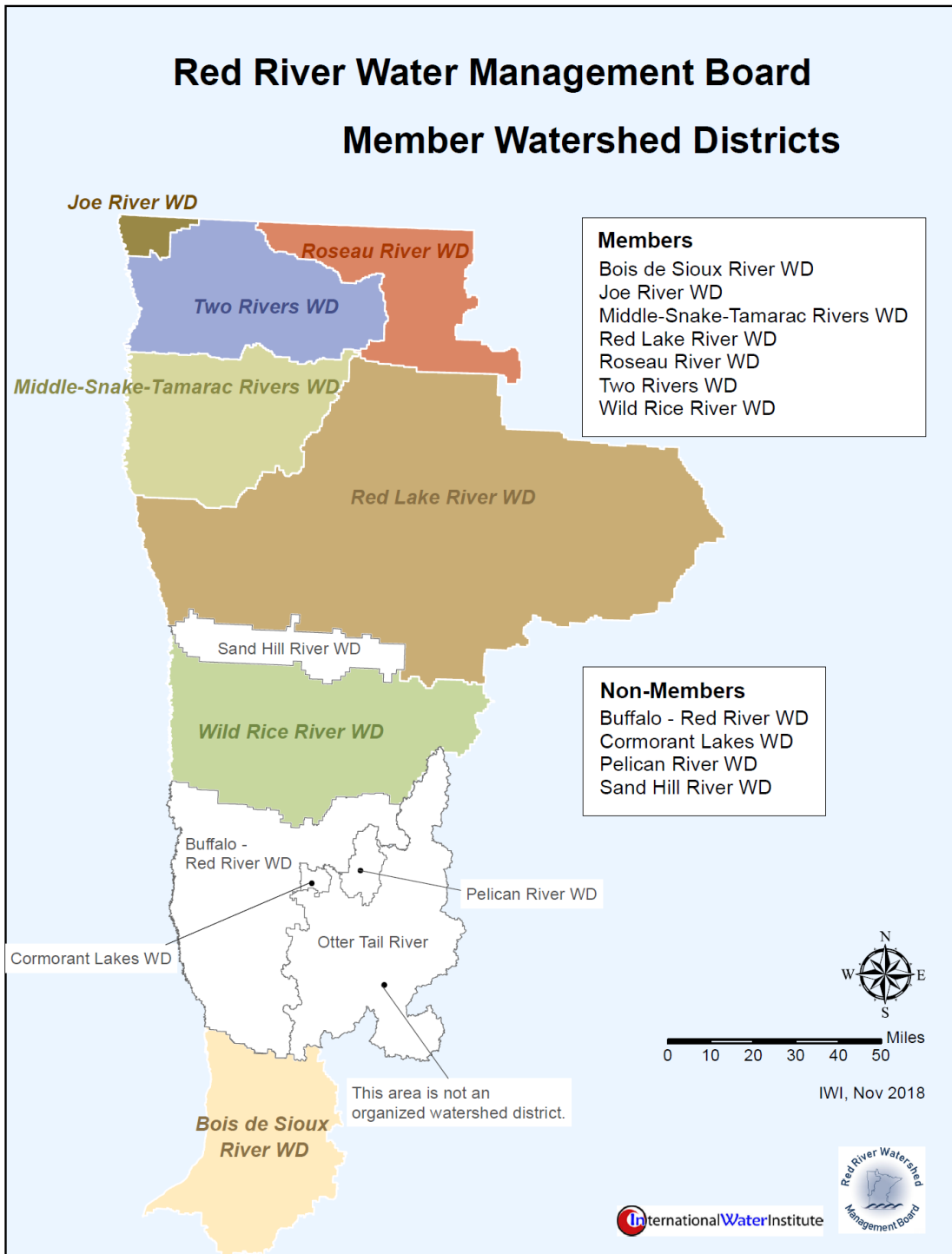


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INTERNAL COMMITTEES

1. **Executive Committee (Established March 2019)**

John Finney, Committee Chair
LeRoy Ose

Greg Holmvik
Jason Braaten

Committee Purpose – To act as the immediate contact for the Executive Director and to provide guidance and direction to the Executive Director in all matters of operations, overall functioning of the RRWMB, and implementation of the Board's fiduciary and strategic plans, policies, and decisions consistent with the RRWMB Mangers in accordance with the organization's Mission, Principle Objective, and Supporting Objectives.

2. **Human Resources Committee**

John Finney, Committee Chair
LeRoy Ose

Greg Holmvik
Jason Braaten

Committee Purpose – To review the RRWMB Personnel manual and policies with RRWMB staff, conduct employee reviews, recommend changes to position descriptions, review salary and benefit packages with staff, and make recommendations to the RRWMB Managers.

3. **Budget and Finance Committee**

Jason Braaten, Committee Chair
Myron Jesme, Administrator Representative
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director
Nikki Swenson, RRWMB Executive Assistant

John Finney
Red River Basin Coordinator

Committee Purpose – Annually develop and review the draft operating budget and levy and make recommendations to the RRWMB Managers. To review annually, the Internal Controls and Treasurers Policy Manual developed and approved by the RRWMB Managers in 2018 and make recommendations to the RRWMB Mangers on adjustments to the Manual. To discuss financial and banking needs and issues and make recommendations to the RRWMB managers. Provide direction to RRWMB staff to implement changes in conjunction with the Treasurer and other RRWMB Committees and Officers as needed.

4. **Investment Committee**

John Finney, Committee Chair
LeRoy Ose
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

Greg Holmvik
Jason Braaten

Committee Purpose – To provide direction to the Treasurer and Executive Director to transfer funds between accounts, to purchase or sell approved investments according to the RRWMB Internal Controls and Treasurers Policy Manual, and to make day to day investment decisions.

5. Legislative Committee (Established January 2018)

Dan Money, Committee Chair
Jason Braaten
LeRoy Ose
Linda Vavra
Lisa Frenette, RRWMB Legislative Liaison
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

Committee Purpose – To review the process annually for obtaining input from member watershed districts on proposed legislative funding and policy issues and to make recommendations on adjustments to the process to the RRWMB Managers. To develop new and revise existing legislative priorities to be approved by the RRWMB Managers. To provide recommendations about federal congressional activities to the RRWMB Managers.

6. Governing Documents Committee

Dan Money, Committee Chair	Greg Holmvik
Jason Braaten	Red River Basin Coordinator
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director	
Louis Smith, RRWMB Legal Counsel	

Committee Purpose – To review the Governing Documents at least every 5 years with legal counsel and make recommendations to the RRWMB Managers on proposed changes and updates. Provide guidance to RRWMB staff on updating the documents and implementing changes.

7. Communication and Outreach Committee

(\$10,000 Annual Discretionary Budget – June 16, 2009)

Linda Vavra
LeRoy Ose
Dan Money
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

Committee Purpose – To review annually, the Communication and Outreach Strategy developed and approved by the RRWMB Managers in 2018 and recommend adjustments to the Strategy. To discuss current marketing, communication, and outreach issues or needs. To discuss educational efforts, needs, and goals of the RRWMB with staff and make recommendations to the RRWMB Managers. Provide direction and guidance to RRWMB staff on implementing recommendations.

8. Monitoring and Water Quality Advisory Committee (Established June 2008)

Dan Money	Roger Mischel
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director	International Water Institute Staff
Member Watershed District Staff	
Others as Determined by the RRWMB President and/or RRWMB Executive Director	

Committee Purpose – To provide guidance on water quality monitoring issues in relation to flood damage reduction projects and to work with the International Water Institute on monitoring activities in conjunction with the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group. To review projects having water quality components independently from other RRWMB Committees and to make recommendations to the RRWMB Managers on such projects.

9. Mediation Agreement / Ten-Year Outcomes

Dan Money
Red River Basin Coordinator
Lisa Frenette, RRWMB Legislative Liaison
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

Committee Purpose – To review outcomes of the 1998 Mediation Agreement and to advise on guidance for determining indicators or measures of progress.

10. Technical Advisory Committee

Jerry Bents, Houston Engineering, Inc.
Chad Engels, Moore Engineering, Inc.
Nate Dalager, HDR, Inc.
Blake Carlson, Widseth, Smith, and Nolting, Inc.
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director
Red River Basin Coordinator
Other as determined by the RRWMB Managers and Executive Director (Such as BWSR and IWI)

Committee Purpose – To review technical and engineering issues and make recommendations related to flood damage reduction projects, water retention/detention, wetlands, drainage, and related environmental considerations as directed by the RRWMB Managers.

EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

1. **Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG)**

Dan Money, Delegate, Appointed Co-chair at February 2019 FDRWG Meeting
Greg Holmvik, Delegate
LeRoy Ose, Delegate
Roger Mischel, Delegate
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director
Alternates: Linda Vavra and Jason Braaten

FDRWG Purpose – The FDRWG is not a legally constituted body and has no regulatory or funding authority. It is an ad hoc group of individuals representing federal, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that meet voluntarily under a set of mutually agreed upon ground rules. The FDRWG meets for the purpose of coordinating the implementation of the 1998 Mediation Agreement and making recommendations to other authorities and jurisdictions within the Red River Basin.

FDRWG Website: <http://www.rrwmb.org/FDRWG.html>

2. **Red River Retention Authority (RRRA)**

John Finney, Delegate
Greg Holmvik, Delegate
Roger Mischel, Delegate
Alternates: LeRoy Ose and Dan Money

RRRA Purpose – The RRRA is comprised of members of the Red River Joint Water Resource District, a North Dakota political subdivision, and the Red River Watershed Management Board, a Minnesota political subdivision. The primary objective of the RRRA is to ensure joint, comprehensive, and strategic coordination of retention projects in the Red River of the North watershed and facilitating implementation and construction of retention in the Red River Valley.

RRRA Website: <https://www.redriverretentionauthority.net/>

3. **Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)**

John Finney, Delegate
LeRoy Ose, Delegate
Alternate: Greg Holmvik for John Finney
Alternate: Dan Money for LeRoy Ose
Alternate: Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

RRBC Purpose – The RRBC is a charitable, not-for-profit organization designed to help facilitate a cooperative approach to water management within the Basin and is a well-established forum for identifying, developing, and implementing solutions to cross boundary issues. The RRBC is led by directors representing the diversity of this multi-jurisdictional Basin and is comprised of local, state, provincial, and First Nation government representation, the environmental community, and at-large members. It maintains offices in Fargo, North Dakota and Winnipeg, Manitoba and is dedicated to innovation in the management of the Red River Basin's water resources.

RRBC Website: <https://www.redriverbasincommission.org/about-us>

4. Drainage Work Group (DWG)

Jerome Deal, Delegate, Appointed to Represent the RRWMB in January 2019

Greg Holmvik, Delegate

Lisa Frenette, Delegate, RRWMB Legislative Liaison

Robert Sip, Delegate, RRWMB Executive Director

DWG Purpose – The DWG was first established as a stakeholder group to advise the preparation the Public Drainage Ditch Buffer Study, which was published by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in February 2006. This Study Work Group discussed a range of topics regarding buffer strips and drainage and developed a number of consensus recommendations, which are presented in Section 6 of the study report. In 2006, the Study Work Group agreed to continue to meet as the stakeholder, with continued facilitation provided by BWSR. The DWG has the specific following purposes:

- Foster science-based mutual understanding about drainage topics and issues.
- Develop consensus recommendations for drainage system management and related water management, including recommendations for updating Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103E Drainage and related provisions.

DWG Website: <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/drainage/dwg.html>

5. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Technical Committee (STC)

Dan Money, Delegate

Alternate: Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

STC Purpose – The Minnesota STC serves in an advisory capacity to the NRCS on the implementation of the natural resources conservation provisions of Farm Bill legislation. The STC is intended to include members from a wide variety of natural resource and agricultural interests. Chaired by the State Conservationist, the STC is composed of representatives from Federal and State natural resource agencies, American Indian Tribes, agricultural and environmental organizations, and agricultural producers.

STC Website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mn/technical/stc/>

6. International Water Institute (IWI)

John Finney, Delegate

Alternate: Linda Vavra

IWI Purpose – The IWI works with partners to develop and deliver quality watershed education programming that engages local communities, provides hands-on, experiential learning for youth, and contributes to our understanding of watershed health. The IWI collaborates with watershed managers, university faculty, and federal and local government agencies to address critical water management issues related to flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement.

IWI Website: <https://iwinst.org/>

7. Red River Basin Watershed Feasibility Study (WFS) Technical Committee

Jerry Bents, RRWMB Technical Advisory Committee member (Houston Engineering, Inc.)
Chuck Fritz, IWI Executive Director
Red River Basin Coordinator (DNR Staff)
Dan Money
Robert Sip, RRWMB Executive Director

Committee Purpose – To review and offer recommendations related to technical tasks associated with collecting topographic data, developing hydrologic and hydraulic models to be used for project planning and flood forecasting, updating the Red River Basin Decision Information Network and developing a comprehensive watershed management plan including a long-term flood solutions report.

RRWMB MANAGER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Jason Braaten (Red Lake WD) – RRWMB Treasurer

1. Governing Documents
2. Human Resources Committee
3. Budget and Finance Committee, Chair
4. Investment Committee
5. FDRWG, Alternate
6. Legislative Committee
7. Executive Committee

John Finney (Joe River WD) – RRWMB President

1. Human Resources Committee, Chair
2. Red River Basin Commission, Delegate
3. Budget and Finance Committee
4. Red River Retention Authority, Delegate
5. International Water Institute, Delegate
6. Executive Committee, Chair
7. Investment Committee

Greg Holmvik (Wild Rice RWD) – RRWMB Vice President

1. Governing Documents
2. Human Resources Committee
3. Red River Basin Commission, Alternate
4. FDRWG, Delegate
5. Red River Retention Authority, Delegate
6. Executive Committee
7. Investment Committee
8. Drainage Work Group, Delegate

Roger Mischel (Middle Snake Tamarac Rivers WD)

1. Monitoring and Water Quality Advisory Committee
2. FDRWG, Delegate
3. Red River Retention Authority, Delegate

Dan Money (Two Rivers WD)

1. Governing Documents, Chair
2. Communication and Outreach Committee
3. Monitoring and Water Quality Advisory Committee
4. FDRWG, Co-chair
5. Legislative Committee, Chair
6. Red River Basin Commission, Alternate
7. State NRCS Technical Committee, Delegate
8. Red River Basin Watershed Feasibility Study Technical Committee
9. Mediation Agreement/Ten Year Outcomes Committee
10. Red River Retention Authority, Alternate

LeRoy Ose (Red Lake WD)

1. Communication and Outreach Committee
2. FDRWG, Delegate
3. Legislative Committee
4. Red River Retention Authority, Alternate
5. Red River Basin Commission, Delegate
6. Investment Committee
7. Human Resources Committee
8. Executive Committee

Linda Vavra (Bois de Sioux WD)

1. FDR Work Group, Alternate
2. Communication and Outreach Committee
3. Legislative Committee
4. International Water Institute, Alternate