

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the matter of Extending the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan for Pennington County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.3367.

ORDER
EXTENDING COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL
WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Whereas, on May 26, 2010, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board), by Board Order, approved the Pennington County (County) Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until May 26, 2020; and

Whereas, the Board has authorization to grant extensions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.3367; and

Whereas, the Board adopted Board Order #19-69 *Local Water Plan Extension and Amendment Policy* on December 18, 2019;

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 7, 2020, the Board received a petition from the County requesting an extension of their Plan. The effective date will change from the current date of May 26, 2020 to a new date of December 31, 2025. The following are the reasons for the request.
 - A. The County has adopted and is currently implementing the Board approved Red Lake River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan, which covers 73 percent of the County.
 - B. The County has approved the final draft Thief River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan to be submitted to the Board for review and approval, which is anticipated to be submitted February 2020 after all partners have approved submittal. The County intends to adopt and implement the Thief River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan after the Board's approval. This plan covers 13 percent of the County.
 - C. The County assures continued effort toward the completion of Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans through the One Watershed, One Plan program for the Clearwater River watershed (9% of County) and the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers watershed (4% of County), both of which are intending to apply for planning grants in 2020.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending Comprehensive Local Water Management Plans, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.3367.
3. The Pennington County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 103B.3367 and the Board's *Local Water Plan Extension and Amendment Policy* dated December 18, 2019.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the Pennington County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until December 31, 2025.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 10, 2020.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES



BY: John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director