

**A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ELECTION OF JURISDICTION FOR  
THE MINNESOTA BUFFER LAW**

Roseau River Watershed District  
*Resolution #2017-06-07*

**WHEREAS**, provisions in Minnesota Statute 103F.48 (Buffer Law) allow a county or watershed district to affirm jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions regarding riparian vegetated buffers and alternative water quality practices for those waterbodies identified on identified on the Department of Natural Resources’ Buffer Protection Map; and

**WHEREAS**, a watershed district with jurisdiction over a noncompliant site shall enforce corrective actions through a coordinated approach under the authority granted in the Minnesota statute 103B.101, subd. 12a, the Buffer Law and Minnesota Chapter 103D; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Watershed District agrees to carry out corrective actions on a parcel basis to ensure compliance with the buffer requirements, which may include an Administrative Penalty Order (APO) plan under the authority provided in Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subd. 12a and 103F.48; and

**WHEREAS**, the Roseau River Watershed District is electing jurisdiction on all public drainage ditches for which it is the drainage authority identified on the Department of Natural Resources’ Buffer Protection Map located in the individual counties as follows:

<b>County Name</b>	<b>Roseau County</b>	<b>Kittson County</b>				
<b>Miles of 103E Public Drainage Ditch</b>	97.9	9.1				


; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buffer Law requires that each Local Government Unit provide notice affirming jurisdiction and identify the rule, ordinance, or other official controls that will be used to carry out the compliance provisions of the buffer requirements to the Board of Water and Soil Resources, including a copy of the adopting resolution.


**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Roseau River Watershed District hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Buffer Law as the Local Government Unit

within the legal boundaries of Roseau River Watershed District for the water features identified above as of June 7, 2017 in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103F.48.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

By:   
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Tony Wensloff,  
Chair of the Roseau River Watershed District

Offered by Manager Braaten, seconded by Manager Carriere, adopted by a unanimous vote at the regular meeting of the Board of Managers of Roseau River Watershed District on June 7, 2017.

Attest:   
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Tracy Halstensgard,  
Administrator