

PUBLIC NOTICE BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE ROSEAU RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT  
REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED WHITNEY LAKE RETENTION SITES A & C

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of the Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. at the Roseau City Center located at 121 Center Street East, Roseau, MN 56751, to determine the advisability of establishment of the Whitney Lake Retention Site A project and Whitney Lake Retention Site C project.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §13D.021, because of the declaration by Governor Tim Walz on March 13, 2020 of a Peacetime State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the meeting will be conducted by telephone or other electronic means. Carter Diesen, as the Chairman of the Roseau River Watershed District Board of Managers, has determined that an in-person meeting can take place at the Roseau City Center observing all CDC guidelines including social distancing and masks being required. Some or all of the Managers, staff and consultants may appear at the meeting via electronic means. Those wishing to attend the meeting electronically may use the following information: Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by going to [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com) and use the join button at the top right of the website. Log in using the info provided below.  
Meeting number (access code): 182 930 6200

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The proposed projects would be located in Moose and Jadis Townships, respectively. The purpose of the two projects is to reduce damages to agricultural lands for a 10-year, 24-hour storm (total 3.37 inches of rainfall) and reduce damages to roadways for a 25-year, 24-hour storm event (total 3.99 inches of rainfall) in the Whitney Lake Subwatershed. The general nature of the proposed Whitney Lake Retention Site A project and Whitney Lake Retention Site C project is flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement.

Preliminary Engineer's Reports have been prepared by the engineering firm retained by the RRWD with respect to the proposed projects and are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Watershed District office located at 714 6<sup>th</sup> St SW, Roseau MN 67851 or online at:

<http://www.roseauriverwd.com/pdf/Whitney%20Lake/RRWD%20Retention%20Site%20A%20Engineer%20Report%2029APR2020.pdf>

<http://www.roseauriverwd.com/pdf/Whitney%20Lake/RRWD%20Retention%20Site%20C%20Engineer%20Report%2023OCT2019%20with%20Appendices.pdf>

The RRWD has submitted copies of the Preliminary Engineer's Reports to each of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and the Director of Ecological and Water Resources of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The estimated cost of the proposed Whitney Lake Retention Site A is \$6,000,000. The estimated cost of the proposed Whitney Lake Retention Site C is \$2,000,000.

The method by which the cost of the proposed project is to be paid is as follows:

- (1) Seventy-five percent (75%) of said cost is proposed by the RRWD to be paid by the State of Minnesota.
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of said costs is proposed by the RRWD to be paid by the Roseau River Watershed District and the Red River Watershed Management Board.
- (3) Federal funding may also be obtained through the Natural Resource Conservation District's Regional Conservation Partnership Program.

At the public hearing on these projects, the Board of Managers will hear all parties interested in commenting and/or inquiring about the proposed project.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

Roseau River Watershed District

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Carter Diesen, Chairman

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