

Red Lake Watershed District's Jesme recognized by BWSR

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The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) has named Myron Jesme, district administrator for the Red Lake Watershed District, the 2016 Outstanding Watershed District Employee of the Year. Myron, of Thief River Falls, began working for the Red Lake Watershed District in 2003, having previously worked for 20 years for what was then known as the Middle River-Snake River Watershed District. As district administrator, Myron is the key point of contact for the largest watershed district in the state. A leader in the region, he has successfully developed and maintained positive relationships with state and federal agencies, the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, multiple local units of governments, non-governmental organizations, and the public. Over the years, those relationships have been key to the Watershed District's ability to get projects on the ground. Myron has been instrumental in the completion of multiple large-scale District projects, one of the most impressive of which was the \$7.25 million restoration of the Grand Marais Creek Outlet,

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