



# Red River Basin Commission

Manitoba • Minnesota • North Dakota • South Dakota

Fargo Office: 1120 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Suite. C, Fargo ND 58102  
Phone 701-356-3183

Winnipeg Office: 205 – 1100 Concordia Ave. • Winnipeg, MB R2K 4B8  
Phone 204-982-7250 • info@redriverbasincommission.org

[www.redriverbasincommission.org](http://www.redriverbasincommission.org)

2021 - 2023

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Manitoba

Greg Archibald  
Nicole Armstrong  
John Buffie  
Bill Howatt  
Laurie Hunt  
Mel Klassen  
Shawn Nason  
Chris Propp  
Charles Posthumus  
Dimple Roy  
Gavin van der Linde  
Don Wiebe  
Brian Wilson

### Minnesota

Laura Bishop  
Shelly Carlson  
John Finney  
Brian Holmer  
John Jaschke  
Curt Johannsen  
Gary Kiesow  
Morrie Lanning  
LeRoy Ose  
Thom Peterson  
Ron Staples  
Sara Strommen

### North Dakota

Dave Glatt  
Doug Goehring  
Al Grasser  
Jake Gust  
Dan Jacobson  
Carmen Miller  
John Paczkowski  
Dave Piepkorn  
Mary Scherling  
Terry Steinwand  
Ben Varnson  
Hetty Walker

### South Dakota

Gene Bartz

### Tribal/First Nation

Monica Hedstrom  
Christa Monette

### Federal Ex Officio

Greg Gust  
John Oosterveen  
Kevin Wilson

### Ex Officio

MP James Bezan  
MB Hydro – Dale Hutchison  
Sen. Cramer- Lisa Gibbens  
Rep. Armstrong – Terry Sando  
Rep. Fischbach – Ben Anderson  
Sen. Hoeven – Jessica Lee  
Sen. Klobuchar - Andy Martin  
Sen. Luick  
Sen. Rounds  
Sen. Smith – Carson Ouellette  
Sen. Thune – Judy Vrchota

12 February 2021

Mr. David Hartwell, Chair  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
State Office Building, Room 95  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Redpath Project Stream Corridor Habitat Rehabilitation Project

Dear Mr. Hartwell:

The Board of Directors of the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) would once again like to voice our support for the extension application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) for restoration of the Mustinka River. While we have previously submitted a letter of support, the Board knows how complex projects like this can be. The progress in securing permits and land rights has taken a long time, which is to be expected in such an ambitious concept. The project is still a good step toward achieving some of our 13 goals as stated in the RRBC's Natural Resources Framework Plan, including:

*Goal #6 – Reduce risk of flood damages for people, property and the environment in the main stem floodplain and in tributary waters.*

*Goal # 9 – Maintain, protect and restore surface and ground water quality in the Red River Basin.*

*Goal #12 – Conserve, manage and restore diversity and viability of native fish and wildlife populations and their habitats.*

The combination of these three goals is a model for looking at how to integrate as many benefits as possible into projects within the basin. The project will have many positive impacts, and in our judgement, no downside.

RRBC supports the Bois de Sioux Watershed District in their efforts to secure a funding extension.

Sincerely,

Ted M Preister  
Executive Director

CC: Bois de Sioux Watershed District