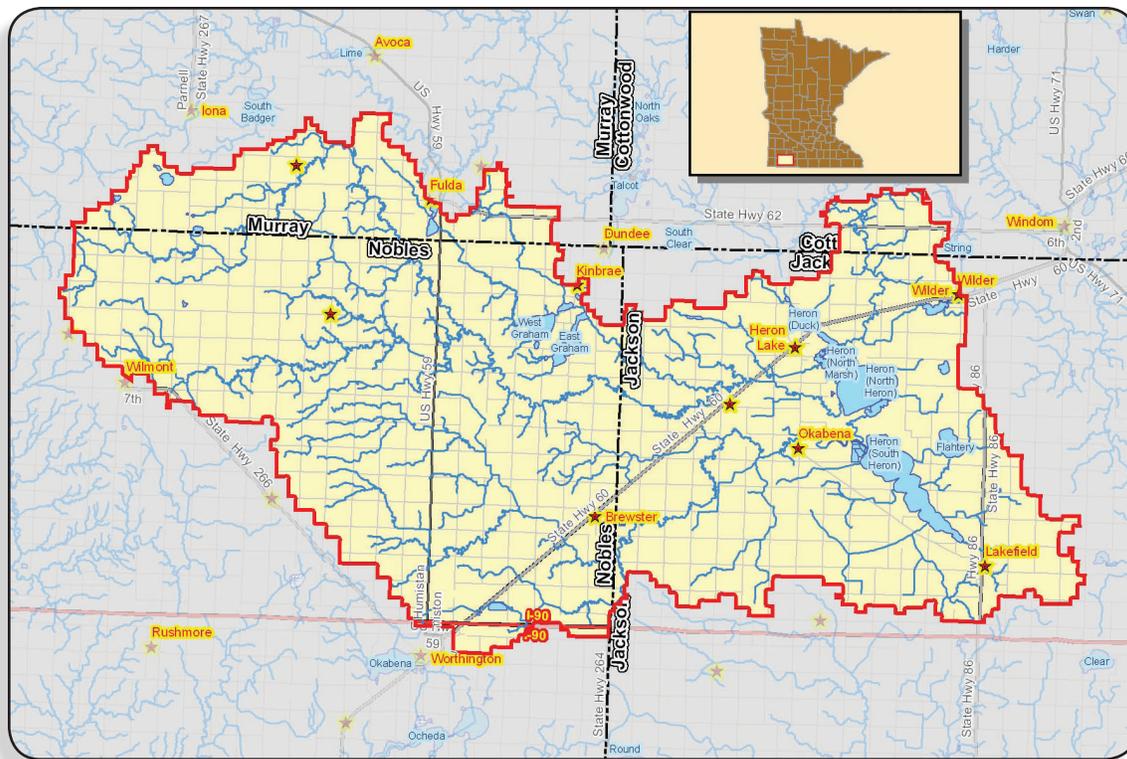


# Heron Lake

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



WATERSHED  
ASSISTANCE  
THROUGH  
EDUCATION &  
RESOURCES



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: Feb. 25, 1970  
by citizen petition

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Included Counties: Nobles, Jackson,  
Murray, Cottonwood

District Size: 472 square miles

Major Lakes: Fulda Lakes 1 and 2, East  
and West Graham, North and South  
Heron, North Marsh, Duck

Number of Staff: 5

2008 Taxable Market Value:  
\$1,045,968,700

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
John Beardsley	President	Jackson	701 Douglas, Lakefield, MN 56150	(507) 662-6476
Gary Ewert	Vice President	Nobles	2725 N Rose Ave, Worthington, MN 56187	(507) 372-7180
Jim Buschena	Treasurer	Murray	2140 41st St, Fulda, MN 56131	(507) 425-2649
Mike McCarvel	Secretary	Nobles	39574 160th St, Brewster, MN 56119	(507) 842-5460
Dale Bartosh	Manager	Jackson	33499 880th St, Heron Lake, MN 56137	(507) 793-2682

## RECENT PROJECTS

Clean Water Partnership Grant — through Minnesota Pollution Control Agency emphasizing education, best management practice incentives, and monitoring. The grant ended August 31, 2007. Final report on website at: [www.hlwdonline.org/CWP\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.hlwdonline.org/CWP_Final_Report.pdf)

CWP Continuation Grant — through MPCA emphasizing education, BMP incentives, and monitoring. The grant began September 1, 2007.

Conservation Drainage Grant — in partnership with Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Ag Drainage Management Coalition, University of Minnesota, Son-D Partnership, and Loosbrock Farm Drainage to provide first-hand information about conservation drainage and its effects on water quality and crop production.

Conservation Tillage Demonstration Site-Conservation Innovation Grant — from USDA/NRCS that demonstrates six different conservation tillage practices. Final report submitted May 2008. Funded in 2008 through general operating levy and Nobles and Jackson Counties. Continued funding through EPA 319 grant will begin January 2009.

Elk Township Conservation Tillage Grant — through EPA that funds incentives for conservation tillage methods. Grant ends in April 2009.

Rock Inlet Cost-Share Program — through EPA 319 funds for Nobles, Jackson, Murray, and Cottonwood Counties. The unique aspect of this grant is that through this partnership, political boundaries are transcended to accomplish something that could never have been done by an individual entity. Grant ends in August 2010.

WFDNR and Heron Lake TMDL Study — through MPCA to conduct education efforts to increase awareness of water quality problems. Final report on website at [www.hlwdonline.org/Heron\\_Lake\\_TMDL\\_Study\\_Final\\_Report.pdf](http://www.hlwdonline.org/Heron_Lake_TMDL_Study_Final_Report.pdf)

Public education meetings — on a semi-annual basis.

Monthly newsletters — address one specific topic each month.

2006 Governor’s MnGREAT Award and 2007 Watershed District of the Year Award — from the Department of Natural Resources for our education and implementation efforts.



Heron Lake received the 2007 Watershed District of the Year Award from the DNR. Pictured (from left): Kent Lokkesmoe (DNR), Jan Voit, Melanie Luinenburg, and Mike McCarvel.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

Implement cost-share, incentive, loan, education, and monitoring programs as described in grant work plans.

Pursue innovative options to educate and inform residents as to how they can help improve the water quality within the watershed and beyond.

Pursue additional funding for existing and new projects and programs.

Complete TMDL Implementation Plan and pursue funding.

### 2007 EXPENDITURES

Total 2007 Expenditures	\$262,717
Management / General Administrative	\$52,061
Projects / Implementation	\$133,974
Education	\$76,682