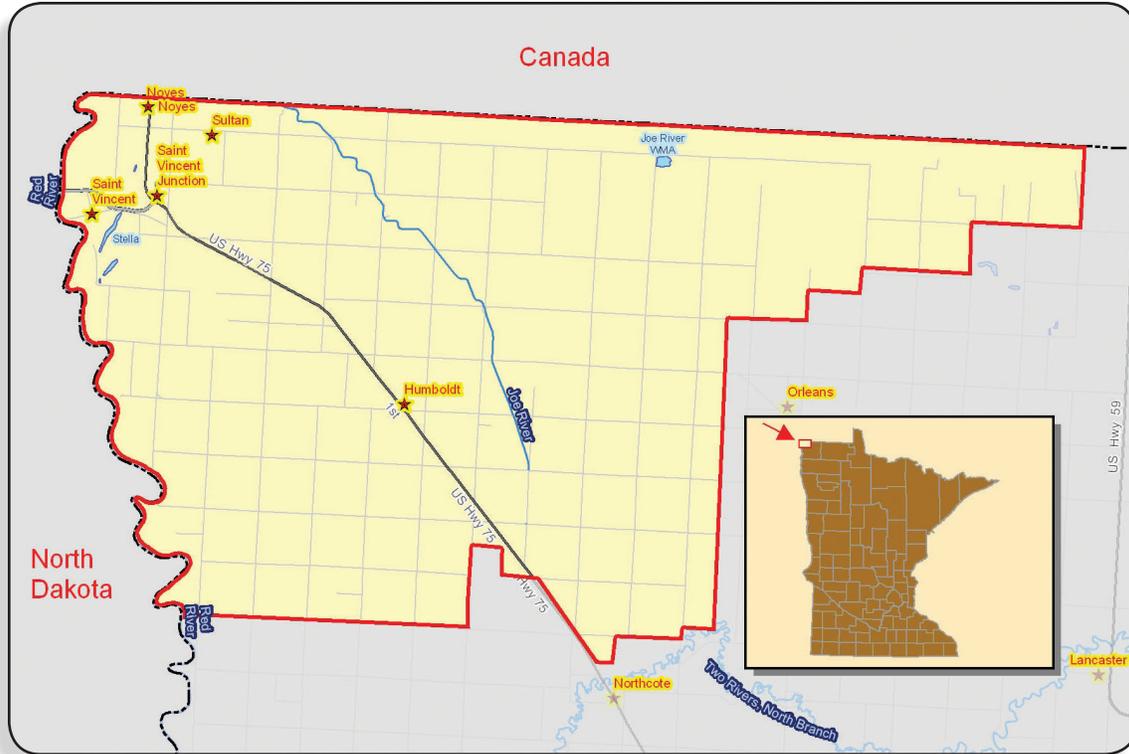


# Joe River

## WATERSHED DISTRICT



### GENERAL INFORMATION

Established: January 31, 1958

Box 27  
Humboldt, MN 56731

Phone: (218) 379-32051

Included Counties: Kittson

District Size: 124 square miles

Major Water Bodies: Red River of  
the North, Joe River, Lake Stella, Lake  
Cameron

Number of Staff: 0

2008 Taxable Market Value:

\$120,065,100

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

Name	Position	County	Address	Phone
Shane Stewart	President	Kittson	RR 1, Box 41, St Vincent, MN 56755	(218) 379-3282
LeRoy Clow	Manager	Kittson	RR 1 Box 52, St Vincent, MN 56755	(218) 379-3224
John Finney	Treasurer	Kittson	PO Box 13, Humboldt, MN 56731	(218) 379-3163
Marshal Hemmes	Secretary	Kittson	PO Box 27, Humboldt, MN 56731	
Jim Wiesl	Vice President	Kittson	PO Box 5, Humboldt, MN 56731	(218) 379-3257

## RECENT PROJECTS

As a part of its operations, the District has undertaken a flood control and water management project under the federal PL-566 program in cooperation with the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Other programs of the District include a water quality monitoring program, culvert inventory, administration of the Rules of the Joe River Watershed District, and other data collection activities.

The Rules of the Joe River Watershed District were adopted on September 21, 1988 and became effective on November 16, 1988. These Rules were updated and revised on February 14, 2000. The Rules govern the manipulation of the water-based natural resources of the District. Under these Rules, permits are required from the Board of Managers for such activities as ditching, diking, installation of culverts, road construction, water appropriation, and other activities that affect water management.

To date, the JRWD has focused its activities primarily on flood control. The land area of the District is not only affected by flooding on the main channel of the Joe River and its tributaries, but also by the flooding from the Red River of the North. The JRWD, being the furthest land area north and west in the State of Minnesota, is the last area to be affected by the Red River before it enters the Province of Manitoba, Canada. At this point the Red River is several miles wide during a major flood event.

Other problems or issues that are being addressed by the District are erosion control, water quality, wildlife, maintenance of projects, investigation of new projects, information and education, and data collection.

The JRWD has taxing authority and receives funding through levies and through grants and state and federal programs. The District participates as a member of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB). Through this organization half of taxes collected under the construction fund are turned over to the RRWMB for the purpose of flood control on the Red River of the North. This was authorized by action of the Minnesota Legislature in 1972.

## FUTURE PROJECTS

The JRWD has been effective in carrying out its intended goals in numerous ways. The District has integrated flood control projects, and has established water quality monitoring and culvert inventory projects in order to accomplish its goals and objectives. Further work and investigations are needed to improve upon past accomplishments.

## 2007 EXPENDITURES

Not reported—please contact the District.