# Amendment to Bois de Sioux Watershed District Overall Plan (May 2003)

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### C. LAND ACQUISITION

A primary purpose of the District is to reduce damaging flood flows (Overall Plan, pages 1-2). To this end, it has sought to construct flood damage reduction projects since its inception in 1988 (Overall Plan, page 32). One of the recommended methods for reducing flood flows is impoundments. (Overall Plan, page 35)

These are land-intensive projects. Land use within the District is devoted almost entirely to agriculture (Overall Plan, page 18). One challenge the District faces is the necessity to locate retention projects on agricultural lands. Throughout the District's existence, the demand for agricultural land within the District has exceeded the supply.

Under the Watershed Law, chapter 103D, the District has the authority to "acquire by gift, purchase, taking under the procedures of this chapter, or by the power of eminent domain, necessary real and personal property" within District boundaries. Minn. Stat.§103D.335, subd. 11. Property may be acquired for any watershed purpose under Minnesota Statutes §103D.201. The District may hold and manage real property for conservation purposes, for the purpose of locating projects of the District, in anticipation of projects, or for multiple water resource management purposes, all of which the District considers necessary to accomplish its purposes and the goals of its Overall Plan. The District may acquire and hold a fee interest, an easement, or other property rights as the board of managers determines may allow the District to achieve its plan goals. The District also may enter into contracts regarding real property including options, contracts for deed, leases and assignments. Pursuant to this authority, the District will acquire property interests for projects and, in particular, in anticipation of projects.

The planning work performed by the District is typically on a subwatershed basis. Especially with respect to water quantity, the most important planning is to establish subwatershed flow reduction or storage goals, rather than specific project locations. In addition to the plan itself, which outlines goals for the District's 10 subwatersheds, the "Application of the Flow Reduction Strategy in the Bois de Sioux Watershed" (June 4, 2010), sets storage goals specifically within the Lake Traverse and Rabbit River basins. See Appendix 12. Table 1 of this Flow Reduction Strategy identifies potential impoundment sites. It is important to note that, because of the District's topography and the regional nature of the plan goals, the potential impoundment sites, or locations for other water quantity or quality projects, should be considered illustrative but not the only possible sites for these projects. Thus, there are multiple sites where impoundment projects would be feasible and beneficial. The more critical objective is to achieve the overall retention goals in each subwatershed.

The District has a strong preference to work cooperatively with landowners in order to site projects that accomplish its goals. Rather than identify a project location and then attempt to acquire the land at that location, the District chooses to establish criteria for the location, setting

and type of land that is likely to support an effective project, and to encourage property owners interested in selling or granting easements on their land to come forward. A project that rests on a cooperative relationship with property owners is more likely to have general support and avoid unproductive controversy, delay and potential legal challenge. Even where the District engineer and the District have identified multiple impoundment sites, project development has not proceeded for lack of a landowner willing to sell needed property. When land does become available, the District often must act quickly if it wishes to acquire the land for potential project use.

Accordingly, the District will acquire property interests for projects as follows:

- 1. The District strongly prefers to rely on willing landowners to supply land and easements through negotiated arms-length transactions.
- 2. The District will evaluate a potential acquisition by considering whether the land has characteristics that make it likely to be suited for project needs in that subwatershed, whether the price is fair, and the District's ability to avoid financial loss in the event a project using that land does not go forward.
- 3. For each subwatershed, as a part of its project planning activities the District will prepare land acquisition guidelines that identify the extent of land rights the District may need for projects and the characteristics of the land needed, including general location, acreage, topography, soils and any other features that would determine the land's physical suitability for District purposes. These guidelines will be publicly available and will be used by the board of managers to judge the soundness of an anticipatory acquisition. The guidelines will also acknowledge that the managers retain the ability to make case-by-case judgments. The District may also consult its technical advisory committee or the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group in developing these guidelines.
- 4. The District will obtain an appraisal before acquisition or disposition, except in very limited circumstances, such as cases where the tracts of land are small and the District determines that it is appropriate to determine benefits and damages pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.721. The District may also utilize auction bidding to acquire property where the District has established a maximum price through review of recent area land sales. The District will dispose of excess lands by auction or through other competitive process.
- 5. Occasionally, the District may find it prudent and necessary to acquire lands that will not be located within the project itself. The District may use such lands, when so requested, to trade for lands that are located within the project. The District will dispose of property not needed for projects in a way that avoids unnecessary holding costs and illiquidity of assets.
- 6. The District generally will obtain fee title to the necessary property for its projects. In each case the managers will judge the cost and financial risk to the District in purchasing land rights before full project definition and a formal decision to proceed with a project.

The District will look to structure an acquisition to limit risk, through means such as buying an option, leasing lands consistent with project needs, preserving compatible uses by an underlying fee owner and disposing of land rights not needed for a project. For each acquisition, the District will prepare a management plan to describe how the District will minimize land holding costs and liabilities, and maximize water resource outcomes, until such time as the project is constructed.

7. The District acknowledges that it may in rare circumstances find it necessary to acquire land and easements for projects through all authorized means, including eminent domain, in the event project priorities so require.

# D. PROJECT FUNDING

In addition to the project funding authorities available to watershed districts pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D, the District has several other important funding sources for its projects.

The District is a member of the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB), a joint powers body of watershed districts located in the Red River Basin. The RRWMB levies an additional ad valorem tax on real property authorized by special legislation, which may not exceed 0.04836 percent of the taxable market value of all property within the district. The proceeds of one half of this levy is to be used for the development, construction, and maintenance of projects and programs of benefit to the District. The proceeds of the remaining one-half of this levy is credited to the general fund of the Red River watershed management board and is to be used for funding projects and programs of benefit to the Red River basin. It is the District's policy to seek RRWMB funding for any eligible project, as many of its projects also provide benefit to the Red River basin. The procedures to do so are set forth in the RRWMB's Application Procedures for Funding Flood Damage Reduction Projects and Related Programs. The District also utilizes the project planning and review procedures established by the December 9, 1998 mediation agreement of the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

The District may also receive funding for its projects from the State of Minnesota, such as the Department of Natural Resources Flood Damage Reduction program, and other state sources.

#### E. PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING PROJECTS

The District primarily establishes projects by resolution of the board of managers pursuant to Minnesota Statutes-Section 103D.601, although it occasionally receives petitions for projects as discussed in Section V.A above. Section 103D.601, Subdivision 1, requires adoption of the resolution by a majority of the managers that finds:

(1) the project is financed by grants totaling at least 50 percent of the estimated project cost; and

(2) the engineer's estimate of costs to parties affected by the watershed district, including assessments against benefited properties but excluding state, federal, or other grants, is not more than \$750,000 for the project.

The District considers its own property tax levies or assessments to be subject to the \$750,000 limitation, and considers the funding sources from the RRWMB levy to be sources that are not subject to the \$750,000 limitation.

Promptly after purchasing property suitable for a project, the district will direct the district engineer to prepare a preliminary report and advise the managers whether the proposed project is feasible, and estimate the cost of the project. The District will then hold a hearing pursuant to 103D.601, unless it reasonably believes it will receive a petition. If, after the hearing, the managers determine that the proposed project promotes the public interest and welfare and is practicable and in conformity with the watershed management plan of the watershed district, the managers must adopt a final resolution approving the project and identify the proceeding by name and number. Then the proceeding must continue as provided for a project initiated by a petition. However, the District's projects will typically be considered basic water management projects as identified in the watershed management plan, or Overall Plan, and therefore it is appropriate to proceed under Section 103D.605

There is likely to be considerable engineering work to be done before the exact design of the project is developed and there may be -additional lands needed other than those the Watershed District is able to initially purchase. Therefore, the planning process may extend over a substantial number of years. During this time, the District will attempt to acquire the remaining property identified as necessary and beneficial for the proposed project. The district will give published notice of and hold an informal public meeting every six months to discuss the status of its identified projects so as to provide information to the public during this development period. It may also hold public hearings on individual projects so as to keep the public informed of developments.

Again, the District will typically not assess for benefits, so will not utilize the assessment procedures. The District will follow the project team process which incorporates early permit coordination with state and federal agencies. The District will proceed to obtain the engineer's final report, the reports from the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Soil and Water Resources, together will all the necessary permits, and thereafter schedule a final hearing pursuant to Section 103D.605. The District will conduct the final hearing to consider whether to establish the project, and make findings and order the project upon finding that the project will be conducive to public health, promote the general welfare, be incompliance with the watershed management plan and with Chapter 103D. If at the time of the final hearing, the District has not been able to purchase all of the necessary real property, it will direct the commencement of eminent domain proceedings pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 117, and include this direction in the order. Upon making such findings, the managers will order the establishment of the project, and order the engineer to proceed with making the necessary surveys and preparing plans and specifications that are needed to construct the project and report the results of the surveys and plans to the managers. The final hearing shall be recessed as necessary until the

court order is issued approving the public purpose and authorizing the taking pursuant to Section 117.075, and until the engineer's report and the bids are received.

The District also develops and coordinates its projects as appropriate in accordance with the comprehensive watershed planning and project review and permitting processes of the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Agreement of December 9, 1998 ("Mediation Agreement"), as it relies on the Red Board for funding.

#### F. FUNDING PROJECT MAINTENANCE

Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.631 provides for a maintenance fund and describes how it is to be funded: "the managers may assess all the parcels of property and municipal corporations previously assessed for benefits in proceedings for the construction or implementation of the project, to establish a maintenance fund for the project." As stated above, the District typically would not fund a project by assessing parcels for benefits. The RRWMB levy described above provides that the proceeds from that levy may be used for project maintenance.

Much of the agricultural land the District has acquired is not intended to be part of the project's permanent flood pool and will remain suitable for farming in most years. The District also owns land dedicated to projects that have yet to be constructed. The local population strongly supports the District making this land available to agriculture producers.

The District has determined that it is appropriate to utilize this land rental income to fund its project maintenance obligations. Therefor the District leases out the available cropable acres it owns on bids and places the rental income it receives in its maintenance fund. The District's policy is to have these rental receipts be the primary source of funding for maintenance, augmented as necessary with the RRWMB levy. The District has established a single project maintenance fund accordingly, rather than maintain separate funds for each project.

The District understands it is not to lease out lands purchased with State of Minnesota bonding funds unless the purchase of those lands included acknowledgement for leasing as part of the purchase price for the land, or such leasing arrangement is otherwise consistent with formal rulings of Minnesota Management and Budget and the Internal Revenue Service.



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June 25, 2014

Bois de Sioux Watershed District Board of Managers 704 Hwy 75 South Wheaton, MN. 56296

Dear Board of Managers:

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources is pleased to inform you it approved Bois de Sioux Watershed District's (District) revised Overall Plan Amendment at its regular meeting held on June 25, 2014. Attached is the signed Finding of Fact, Conclusion, and Order that documents approval of the plan amendment and indicates it meets all relevant requirements of law and rule.

The Amendment summarizes the District's statutory authority, and planning work performed on a sub watershed basis. Along with the District's property acquisition philosophy, commonly used funding sources, establishment procedure, and means to maintain projects of the District. The Amendment will be inserted in PART V PROJECTS of the Overall Plan as C. LAND ACQUISTION; D. PROJECT FUNDING; E. PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING PROJECTS; and F. FUNDING PROJECT MAINTENANCE.

The District is to be commended for amending their plan which clarifies the rational, basis and means to achieve the retention goals of the District via impoundments. The Board of Water and Soil Resources looks forward to working with you as you implement this Plan and document its outcomes.

Sincerely,

Brian Napstad, Chair

Enclosures

Cc: See attached

# CC: Jon Roeschlein, BDSWD Administrator

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Traverse, County Auditor

Traverse County Administrator

**Grant County Auditor** 

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Stevens County Auditor

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Big Stone County Auditor

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Otter Tail County Auditor

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Peter Buesseler, DNR Regional Manager (Bemidji Office)

# Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155

In the Matter of approving an Amendment of Watershed Management Plan for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 103D.411

ORDER
APPROVING
AMENDMENT OF
WATERSHED MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Whereas, the Board of Managers of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BDSWD) filed a petition for an amendment of the BDSWD Watershed Management Plan with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on October 2, 2013, and final revised amendment on April 23, 2014, pursuant to, and;

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Petition;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. **Petition.** On October 2, 2013, the Board received a petition from BDSWD for an amendment to the overall watershed management plan clarifying the basis and means to achieve retention goals through impoundments pursuant to Minn. Stat. §103D.411.
- 2. **District Establishment.** The BDSWD was initially established on May 11, 1988, by the Board.
- 3. **Amendment of Plan.** The purpose of the proposed Amendment is to clarify a process the BDSWD will use to assess, plan, pursue, and complete impoundment projects. The latest Water Management Plan of the District was prescribed by the Board on May 28, 2003.
- 4. **Nature of the Watershed.** The BDSWD encompasses an area of approximately 1,412 square miles in west-central Minnesota. The District includes the watershed of the Mustinka River and the Minnesota portion of the Bois de Sioux River. The BDSWD includes parts of the following counties; Traverse, Grant, Wilkin, Stevens, Big Stone and Otter Tail. Approximately 93% of the District is used for agricultural production.
- 5. **Local Review.** The BDSWD sent a copy of the proposed petition to local units of government for their review pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.411.

- 6. **Board Review.** Board staff agreed that the proposed Amendment supports the water quantity, water quality, and natural resource goals of the District's Plan. The Amendment provides clarity to the District's rational, basis and means to achieve its retention goals with impoundments. In addition to summarizing the District's statutory authority, planning on a subwatershed basis, property acquisition philosophy, commonly used sources of funding, project establishment procedure, and means to maintain District projects.
- 7. **Department of Natural Resources Review**. The DNR had no specific recommendations on changes need and look forward to continued collaboration on flood damage reduction and natural resource enhancement projects. A question was raised as to if the acquisition of property is an action that would prejudice the outcome of a project requiring environmental review under MN Rules Chapter 4410.4300 (Exhibit 2).
- 8. Publish Notice of Filing. The Legal Notice of Filing on the Petition, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.105 Subd. 2, was published in the Chokio Review on December 26, 2013, and January 2, 2014 (Exhibit 10), the Wheaton Gazette on December 24 and 31, 2013 (Exhibit 12), the Grant County Herald on December 25, 2013, and January 1, 2014 (Exhibit 9), the Herman Review on December 26, 2013, and January 2, 2014 (Exhibit 11), the Daily Journal on December 23 and 30, 2013 (Exhibit 8), the Daily News on December 24 and 31, 2013 (Exhibit 7), and the Northern Star on December 19 and 26, 2013 (Exhibit 6). Further, a copy of the notice of filing was mailed to several addresses notifying them of the legal notice of filing, including the Traverse, Grant, Stevens, Big Stone, Otter Tail and Wilkin Counties Auditor, Administrator, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts, all cities with the watershed district, and a representative for the Watershed District.
- 9. Publish Notice of Hearing. A letter dated January 28, 2014, was received January 31, 2014, from Linda Wanek, City of Doran (Exhibit 13) requesting a hearing be held. Also a packet of form letters was received January 30, 2013, from Patrick Haney (Exhibit 14) requesting that a hearing be held. Finally a letter dated January 24, 2014, from Kathryn Haney was received February 3, 2014, requesting a hearing be held (Exhibit 15). Legal Notice of Public hearing on the Petition was published in the Chokio Review on March 20 and 27, 2014 (Exhibit 23), the Wheaton Gazette on March 18 and 25, 2014 (Exhibit 19), the Grant County Herald on March 19 and 26, 2014 (Exhibit 20), the Herman Review on March 20 and 27, 2014 (Exhibit 22), the Daily Journal on March 17 and 24, 2014, the Daily News on March 18 and 25, 2014, and the Northern Star on March 20 and 27, 2014 (Exhibit 21). Further, a copy of the notice of hearing was mailed to several addresses notifying them of the legal notice of filing, including the Traverse, Grant, Stevens, Big Stone, Otter Tail, and Wilkin Counties Auditor, Administrator, and Soil and Water Conservation Districts, all cities with the watershed district, a representative for the Watershed District, Linda Wanek and Patrick Haney.

10. **Public Hearing**. A public hearing was held on the proposed Amendment on April 9, 2014, at 5:30 PM at the Wheaton American Legion located at 303 5<sup>th</sup> Street North, Wheaton Minnesota. The proceedings were recorded. The hearing panel consisted of Gerry Van Amburg, Gene Tiedemann, Tom Schulz, Keith Mykleseth, and Rob Sip. Board staff in attendance were Travis Germundson, Ron Shelito, Pete Waller, and Brett Arne. Travis Germundson entered Exhibits 1 through 22 into the record by reading a brief description of each exhibit. After all people present at the public hearing were given an opportunity to speak, the hearing record was left open for two weeks until 4:30 PM on April 23, 2014, for receipt of written comments.

The following list of exhibits comprises the hearing record:

- Exhibit 1. Proposed Amendment to Bois de Sioux Watershed District Overall Plan.
- **Exhibit 1A.** Petition to initiate an amendment from Jerome Deal, President of the Bois De Sioux Watershed District, dated September 20, 2013.
- **Exhibit 2.** Letter dated December 2, 2013, from Pete Buesseler, DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources to John Roeschlein, Bois de Sioux Watershed District providing comments on the proposed amendment.
- Exhibit 3. Letter dated January 2, 2014, from Travis Germundson, Board of Water and Soil Resources to several addresses notifying them of the Notice of Filing, including list of addresses, and legal notice.
- **Exhibit 4.** Letter dated January 2, 2014, from Pete Waller, Board of Water and Soil Resources to the Board's North Region Committee providing notification and summary of the Plan Amendment.
- **Exhibit 5.** Draft North Region Committee Minutes of the January 8, 2014, Committee Meeting recommending conditional approval of the Plan Amendment barring any substantial comments or request for a hearing.
- Exhibit 6. Affidavit of Publication dated December 26, 2013, of Legal Notice in the Northern Star on December 19 and 26, 2013.
- **Exhibit 7.** Affidavit of Publication dated December 31, 2013, of Legal Notice in the Wahpeton Daily Newson December 24 and 31, 2013.
- **Exhibit 8.** Affidavit of Publication dated December 31, 2013, of Legal Notice in the Fergus Falls Daily Journal on December 23, and 30, 2013.
- **Exhibit 9.** Affidavit of Publication dated January 1, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Grant County Herald on December 25, 2014, and January 1, 2014.

- Exhibit 10. Affidavit of Publication dated January 2, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Chokio Review on December 26, 2014, and January 2, 2014.
- Exhibit 11. Affidavit of Publication dated January 13, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Herman-Hoffman-Tribune on December 26, 2014, and January 2, 2014.

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- **Exhibit 12.** Affidavit of Publication dated January 15, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Wheaton Gazette on December 24 and 31, 2013.
- Exhibit 13. Letter dated January 28, 2014, from Linda Wanek, City of Doran to Travis Germundson with the Board of Water and Soil Resources objecting to the proposed amendment.
- **Exhibit 14.** Packet of 23 form letters objecting to the Plan Amendment and requesting a hearing submitted by Patrick Haney received on January 30, 2014.
- Exhibit 15. Letter dated January 24, 2014, from Kathryn Haney objecting to the Plan Amendment and requesting a hearing, received February 3, 2014.
- **Exhibit 16.** Letter dated March 7, 2014, from Travis Germundson, Board of Water and Soil Resources to several addresses notifying them of the Public Hearing, including list of addresses, and legal notice.
- Exhibit 17. Affidavit of Publication dated March 24, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Fergus Falls Daily Journal on March 17, and 24, 2014.
- Exhibit 18. Affidavit of Publication dated March 25, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Wahpeton Daily Newson March 18 and 25, 2014.
- Exhibit 19. Affidavit of Publication dated March 26, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Wheaton Gazette on March 14 and 25, 2014.
- **Exhibit 20.** Affidavit of Publication dated March 26, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Grant County Herald on March 19 and 26, 2014.
- Exhibit 21. Affidavit of Publication dated March 27, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Northern Star on March 20, and 27, 2014.
- Exhibit 22. Affidavit of Publication dated April 4, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Herman-Hoffman-Tribune on March 20, and 27, 2014.
- Exhibit 23. Affidavit of Publication dated April 16, 2014, of Legal Notice in the Chokio Review on March 20 and 27, 2014.

**Exhibit 24.** Letter dated March 27, 2014, from Pete Waller, Board of Water and Soil Resources to the Board's North Region Committee providing a revised staff report and summary of the Plan Amendment.

Exhibit 25. Committee Packet dated March 31, 2014, from Ron Shelito with the Board of Water and Soil Resources to the Board's North Region Committee notifying them of the public hearing, including Exhibits 1, 1A, 13, 14, 16, and 23.

The following exhibits were entered into the record after the hearing and submitted by April 23, 2014, when the record closed

Exhibit 26. Compact Disk of audio recording of the April 9, 2014, Bois de Sioux public hearing.

Exhibit 27. Draft North Region Committee minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> public hearing.

Exhibit 28. Letter dated April 16, 2014, from Thomas Athens with Svingen, Cline & Larson, P.A. to Travis Germundson, Board of Water and Soil Resources responding to issues raised at the April 9, 2014 public hearing and transmitting Exhibit 29 and 30.

Exhibit 29. Proposed final draft amendment to Bois de Sioux Watershed District Overall Plan, received April 23, 2014.

Exhibit 30. Copy of the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Agreement, dated December 9, 1998

- 11. **Board Staff Report.** The Amendment will be inserted in PART V PROJECTS on page 99 of the Plan as C. LAND ACQUISTION; D. PROJECT FUNDING; E. PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING PROJECTS; and F. FUNDING PROJECT MAINTENANCE. Staff determined that the proposed Amendment and goals of the District's Plan supports the water quantity, water quality, and natural resources of the state. The final proposed Amendment conforms to the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103D. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the April 23, 2014, proposed Amendment and look forward to assisting the District in its implementation.
- 12. North Region Committee. The committee met on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at the Great River Regional Library, located at 1300 W St. Germain, St. Cloud. Committee members present were Gerald Van Amburg, Gene Tiedemann, Tom Schulz, Keith Mykleseth, Brian Napstad, Neil Peterson and Rob Sip. Board staff in attendance were Travis Germundson, Ron Shelito, Pete Waller, Doug Thomas, and Jason Weinerman. Based on the public hearing record, the Amendment meeting the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 103D.411, and staff recommendation to approve the Amendment. The committee unanimously recommended approval of the BDSWD plan Amendment.

# **CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. The petition for an amendment to the BDSWD Plan is valid in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 103D.411.
- 2. Proper notice of hearing was given and one public hearing was held in accordance with applicable laws.
- 3. All relevant, substantive and procedural requirements of law and rule have been fulfilled.
- 4. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving an amendment of watershed management plan.
- 5. The attached Amendment to the Plan as proposed in the Petition would be for the public welfare and public interest and the purpose of Minn. Stat. Chapter 103D would be served.

# ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Plan Amendment received on April 23, 2014 as a formal amendment to the 2003 Plan for the BDSWD.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

Brian Napstad, Chair