



LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Agenda Item

Item 6. B. - Dredge Management

Prepared By

Linda Loomis, Administrator

Summary

i. Funding for dredge material management

There is no new information to report since last update.

ii. Vernon Avenue Dredge Material Management site

Staff is preparing a contract for the work. The Contractor, Meyer Contracting, Inc. has been notified. We have received approval of the project from the US Army Corps of Engineers, which is attached.

iii. Private Dredge Material Placement

There is no new information to report since last update.

Attachments

USACE Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form

Recommended Action

No action recommended



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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
REGULATORY BRANCH

December 20, 2019

Regulatory File No. MVP-2019-02882-KJH

Linda Loomis
Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
112 E 5th Street #102
Chaska, Minnesota 55318

Dear Ms. Loomis:

This letter is in response to your request for an approved jurisdictional determination for Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (LMRWD) Dredge Site. The project site is in Section 9, Township 115 North, Range 21 West, in Scott County, Minnesota. The review area for our jurisdictional determination is identified on the enclosed figures, labeled MVP-2019-02882-KJH Page 1 of 4 through Page 4 of 4.

The review area contains no waters of the United States subject to Corps of Engineers (Corps) jurisdiction. Therefore, you are not required to obtain Department of the Army authorization to discharge dredged or fill material within this area. The rationale for this determination is provided in the enclosed Approved Jurisdictional Determination form. This determination is only valid for the review area shown on the enclosed figures.

If you object to this approved jurisdictional determination, you may request an administrative appeal under Corps regulations at 33 CFR 331. Enclosed you will find a Notification of Appeal Process (NAP) fact sheet and Request for Appeal (RFA) form. If you request to appeal this determination, you must submit a completed RFA form to the Mississippi Valley Division Office at the address shown on the form.

In order for an RFA to be accepted by the Corps, the Corps must determine that it is complete, that it meets the criteria for appeal under 33 CFR 331.5, and that it has been received by the Division Office within 60 days of the date of the enclosed NAP. It is not necessary to submit an RFA form to the division office if you do not object to the determination in this letter.

This approved jurisdictional determination may be relied upon for five years from the date of this letter. However, the Corps reserves the right to review and revise the boundary in response to changing site conditions, information that was not considered during our initial review, or off-site activities that could indirectly alter the extent of wetlands and other resources on-site. This determination may be renewed at the end of the five year period provided you submit a written request and our staff are able to verify that the limits established during the original determination are still accurate.

This determination did not consider Wetland 1, Wetland 2, or the Minnesota River that appear to be located in the Area of Investigation as identified in the attached drawing labeled MVP-2019-02882-KJH Page 4 of 4. If the proposal involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including discharges associated with mechanical land clearing or return water from a confined disposal area, it may be subject to the Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA Section 404). If the

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proposal involves activity in navigable waters of the United States, it may be subject to the Corps of Engineers' jurisdiction under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 10). Section 10 prohibits the construction, excavation, or deposition of materials in, over, or under navigable waters of the United States, or any work that would affect the course, location, condition, or capacity of those waters, unless the work has been authorized by a Department of the Army permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me in our La Crescent office at (651) 290-5903 or kerrie.j.hauser@usace.army.mil. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory file number shown above.

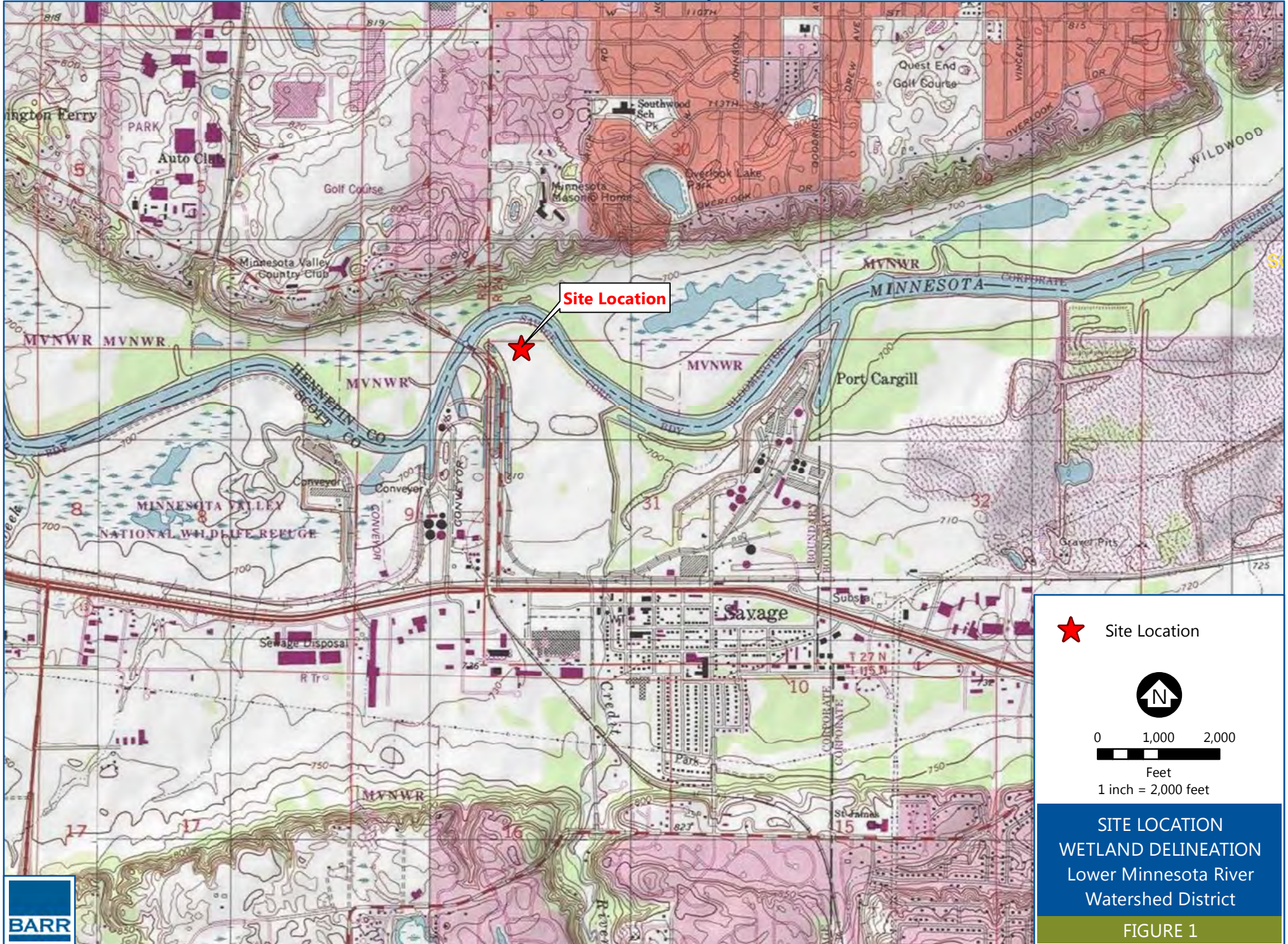
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kerrie J. Hauser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kerrie J. Hauser
Project Manager

Enclosures

cc: Barr Engineering, Jeff Weiss
LGU, Jesse Carlson
BWSR, Ben Carlson
USACE, Michelle Prosser 408 Coordinator
MN DNR, Jenny Skancke

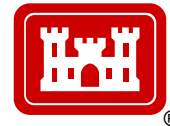
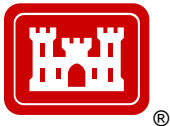




Imagery: Nearmap 9/2017







Regulatory Program

APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in the Approved Jurisdictional Determination Form User Manual.

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): December 20, 2019

B. ORM NUMBER IN APPROPRIATE FORMAT (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ): MVP-2019-02882-KJH

C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

State: Minnesota County/parish/borough: Scott County City: Savage

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.79034, Long. -93.34864.

Map(s)/diagram(s) of review area (including map identifying single point of entry (SPOE) watershed and/or potential jurisdictional areas where applicable) is/are: attached in report/map titled

Other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc.) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form. List JD form ID numbers (e.g., HQ-2015-00001-SMJ-1):

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION:

Office (Desk) Determination Only. Date: December 17, 2019.

Office (Desk) and Field Determination. Office/Desk Date(s): Field Date(s):

SECTION II: DATA SOURCES

Check all that were used to aid in the determination and attach data/maps to this JD form and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.

Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant. Title/Date: LMRWD Dredge Site January 2019.

Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.

Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.. Title/Date:

Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report. Summarize rationale and include information on revised data sheets/delineation report that this JD form has relied upon: Revised Title/Date:

Data sheets prepared by the Corps. Title/Date:

Corps navigable waters study. Title/Date:

CorpsMap ORM map layers. Title/Date: MVP Map Portal July 2019.

USGS Hydrologic Atlas. Title/Date:

USGS, NHD, or WBD data/maps. Title/Date:

USGS 8, 10 and/or 12 digit HUC maps. HUC number:

USGS maps. Scale & quad name and date: USGS 1:24k Quad Bloomington.

USDA NRCS Soil Survey. Citation: NRCS Web Soil Survey.

USFWS National Wetlands Inventory maps. Citation:

State/Local wetland inventory maps. Citation:

FEMA/FIRM maps. Citation:

Photographs: Aerial. Citation: Google Earth 1991, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. or Other. Citation:

LiDAR data/maps. Citation:

Previous determinations. File no. and date of jurisdictional determination letter:

Applicable/supporting case law:

Applicable/supporting scientific literature:

Other information (please specify):

SECTION III: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Complete Spreadsheet Tab “Aquatic Resources” – Required for All AJDs

A. RIVERS AND HARBORS ACT (RHA) SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION:

“navigable waters of the U.S.” within RHA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

- **List water(s) and area/length within review area – Required:**

NOTE: If the navigable water is not subject to the ebb and flow of the tide or included on the District’s list of Section 10 navigable waters list, **DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION.** The District must continue to follow the procedure outlined in 33 CFR part 329.14 to make a Section 10 RHA navigability determination.

B. CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA) SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION: “waters of the U.S.” within CWA jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328.3) in the review area. **Check all that apply.**

- (a)(1): All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. (Traditional Navigable Waters or TNW).
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(1)” - Required**
- This JD includes a case-specific (a)(1) TNW (Section 404 navigable-in-fact) determination on a water that has not previously been designated as such. Documentation required for this case-specific (a)(1) TNW determination is attached.
- (a)(2): All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(2)” - Required**
- (a)(3): The territorial seas.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(3)” - Required**
- (a)(4): All impoundments of waters otherwise identified as waters of the U.S. under 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(4)” - Required**
- (a)(5): All tributaries, as defined in 33 CFR part 328.3, of waters identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(5)” - Required**
- (a)(6): All waters adjacent to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3, including wetlands, ponds, lakes, oxbows, impoundments, and similar waters.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(6)” - Required**
- Bordering/Contiguous.
Neighboring:
- (c)(2)(i): All waters located within 100 feet of the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- (c)(2)(ii): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 and not more than 1,500 feet of the OHWM of such water.
- (c)(2)(iii): All waters located within 1,500 feet of the high tide line of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1) or (a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3, and all waters within 1,500 feet of the OHWM of the Great Lakes.
- (a)(7): All waters identified in 33 CFR 328.3(a)(7)(i)-(v) where they are determined, on a case-specific basis, to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(7)” for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. – Required**
- Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus analysis.
- (a)(8): All waters located within the 100-year floodplain of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3 not covered by (c)(2)(ii) above and all waters located within 4,000 feet of the high tide line or OHWM of a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(5) of 33 CFR part 328.3 where they are determined on a case-specific basis to have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “(a)(8)” for the significant nexus determination. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. – Required**
- Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus analysis.

C. NON-WATERS OF THE U.S. FINDINGS:

Check all that apply.

- The review area is comprised entirely of dry land.

- Potential-(a)(7) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “NonWaters-No SigNex”. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(7) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. – Required**
- Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus analysis.
- Potential-(a)(8) Waters: Waters that DO NOT have a significant nexus to a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3) of 33 CFR part 328.3.
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “NonWaters-No SigNex”. Attach a map delineating the SPOE watershed boundary with potential (a)(8) waters identified in the similarly situated analysis. – Required**
- Includes water(s) that are geographically and physically adjacent per (a)(6), but are being used for established, normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities (33 USC Section 1344(f)(1)) and therefore are not adjacent and require a case-specific significant nexus analysis.
- Excluded Waters (Non-Waters of U.S.), even where they otherwise meet the terms of paragraphs (a)(4)-(a)(8):
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “NonWaters-Excluded” - Required**
- (b)(1): Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the CWA.
- (b)(2): Prior converted cropland.
- (b)(3)(i): Ditches with ephemeral flow that are not a relocated tributary or excavated in a tributary.
- (b)(3)(ii): Ditches with intermittent flow that are not a relocated tributary, excavated in a tributary, or drain wetlands.
- (b)(3)(iii): Ditches that do not flow, either directly or through another water, into a water identified in paragraphs (a)(1)-(a)(3).
- (b)(4)(i): Artificially irrigated areas that would revert to dry land should application of water to that area cease.
- (b)(4)(ii): Artificial, constructed lakes and ponds created in dry land such as farm and stock watering ponds, irrigation ponds, settling basins, fields flooded for rice growing, log cleaning ponds, or cooling ponds.
- (b)(4)(iii): Artificial reflecting pools or swimming pools created in dry land.¹
- (b)(4)(iv): Small ornamental waters created in dry land.¹
- (b)(4)(v): Water-filled depressions created in dry land incidental to mining or construction activity, including pits excavated for obtaining fill, sand, or gravel that fill with water.
- (b)(4)(vi): Erosional features, including gullies, rills, and other ephemeral features that do not meet the definition of tributary, non-wetland swales, and lawfully constructed grassed waterways.¹
- (b)(4)(vii): Puddles.¹
- (b)(5): Groundwater, including groundwater drained through subsurface drainage systems.¹
- (b)(6): Stormwater control features constructed to convey, treat, or store stormwater that are created in dry land.¹
- (b)(7): Wastewater recycling structures created in dry land; detention and retention basins built for wastewater recycling; groundwater recharge basins; percolation ponds built for wastewater recycling; and water distributary structures built for wastewater recycling.
- Other non-jurisdictional waters/features within review area that do not meet the definitions in 33 CFR 328.3 of (a)(1)-(a)(8) waters and are not excluded waters identified in (b)(1)-(b)(7).
- **Complete Spreadsheet Tab “NonWaters-Other” - Required**

D. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: Wetland 3 has formed within an active dredge disposal site that was constructed between 2006 and 2008. Hydrology is from the dewatering of dredge material from the Minnesota River.

¹ In many cases these excluded features will not be specifically identified on the approved JD form, unless specifically requested. Corps Districts may, in case-by-case instances, choose to identify some or all of these features within the review area.

**NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OPTIONS AND PROCESS AND
REQUEST FOR APPEAL**

Applicant: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District (Linda Loomis)	File No.: MVP-2019-02882-KJH	Date: December 20, 2019
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Attached is:	See Section below
INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	A
PROFFERED PERMIT (Standard Permit or Letter of permission)	B
PERMIT DENIAL	C
X APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	D
PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION	E

SECTION I - The following identifies your rights and options regarding an administrative appeal of the above decision. Additional information may be found at <http://usace.army.mil/inet/functions/cw/cecwo/reg> or Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 331.

- A: INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or object to the permit.
- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
 - **OBJECT:** If you object to the permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may request that the permit be modified accordingly. You must complete Section II of this form and return the form to the district engineer. Your objections must be received by the district engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice, or you will forfeit your right to appeal the permit in the future. Upon receipt of your letter, the district engineer will evaluate your objections and may: (a) modify the permit to address all of your concerns, (b) modify the permit to address some of your objections, or (c) not modify the permit having determined that the permit should be issued as previously written. After evaluating your objections, the district engineer will send you a proffered permit for your reconsideration, as indicated in Section B below.
- B: PROFFERED PERMIT:** You may accept or appeal the permit
- **ACCEPT:** If you received a Standard Permit, you may sign the permit document and return it to the district engineer for final authorization. If you received a Letter of Permission (LOP), you may accept the LOP and your work is authorized. Your signature on the Standard Permit or acceptance of the LOP means that you accept the permit in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the permit, including its terms and conditions, and approved jurisdictional determinations associated with the permit.
 - **APPEAL:** If you choose to decline the proffered permit (Standard or LOP) because of certain terms and conditions therein, you may appeal the declined permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- C: PERMIT DENIAL:** You may appeal the denial of a permit under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- D: APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You may accept or appeal the approved JD or provide new information.
- **ACCEPT:** You do not need to notify the Corps to accept an approved JD. Failure to notify the Corps within 60 days of the date of this notice, means that you accept the approved JD in its entirety, and waive all rights to appeal the approved JD.
 - **APPEAL:** If you disagree with the approved JD, you may appeal the approved JD under the Corps of Engineers Administrative Appeal Process by completing Section II of this form and sending the form to the division engineer. This form must be received by the division engineer within 60 days of the date of this notice.
- E: PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION:** You do not need to respond to the Corps regarding the preliminary JD. The Preliminary JD is not appealable. If you wish, you may request an approved JD (which may be appealed), by contacting the Corps district for further instruction. Also you may provide new information for further consideration by the Corps to reevaluate the JD.

SECTION II - REQUEST FOR APPEAL or OBJECTIONS TO AN INITIAL PROFFERED PERMIT

REASONS FOR APPEAL OR OBJECTIONS: (Describe your reasons for appealing the decision or your objections to an initial proffered permit in clear concise statements. You may attach additional information to this form to clarify where your reasons or objections are addressed in the administrative record.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The appeal is limited to a review of the administrative record, the Corps memorandum for the record of the appeal conference or meeting, and any supplemental information that the review officer has determined is needed to clarify the administrative record. Neither the appellant nor the Corps may add new information or analyses to the record. However, you may provide additional information to clarify the location of information that is already in the administrative record.

POINT OF CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION:

If you have questions regarding this decision and/or the appeal process you may contact:

Kerrie J. Hauser
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
La Crescent Field Office
1114 South Oak Street
La Crescent, Minnesota 55947
(651) 290-5903

If you only have questions regarding the appeal process you may also contact the Division Engineer through:

Administrative Appeals Review Officer
Mississippi Valley Division
P.O. Box 80 (1400 Walnut Street)
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080
601-634-5820 FAX: 601-634-5816

RIGHT OF ENTRY: Your signature below grants the right of entry to Corps of Engineers personnel, and any government consultants, to conduct investigations of the project site during the course of the appeal process. You will be provided a 15 day notice of any site investigation, and will have the opportunity to participate in all site investigations.

_____ Signature of appellant or agent.	Date:	Telephone number:
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