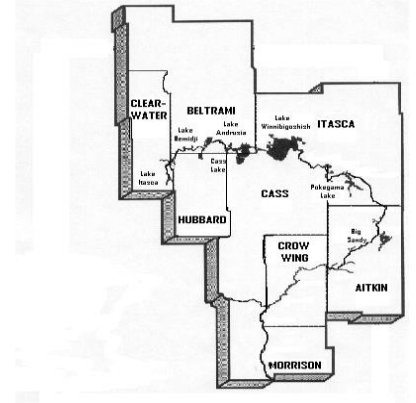




**Mississippi Headwaters Board
Meeting Agenda
Cass County Courthouse
Walker, MN
May 19, 2017
10:00 am**



- **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

10:00 AM Approve/Amend

- Agenda
- Consent Agenda – April '17 Minutes & April Expenses (att. 1 & 2)

Planning and Zoning (Actions)

- Cr5a17- Niemeyer Variance (att. 3)
- M5a17- Greg and Melissa Swan Variance (att. 4)

Action / Discussion Items:

- Executive Director's Report (att.5)
- Resolution 2017-03 LCCMR Proposal (att.6)
- 2018 LSOHC proposal approval (att. 7)- June 29th meeting
- LSOHC letter from Representatives and program outlook (att.8)
- Comprehensive Plan comments from Board
- Request for MHB funds.
- Invitation of Legislators to Board

Misc: ☀ Legislature Update (if any) ☀ County Updates

Meeting Adjourned - Thank you

Mtgs:

June 16, '17, 10:00 AM – MHB Board meeting- Walker, MN

Aug. 5, '17, Canoe Days

October 20, '17, MHB Biennial Meeting- Chase on the Lake- Walker, MN

Attachment 1 & 2

Draft Minutes

Monthly Expenses

Mississippi Headwaters Board
April 21, 2017
Cass County Courthouse
Walker MN 56484

MEETING
MINUTES

Members present: Carl Johannsen (Hubbard), Neal Gaalswyk (Cass County), Keith Winger (Beltrami), Ann Marcotte (Aitkin), Duane Johnson (Morrison), Dean Newland (Clearwater), Paul Thiede (Crow Wing), and Tim Terrill (Executive Director).

Others present: Marcel Noyes (Hubbard SWCD Supervisor)

Chairman Winger called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

M/S (Johnson,Thiede) to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

M/S (Gaalswyk,Thiede) to approve of the consent agenda. Motion Carried.

Planning & Zoning

None

Action/Discussion Items

Executive Director Report

- Tim worked with the DNR to develop a pilot project with them to receive content that works with Minnesota Traditions and values the Minnesota Traditions identity and image.
- Grand Rapids is looking at writing a grant to fund another study to focus on the Miss. River and the lakes in the city and how they can remove Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids.
- Meetings were held with partners to further promote Canoe Days.
- Developed a conversation with Amy Burnett to look at possibly developing a curriculum to teach others about culturally significant areas and history of Native Americans and the Miss. River.

Commissioner Thiede discussed 1 Watershed 1 Plan and the structure will cause issues between counties. The Board stressed that one plan crossing over multiple counties might create some governance issues. Commissioner Gaalswyk stressed that maybe the local water plan and WRAPS could be combined, and viewed it as a way for the state of MN and counties could work together. It was stressed that 1 Watershed 1 Plan will be a way to fund counties and replace the local county water plan.

LCCMR grant was presented to the Board to gain approval to submit it as an option to use a newspaper flyer in the Twin Cities and local North Central newspapers. The board presented some other options like a direct mailing, but through consensus allowed it to proceed.

Tim presented the Board with the history and decisions made on why we decided to hire a contractor. M/S (Gaalswyk, Marcotte) to accept the contract and make the offer it to West Communications. Motion Carried.

Tim presented the Board with the option to form an MHB subcommittee of 4 Commissioners to review over the Comprehensive Plan based on the changes made by the technical and management plan committees. After further discussion, it was agreed upon by consensus that Tim should mail out the strikethrough copy along with the clean copy

of the MHB Plan so Commissioners can review over it and provide comment at the next Board meeting. Some members requested paper copies.

Hubbard SWCD Supervisor Marcel Noyes expressed interest in having the MHB Board support the Hubbard fresh water festival with a donation of time and/or funding. Commissioner Thiede stated while support has been given in the past for various request, that the MHB should develop a policy or principles by which they support various requests from other agencies. There was various support for this line of thinking.

Next meeting to be held May 19, 2017 at the Cass County Commissioner's meeting room at the Cass County Courthouse.

Commissioner Updates- Commissioner Marcotte mentioned that a conversation occurred between Sen. Ruud and Aitkin County. Rudd explained that as Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance committee that she is proposing to set limits on government spending. Commissioner Gaalswyk brought up an example of White Cedar and powerline mitigation and how counties don't always recognize that they sometimes have a rare resource in their county. Commissioner Winger expressed some AIS concerns from a protester about dumping minnows in the woods.

M/S Johansson/Newland to adjourn.

Chairman Keith Winger

Executive Director Tim Terrill

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17/04	530 04/18/17	APP A0418					-3.71	218,796.53	
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							PER 03	-994.85	-1,000.00
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			JOURNAL						
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	W A041817								
17/04	530 04/18/17	APP A0418					3.71	.00	
	A041817		AP CASH DISBURSEMENTS						
			JOURNAL						

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					PER 03		33,077.28	58,857.52	
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					PER 02		-29,493.42	-41,815.18	
					PER 03		-40,000.00	-81,815.18	
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	ST OF MN								
17/04	641 04/20/17	GNI					-1,917.35	-86,327.83	

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					REVISED BUDGET				
					PER 01		4,741.65	4,741.65	
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					PER 03		7,112.48	16,595.77	
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									REVISIED BUDGET .00
					PER 01		692.39	692.39	
					PER 02		695.88	1,388.27	
					PER 03		1,048.18	2,436.45	
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					PER 02		60.15	120.65	
					PER 03		59.67	180.32	
17/04	361 04/12/17 API 006205 48054 10142 B						1.80	182.12	
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									.00	
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							PER 02	100.00	400.00	
							PER 03	300.00	700.00	
17/04	709 04/18/17 API 002534			49132	10200	B	50.00	750.00		
	W A042517 04-21-17 MHB - PER DIEM			NEWLAND, DEAN						
17/04	709 04/18/17 API 001099			49133	10199	B	50.00	800.00		
	W A042517 04-21-17 MHB MTG - PER DIEM			MARCOTTEANNE						
17/04	709 04/18/17 API 004028			49137	10220	B	50.00	850.00		
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	W A042517 MHB MTG - PER DIEM			MORRISON COUNTY AUDI						
17/04	709 04/18/17 API 002837			49141	10197	B	50.00	950.00		
	W A042517 MHB MTG - PER DIEM - MILAGE			JOHANNSEN, CALVIN						
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							PER 02	22.47	321.53	
							PER 03	310.30	631.83	
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	W A042517 04-21-17 MHB MTG - PER DIEM			MARCOTTEANNE						
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	W A042517 04-21-17 MILAGE			JOHNSONDUANE						
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	W A042517 04-21-17 MHB MTG - PER DIEM			WINGER, KEITH						
17/04	709 04/18/17 API 002837			49141	10197	B	26.75	877.93		
	W A042517 MHB MTG - PER DIEM - MILAGE			JOHANNSEN, CALVIN						
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					CREDITS:		.00	NET:	877.93	
74830	74-00-830-000-000-000-0000-62990-	Prof. & Tech. Fee - Other								
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							PER 02	525.00	4,322.80	
							PER 03	22,520.30	26,843.10	
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	W A050217	WEB HOSTING ANNUAL FEE		EPP MARKETING LP					
17/04	900 04/26/17	API 002961		49448	10273	B	69.00	28,741.51	
	W A050217	DOMAIN PURCHASE - RENEWAL		EPP MARKETING LP					
17/04	900 04/26/17	API 101308		49479	10285	B	2,323.72	31,065.23	
	W A050217	WSN INVOICE #11		WIDSETH SMITH NOLTIN					
17/04	913 04/30/17	GEN RECURRING FINANCIAL SERVICE				B	525.00	31,590.23	
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74830	74-00-830-000-000-000-0000-63320-	Employee Mileage							
				REVISED BUDGET					.00
				PER 01			262.44	262.44	
				PER 02			620.08	882.52	
				PER 03			367.76	1,250.28	
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					44.41	1,294.69	
	WF PCARD	1434 - Morrison Cty Water Plan							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					37.45	1,332.14	
	WF PCARD	1434 - Camp Ripley Sentinel							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					54.57	1,386.71	
	WF PCARD	1434 - Cass County Board mtg							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					26.22	1,412.93	
	WF PCARD	1434 - CRSL camp ripley mtg							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					56.71	1,469.64	
	WF PCARD	1434 - Monthly board mtg							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					34.78	1,504.42	
	WF PCARD	1434 - MHB Comp. Plan							
		TIM TERRILL - OOP							
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				REVISED BUDGET					.00
				PER 01			29.19	29.19	
				PER 02			31.35	60.54	
				PER 03			5.37	65.91	
17/04	735 04/26/17	GNI MAR					4.49	70.40	
	WF PCARD	snack for MHB Comp. Plan							

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	WF PCARD								
17/04	735 04/26/17						3.85	131.24	
	WF PCARD								
LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:				131.24	CREDITS:		.00	NET:	131.24
GRAND TOTAL --- DEBITS:				207,249.31	CREDITS:		-207,550.26	NET:	-300.95

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REPORT OPTIONS

Print GL Master Start-of-Year Balances?: Y
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Include Encumb/Liq entries: N
Include Budget entries: N
Print J/E comment and vendor: Y
Double space journal detail: N
Separate page for each account: N
Multiyear view: D
Print report options: Y
Cash account: Subtotal by Date or Ref3/Deposit #: N

Planning and Zoning att. 3 & 4

Cr5a17- Niemeyer Variance

M5a17- Greg and Melissa Swan Variance



Date: April 18, 2017

To: Mississippi River Headwaters Board

From: Crow Wing County Land Services

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY NOTICE

The attached NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING is a preliminary Notice informing you that an application has been made before the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment at a date in the near future. This Notice is being sent in order to give adequate time to review the application and make recommendations in a timely manner prior to the County's Public Hearing Process.

Enclosed with the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING is a copy of the site plan and location maps, etc., please make arrangements to stop at the Planning & Zoning Office and review the files personally.

You will receive one (1) additional Notice of Public Hearing approximately two weeks prior to the actual hearing date. Please review the enclosed material and submit your written comments and/or concerns, whether pro or con, to the Planning Office at least one (1) week prior to the Hearing.

The Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment values the input and takes the concerns into consideration when making their decisions.

Sincerely,

Susan Maske
Planning Assistant

09. Variance Application
Permit # 1700181

Crow Wing County
326 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN 56401

Property Information

Selected:

PID	Township	Lake	Physical Address	Owner	Owner Address	Section Township Range	Zoning District(s)	Acres
970131201BA0009	UNORGANIZED-1ST ASSMT	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	18703 ROCK BAY RD BRainerd, MN 56401	NIEMEYER, CORBY L & SHEILA J	18703 ROCK BAY RD BRainerd MN 56401	S:13 T:134 R:28	SD	6.55

Are you the property owner? Yes

Landowner Contact information:

Name:
Corby & Sheila Niemeyer

Phone:
(218) 829 - 6705

Email Address:
4riverrats@q.com

Mailing Address:
18703 Rock Bay Road
Brainerd MN 56401

Required Information

Please provide info about your existing septic system: Winter window agreement is attached (winter only)

Did you attend a Development Review Team (DRT) meeting? Yes

Project Specifics

Please indicate type of variance (s) requested: Lake / River Setback

Please explain your request: Variance for river setback of 43 feet from the east shore of the Mississippi River and river setback of 54 feet from the west shore of the Mississippi River to construct a 498 square foot deck

Is survey already on file with Crow Wing County? Yes

Findings of Fact

1. Is the property owner proposing to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Land Use Ordinance? Why? Yes, want to construct a new deck in the same location as the existing deck

2. Is the need for a Variance due to circumstances unique to the property and not created by the property owner? Why? Yes, the existing dwelling and deck were built in 1962 prior to any zoning regulations and any Mississippi River regulations

3. Will the issuance of a Variance maintain the essential character of the locality? Why? Yes, There are other dwellings along the Mississippi River with decks

4. Does the need for a Variance involve more than economic considerations? Why? Yes, This is replacing an existing deck that was constructed in 1962

Is this an after-the-fact application? No

Terms

Terms & Conditions

No decisions were made on an applicant's request at the DRT meeting. Submittal of an application after DRT does not constitute approval. Approval or denial of applications is determined by the Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment at a public meeting as per Minnesota Statute 394 and the Crow Wing County Land Use Ordinance.

Invoice 04/18/2017

Charge	Cost	Quantity	Total
Recording Fee added 04/18/2017 8:33 AM	\$46.00	x 1	\$46.00
Variance Application Fee added 04/18/2017 8:33 AM	\$500.00	x 1	\$500.00
Grand Total			
		Total (Paid)	\$546.00

Approvals

Approval	Signature
Applicant	Corby Niemeyer - 04/18/2017 8:34 AM - witnessed by Sue Maske 29eaa758d4a5da3351b507a6ba727072 dac4c3f71ebd19b189a5d233fa04aea7
#1 Planning Assistant (Application Reviewed)	Sue Maske - 04/18/2017 8:35 AM 8fc91861f82f28a3c678e2121268602c ae4b20ab4466798fecbb480273def7b
#2 Board Approval	



**Development Review Team (DRT) Meeting
April 10, 2017**

Corby & Sheila Niemeyer

Present: Paul Herkenhoff, Survey/Planning Coordinator; Sue Maske, Planning Assistant; Tim Terrell, Mississippi Headwaters; Corby Niemeyer

Township: Not present
DNR: Not present

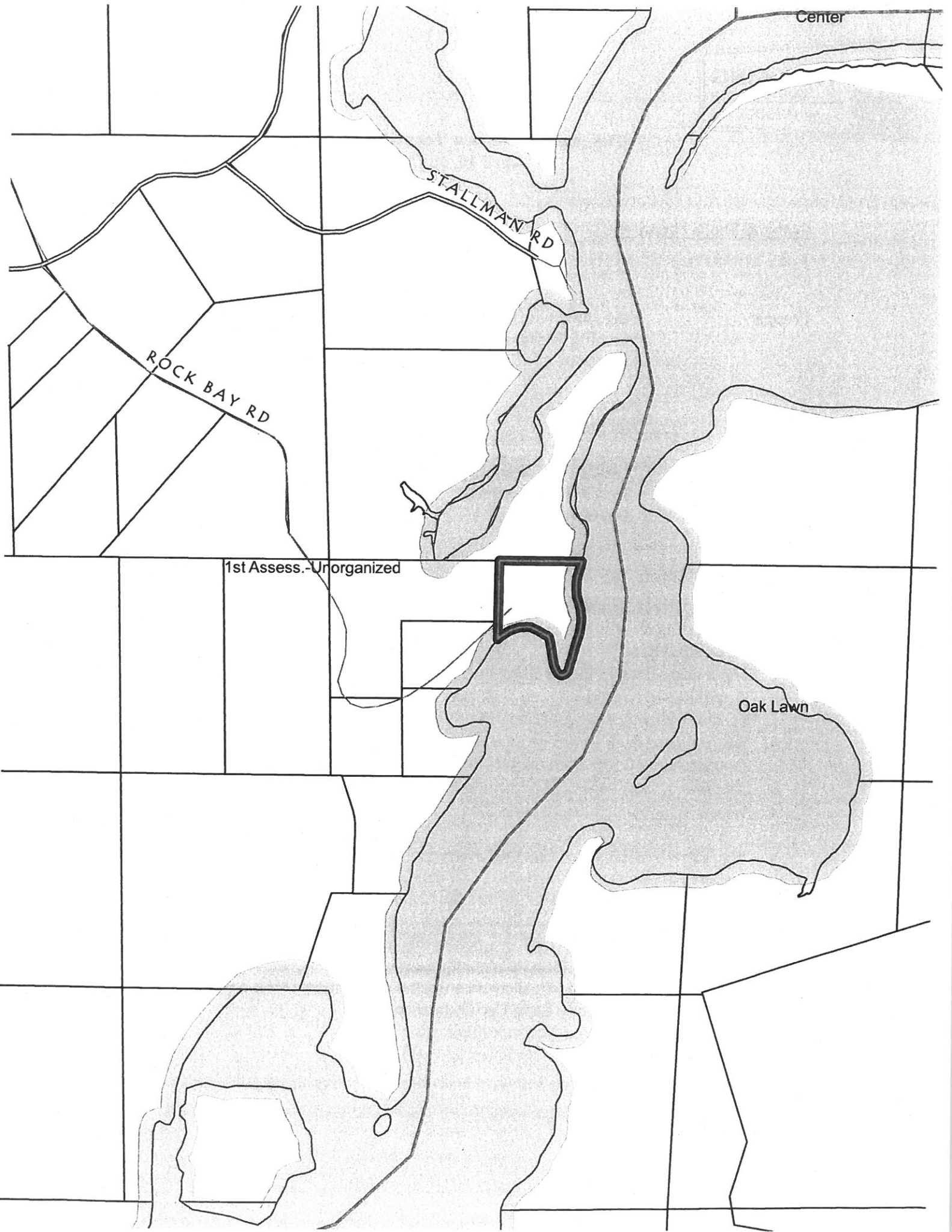
Request: Variance for Mississippi River setback
Location: Sec 13, 1st Assessment
Current Zoning: Shoreland District

DRT 1

- The property is located on a point on the Mississippi River
- The existing dwelling is located approximately 50 feet from the east shore of the Mississippi River
- There was a deck in the dwelling that was removed in 2015
- Would like to construct a new deck over the existing 14' x 16' concrete patio and a 6 foot walkway that would connect to the deck on the west side of the dwelling
- The proposed deck would be located approximately 50 feet from the east shoreline and 60 feet from the west shoreline of the Mississippi River
- Shoreline is well vegetated according to the aerial photo and landowner
- Winter Window agreement is on file

- Tim Terrell, MHB stated that the Mississippi Headwaters Board would no concerns as this is a reconstruction of a non-conforming deck with a minimal expansion and that the MHB follows the County's decision

- Property owner was informed that before they could be placed on a public hearing agenda the following information is required:
 1. A certificate of survey meeting the requirements outlined in Article 8.1 of the County Land Use Ordinance
 2. A completed Variance application
 3. The public hearing fee of \$546.00



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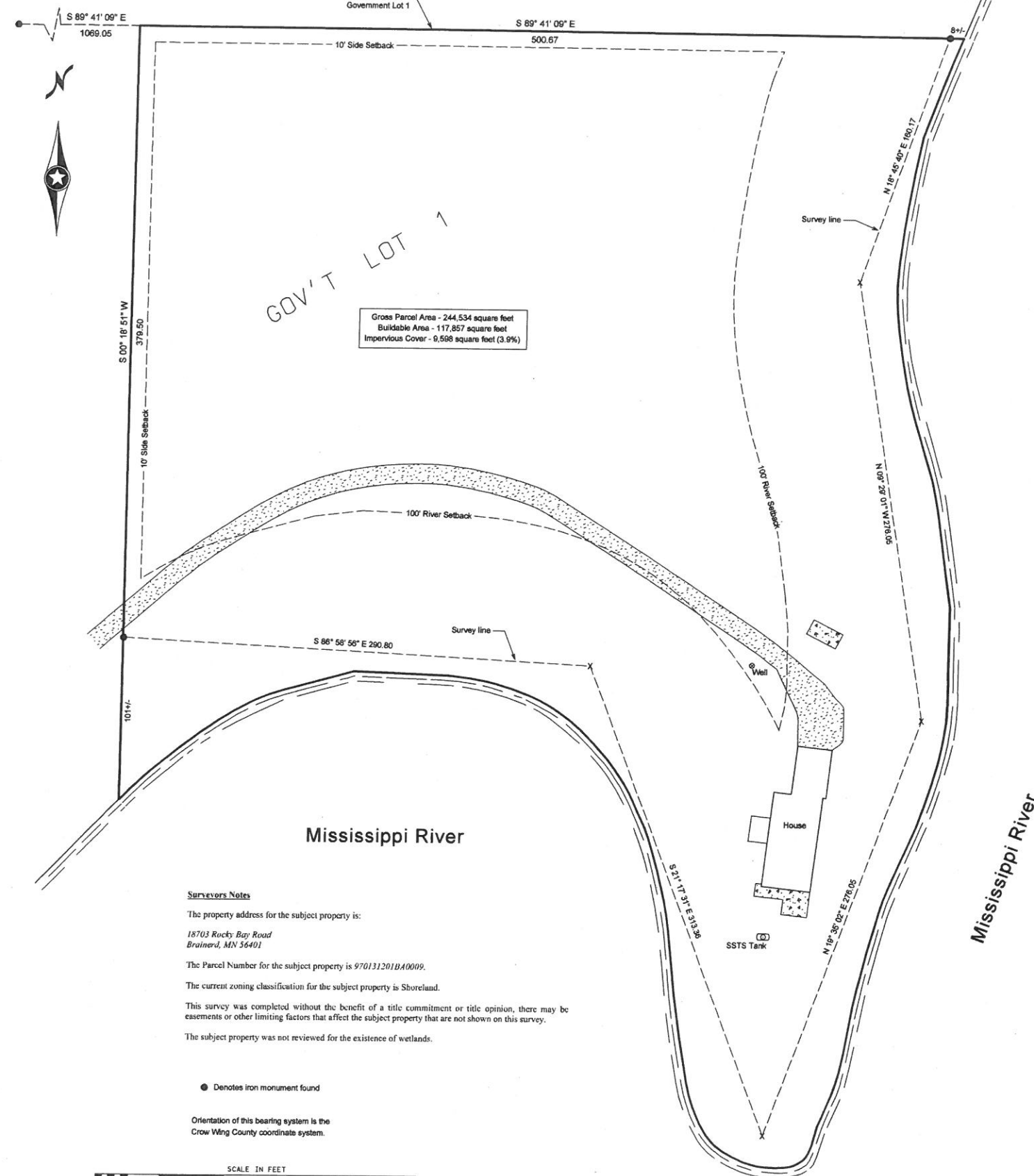
STALLMAN RD

ROCK BAY RD

1st Assess.-Unorganized

Oak Lawn

North Quarter Corner
Section 13-134-28



GOV'T LOT 1

Gross Parcel Area - 244,534 square feet
Buildable Area - 117,857 square feet
Impervious Cover - 9,598 square feet (3.9%)

Mississippi River

Mississippi River

Surveyors Notes

The property address for the subject property is:
18703 Rocky Bay Road
Brainerd, MN 56401

The Parcel Number for the subject property is 970131201BA0009.

The current zoning classification for the subject property is Shoreland.

This survey was completed without the benefit of a title commitment or title opinion, there may be easements or other limiting factors that affect the subject property that are not shown on this survey.

The subject property was not reviewed for the existence of wetlands.

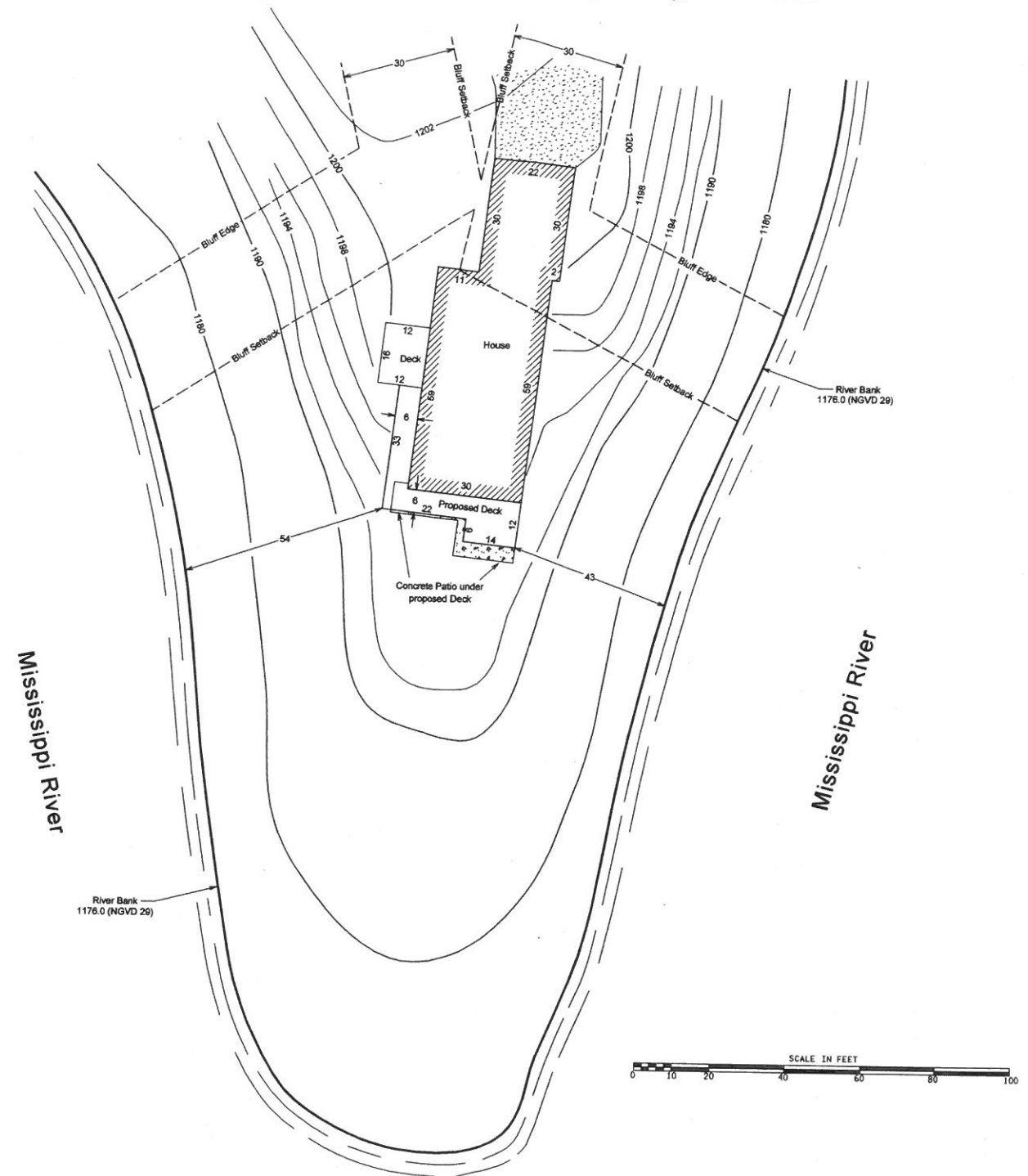
● Denotes iron monument found

Orientation of this bearing system is the
Crow Wing County coordinate system.



Certificate of Survey

Part of Government Lot 1,
Section 13, Township 134 North, Range 28 West,
Crow Wing County, Minnesota.



Mississippi River

Mississippi River



APR 18 2017

No.	Date	REVISIONS

Client Name: Corby Niemeyer

Survey By: MS
Drawn By: KW
Checked By: JK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAN, SURVEY, OR REPORT WAS PREPARED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION AND THAT I AM A DULY REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

SIGNATURE: *James Kramer* DATE: 4-17-2017
JAMES KRAMER, MN LICENSE NUMBER 23688

PROJECT NO. NIEMC1701

Board of Adjustment Findings (PID 12.0177.002)

Applicant: Greg and Melissa Swan

Variance Request: Variance to exceed allowable accessory structure height, side wall height and square footage

Date of Hearing: May 2, 2017

The property is located in Section 16 of Green Prairie Township on the Mississippi River. The lot is ten acres in size.

Within the Mississippi Headwaters (MHB) zoning district, the MHB standards and the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance is applied. Whichever standard is stricter is what must be used.

In this case, the Morrison Land Use Control Ordinance is stricter. The Ordinance allows accessory structures within shoreland a maximum height of 18 feet, 10 foot side walls and 1,300 square feet unless the setback from the water and side property lines can be doubled. If they can be doubled, the structure can be a maximum of 25 feet high and 3,000 square feet.

The setback from the Mississippi River is 150 feet (300 feet for larger structure) and 10 feet from the side property lines (20 feet for larger structure).

The applicant is proposing to construct a 36' x 56' (2,016 square feet) storage shed with 14 foot side walls and an overall height of 22 feet. The proposed setback from the river is 195 feet and setback from side property line is 22 feet.

Visibility from the river to the home is limited due to tree cover. The river is not very navigable at this point in the river, due to marshy conditions.

The proposed structure would be outside the floodplain.

The impervious surface calculation including the proposed shed is 2.85%, 25% impervious surface is allowed.

At the DRT meeting, staff discussed the following with the property owner:

1. Intent of the accessory structure limits in the ordinance
2. Vegetative screening from the river
3. Alternate locations for the shed and the need for the large shed

If this variance is approved the Mississippi Headwaters Board must certify the variance decision.

Applicable Comprehensive Land Use Plan Goals:

Natural Resources and Open Spaces

Goal C2: Preserve natural resources identified as critical and sensitive including wildlife habitats, wetlands, forest lands, etc., within Morrison County.

Shoreland Development

Goal D1: Work to ensure that development occurring within the County's watersheds is done in a thoughtful and deliberate manner so as to balance environmental, social and economic goals to the greatest extent possible.

Applicable Morrison County Comprehensive Water Plan Goals and Objectives:

Surface Water Goal: To protect, enhance and maintain the quality of all surface waters in Morrison County (lakes, rivers, streams and wetlands)

Objective B: Ensure that land use decisions for shoreland development take environmental impacts into consideration

Objective C: Provide protection and enhancement to the county's high quality lakes, rivers, wetlands

Land Use and Development Goal: To ensure that land use decisions are compatible with natural resource protection

Objective B: Reduce the pressure/impacts of shoreland, rural residential and marginal land development

Objective D: Promote storm-water/drainage/floodwaters management

The Board of Adjustment viewed the property on April 28, 2017.

A plat map, aerial photographs and site photographs were presented to the board.

48 notices were mailed; no correspondence was received prior to the hearing.

Dan Maslowski, Green Prairie Township Supervisor, commented at the hearing that the township has no objection to the variance request.

Five members of the Board of Adjustment were present.

The Board of Adjustment had discussion at the hearing with the applicant about the following:

- The main channel of the river and the inability to navigate the back channels of the river adjacent to the property.
- The 20 foot high slope at the river bank and tree cover that restricts views of the property from the main channel of the river
- The extent of floodplain on the property – it limits the 10 acre property
- Extremely sandy, well drained soils that aid in stormwater control
- Alternative placement of the shed and the need to relocate the water well and wood boiler piping

The following factors for consideration of a practical difficulty were:

1. Is the request in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Morrison County Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan.
2. Is the applicant proposing to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Land Use Ordinance.
3. Will the issuance of the variance maintain the essential character of the locality.
4. Is the alleged practical difficulty due to circumstances unique to the property.
5. Is the need for the variance created by actions other than the landowner or prior landowners.
6. Does the alleged practical difficulty involve more than just economic considerations.

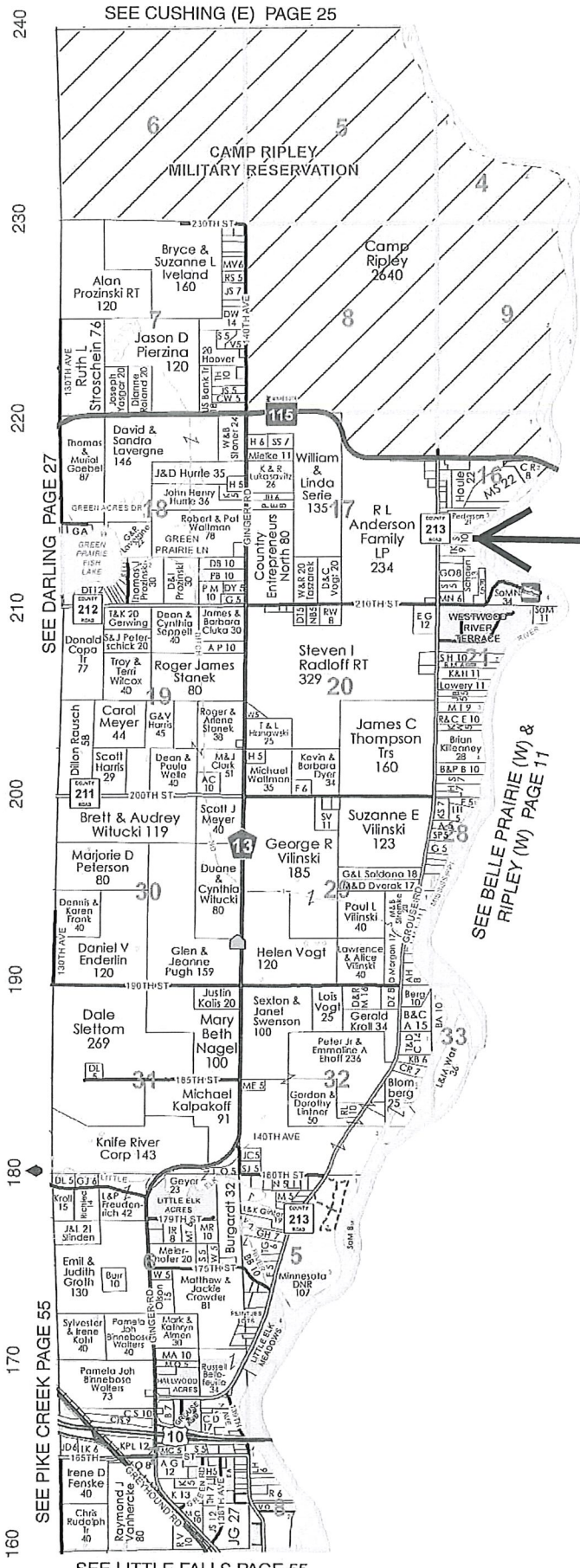
Conclusions

1. The Morrison County Board of Adjustment found the request is in harmony with the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Ordinance. Three quarters of the property is impacted by the river and associated floodplain. The proposed structure meets some of the required setbacks and meets the Mississippi Headwaters Board standards. This structure will be beyond 300 feet of the navigable portion of the river. (5) yes (0) no
2. The Board of Adjustment found the applicant is proposing to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Land Use Ordinance. No tree removal is proposed. This is a well-drained parcel with no stormwater issues. The applicant should be able to construct a shed on their 10 acre parcel. (5) yes (0) no
3. The Board of Adjustment found the issuance of the variance will maintain the essential character of the locality. Properties in the neighborhood have large sheds closer to the river than this proposed shed. This project will clean up the applicant's yard by creating a place to store belongings. (5) yes (0) no
4. The Board of Adjustment found the alleged practical difficulty is due to circumstances unique to the property. This property has floodplain, a 20 foot high river bank that screens visibility from the main channel of the river. (5) yes (0) no
5. The Board of Adjustment found the need for the variance is created by actions other than the landowner or prior landowners. A large portion of the property is affected by the river. The need for the variance is due to operation of the MHB and Morrison County standards together. The "one size fits all" standards does not work in this particular case. (5) yes (0) no
6. The Board of Adjustment found the alleged practical difficulty does involve more than just economic considerations. The applicant must adhere to the stricter of the two standards that apply to the property. A large portion of this property is consumed by floodplain. Alternative locations for the shed would require relocation of existing infrastructure. (5) yes (0) no

Based on the findings and the criteria as stated in Minnesota Statutes 394.27, a motion was made by Dave Stish, and seconded by Jerry Wenzel to approve the variance request to construct a 36' x 56' storage shed with 14 foot side walls and an overall height of 22 feet 195 feet from the Mississippi River.

Chair
Morrison County Board of Adjustment

Date



Greg & Melissa Swan
Section 16

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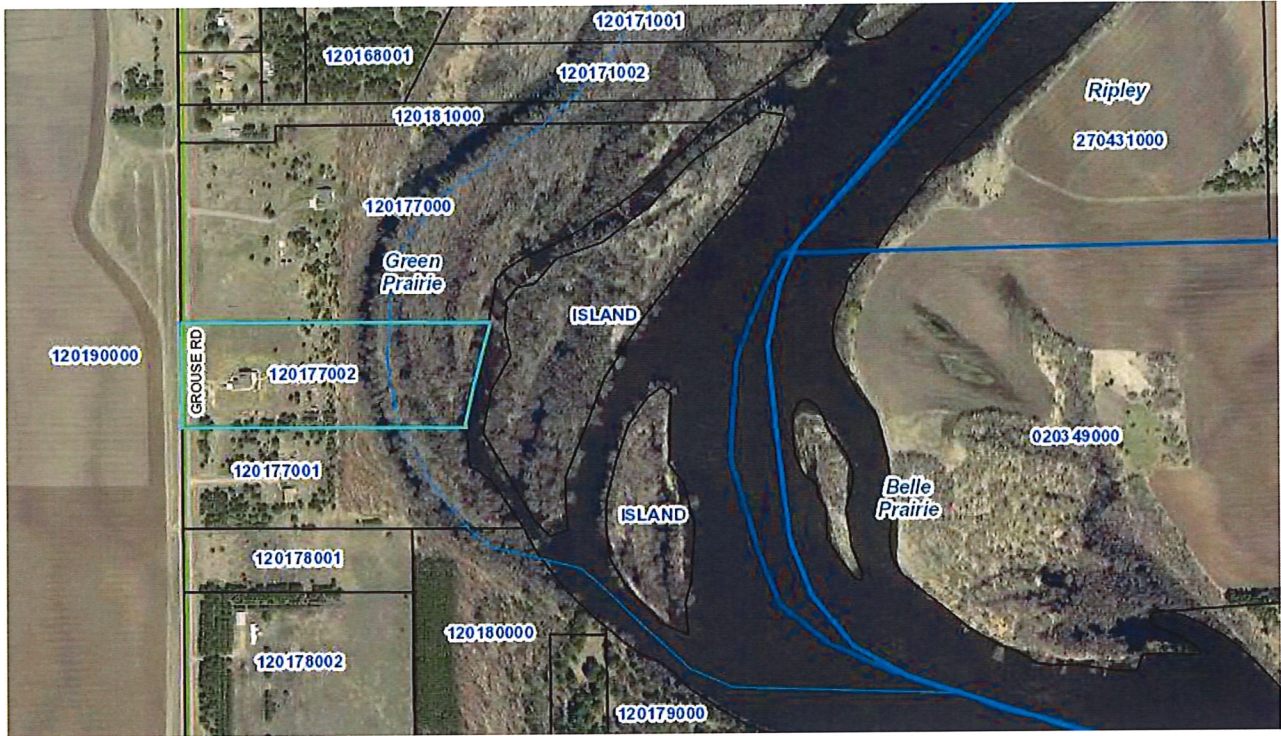
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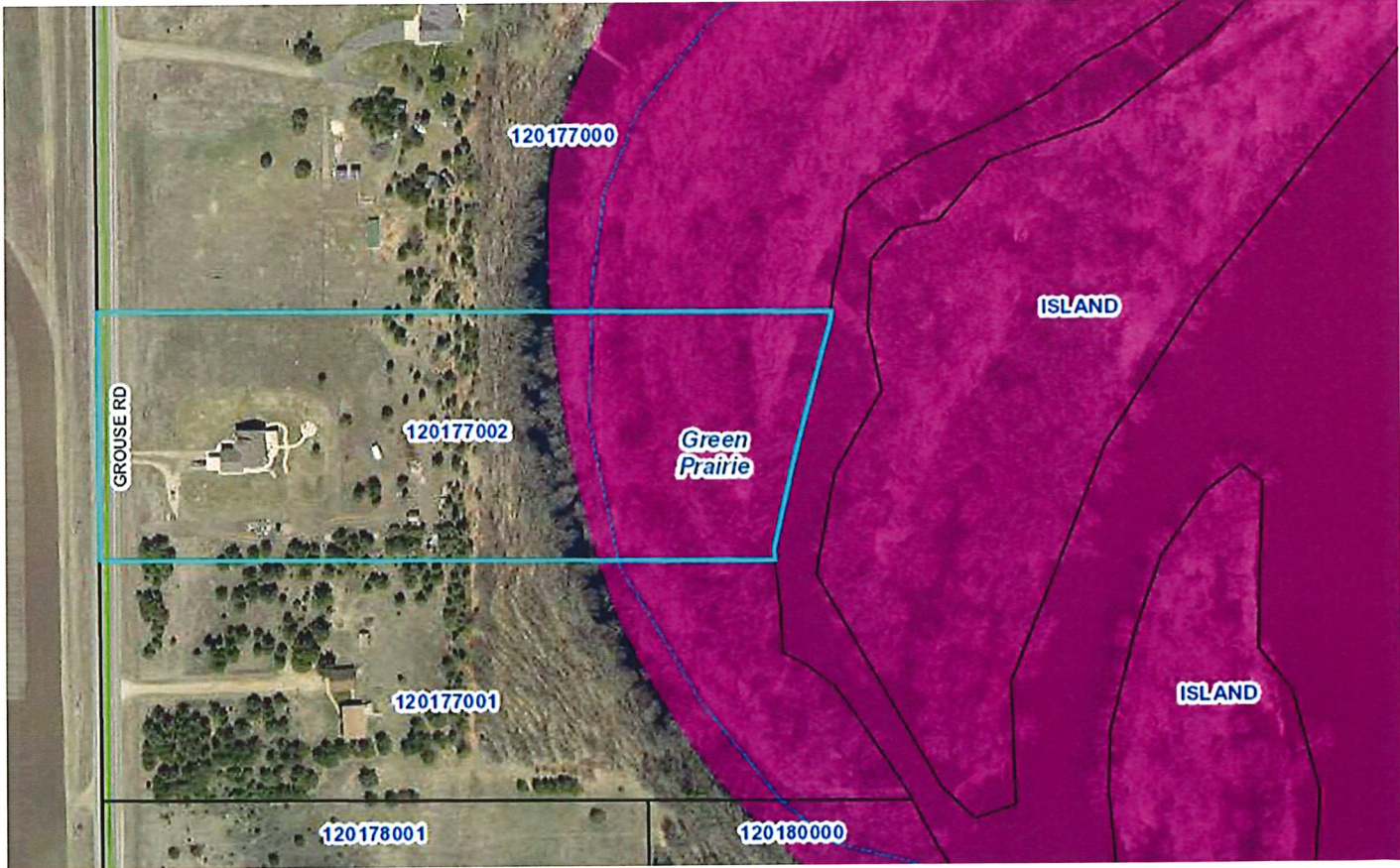
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Above: Aerial photo of property Below: floodplain





Aerial photo of property

Please explain your request in detail:

We are looking to build a 36x56 (+2ft overhang) shed, with 14ft side walls, and a 22ft high peak on the roof. It would be 195ft off the high water mark and 22ft off of the property line. The reason why we need the 14ft side walls is due to the height of our camper, and the size due to the items we want to put in it.

Please explain your practical difficulty:

Since the property backs up against the Mississippi River it requires us to double the 150ft set back from the high water mark, for the proposed size shed. We are looking to maintain the existing look of the yard and that limits where we can build a shed the size we need. We own 10 acres and 3/4 of it is not available to build this shed due to the flood plain, steep hill, and the 300ft set back. What they call the high water mark is approx. 400ft from any navigable waters, and is fully wooded between the river and high water mark.

Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and when the variances are consistent with the comprehensive plan. Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance. "Practical difficulties," as used in connection with the granting of a variance, means that the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning ordinance; the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems. The board or governing body as the case may be may impose conditions in the granting of variances. A condition must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance.

Background Information Landowner Variance Request

State Statutes section 394.27 provides the property owner the right to apply for relief from the strict enforcement of the county land use ordinance. An area variance may be granted only where the strict enforcement of county zoning controls will result in "practical difficulty." A determination that a "practical difficulty" exists is based upon the consideration of the criteria listed below. For each of the criteria below, please answer the question as completely as possible.

1. Is the variance request in harmony with the general purpose & intent of the Morrison County Land Use Control Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan?

YES, because we are allowed to have a garage/shed to protect our belongings.

2. Is the variance request proposing to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the Land Use Ordinance?

YES, we will be using the shed for our ~~stuff~~ storage and to maintain the look of the yard.

3. Will the requested variance maintain the character of the neighborhood?

YES our Request will improve the character of the neighborhood by allowing us to build a shed will let us keep our yard clean and free of personal belongings. By putting the shed in the desired location it will be less visible to cars driving by and River traffic.

4. Is the practical difficulty due to circumstances unique to the property?

YES, because of where the high water mark is, and the 300ft setback takes up 3/4 of our 10 acre parcel. With the Road setback, leaves limited areas to build a shed. The north side has the well, septic, and future septic. To maintain the existing yard, the wood boiler, and playground area are the reasons why we are not able to build on the south side.

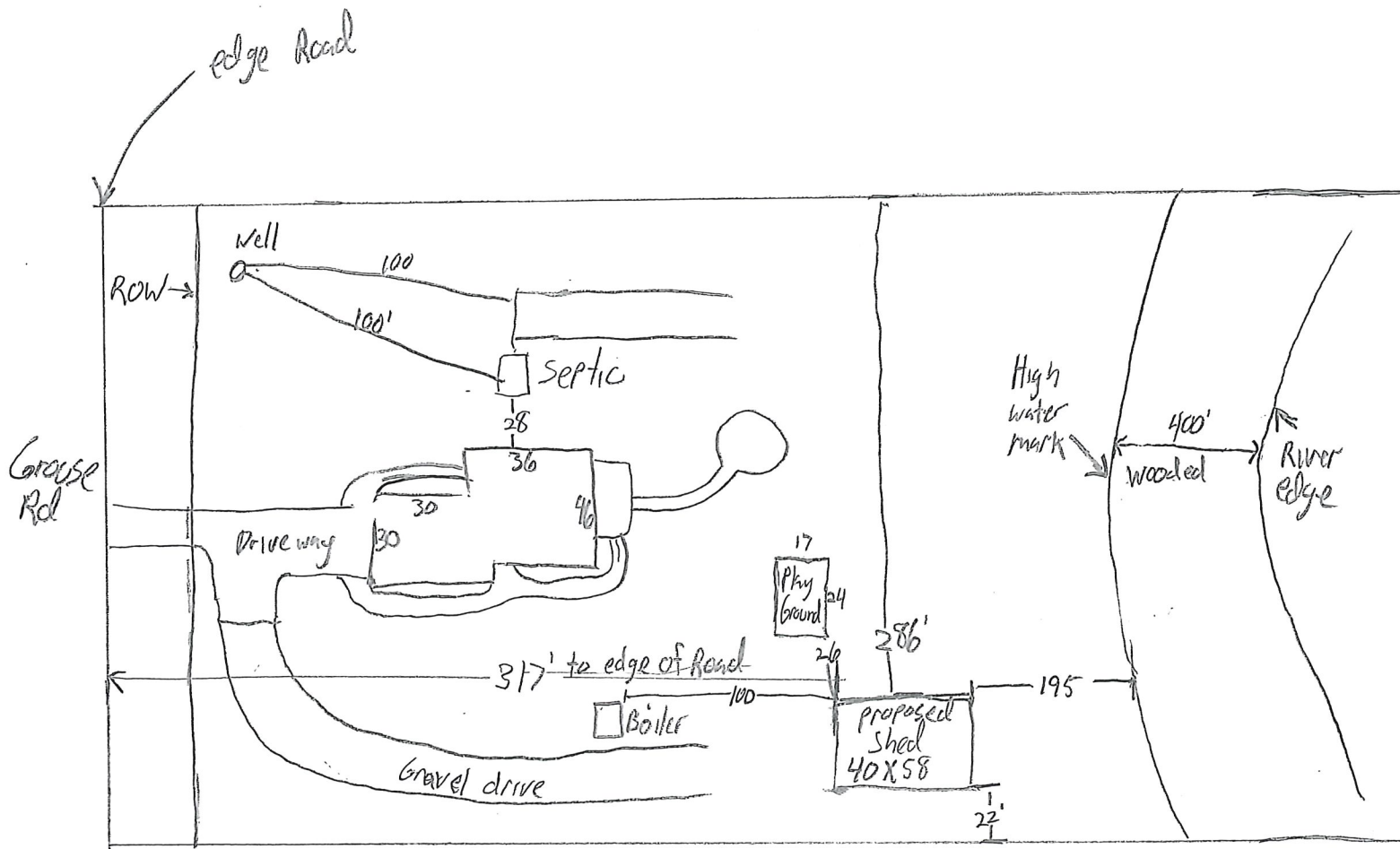
5. How did the need for the variance arise? Is the need for the variance created by actions other than the current owner or prior landowners?

As property owners we were not aware of the high water mark & set backs when we built our house. The need for the variance is for the size of shed and where we are able to build it. Also the layout of the land creates a need, because the high water mark is 400ft off of a navigable water. Then you add the 300ft setback and that takes up 3/4 of our 10 acre property.

6. Does the practical difficulty involve more than just economic considerations?

YES it involves the structure of the land and set backs that are required from property lines, Mississippi headwaters, and the high water mark.

A sketch form is considered part of your application for a Variance. Please show all buildings on your property, all impervious surfaces, and the road from which you have access, all wells (including abandoned wells), and sanitary systems including their setbacks from structures, the work or structure you are proposing, including eaves. (Structure roof eaves must meet all yard setback standards.) Then, give distances from the proposed building(s) to the road right of way, left, right and the rear property lines and lake or river setbacks.



X [Signature]
Signature

4/3/2017
Today's Date

4/3/2017
Date Site Will Be Staked

Site Inspected By P & Z Staff: _____

Impervious Surface Calculation

This calculation sheet is a necessary attachment for all land use permit applications and variance applications in the shoreland zoning district. Because of the impact of storm water runoff, the Morrison County Zoning Ordinance limits the amount of impervious surface coverage. Impervious surfaces include constructed or other hard surface that either prevents or retards the entry of water into the soil and causes the water to run off the surface in greater quantities at an increased rate of flow. Examples include gravel, concrete, or asphalt rooftops, sidewalks, patios, driveways, parking areas, storage areas, or areas of hardscaping.

Lot Dimensions: 330 X 1320 Lot Sq.Ft. 435,600

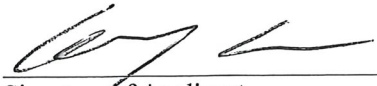
Use the following Table to Calculate Total Impervious Surface Area:
**** All structure dimensions must be measured from roof eaves****

Impervious Surface Item	Structure Dimensions	Total Area (ft ²)
Proposed-or Existing House	46 x 36	1,656
Proposed House Addition	NA	
Existing Garage(s) or Accessory Buildings	30 x 30	900
Proposed Garage or Accessory Buildings Shed	40 x 58	2,320
Boat House and/or Ramp	NA	
Sidewalk(s)	4 x 133 6 x 29	706
Patio(s)	19 x 35 20-ft Circle	979
Deck(s)	NA - over patio	
Driveway and Parking Area Including Gravel Surfaced Areas	85 x 26 20 x 18 56 x 14	3,354
Other Gravel drive	12 x 210	2,520
Other		
Other		
Total Impervious Surface		12,435

$$\frac{12,435}{435,600} \times 100 = 2.85\%$$

Total impervious surface total lot sq. ft. percent impervious surface

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have included all existing or proposed impervious surfaces on my property. I understand that if the percentage of total impervious surface is greater than the allowance, a variance will be required as part of my application.


 Signature of Applicant
 Melissa Swan

4/3/17
 Date

Attach additional sheet as necessary



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Action/Discussion (att. 5-8)

Executive Director's Report (att.5)

Resolution 2017-03 LCCMR Proposal (att.6)

2018 LSOHC proposal approval with additional
partner discussion (att.7)

LSOHC letter from Representatives and Program
Outlook (att.8)

Comprehensive Plan comments from Board

Request from MHB Board

Invitation of Legislators to Board

Executive Director Report

April 2017-May 2017

Personnel, Budget, Administration, Information & Education, Correspondence

1. Reviewed monthly budget.
2. Prepared monthly agenda packet.
3. Sent in monthly expense report.
4. Reviewed potential variances that may be coming before the Board next month.
5. Attended monthly call in meeting with MPCA.
6. Developed next fiscal year's budget spreadsheet.
7. Sent out comments for LCCMR proposal.
8. Collaborated with Don Hickman on potential opportunities to update the MHB Comprehensive Plan.
9. Emailed and mailed out Comprehensive Plan to board members.
10. Started writing 2018 LSOHC proposal.
11. Listened to OHC council April meeting.
12. Requested AIS stories from counties.
13. Sent amendment request in to OHC staff.
14. Completed the 2018 LSOHC application.

Meetings & Networking

1. Attended Crow Wing DRT meeting.
2. Attended Morrison DRT meeting.
3. I was invited to attend a Strategic Planning session for the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources as an opportunity to provide feedback on water related trends, advice on areas of focus, and strategies to consider in the next 10 years to achieve strategic goals.
4. Attended CW Leadership Team meeting.
5. Listened to audio of LSOHC meeting where they compared the House File 707 to the Senate file.



RESOLUTION 2017-03

Mississippi Headwaters Board

WHEREAS, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is a threat to the lakes, rivers, and streams in Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, Over 40% of the people in a participating MHB county survey shared that they receive their information from the local newspaper about AIS , and

WHEREAS, An AIS awareness campaign named Minnesota Traditiions is being produced regionally to prevent infestation of AIS, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED RESOLVED that the Mississippi Headwaters Board proposal to the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources for a Minnesota Traditions Newspaper Insert AIS Awareness Campaign to help create awareness about AIS prevention practices.

This resolution was adopted by a vote, Ayes ___ Nays:___ , of the Mississippi Headwaters Board on May 19, 2017 and will be made of record in accordance with the Minutes of same.

I, Keith Winger, Chairman of the Mississippi Headwaters Board, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in my office on the 19th of May A.D. 2017, and the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL

At Walker, Minnesota, this 20th day of February, A.D.
2017

Keith Winger- Chairman of the Board

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Fiscal Year 2019 / ML 2018 Request for Funding



Date: May 16, 2017

Program or Project Title: Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase III

Funds Requested: \$8,099,700

Manager's Name: Tim Terrill

Title: Executive Director

Organization: Mississippi Headwaters Board

Address: 322 Laurel St., Suite 11

City: Brainerd, MN 56401

Office Number: 218-824-1189

Email: timt@mississippiheadwaters.org

Website: www.mississippiheadwaters.org

County Locations: Aitkin, Beltrami, Crow Wing, Hubbard, and Morrison.

Regions in which work will take place:

- Northern Forest
- Forest / Prairie Transition

Activity types:

- Protect in Easement
- Protect in Fee

Priority resources addressed by activity:

- Forest
- Prairie

Abstract:

The Mississippi Headwaters Board will work with the Board of Water & Soil Resources, The Trust for Public Land, headwaters counties, and Soil & Water Conservation Districts to protect and preserve targeted habitat in high quality shoreland areas and provide access on the Mississippi River, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridor tributaries through fee title acquisitions. Easements will be administered in target areas to protect habitat and shoreland areas.

Design and scope of work:

The Mississippi River is known as "America's River." It is the largest river in North America, and provides drinking water, industry, and recreation for millions of people, and is the embodiment of Minnesota's outdoor traditions. Strategic and well placed public ownership is essential to maintaining the hunting, fishing, and game habitat along the Mississippi River. Public lands adjacent to private property are in danger of losing habitat connectivity because of the continued development pressures on private lands which result in further fragmentation. Land accessibility to these lands is essential to ensuring high quality, memorable experiences while hunting and fishing within the Mississippi River Corridor. Riparian corridors and tributaries are of particular value to resident and migrating wildlife populations, providing connectivity to multiple habitat types.

As loss of habitat in western Minnesota and the Dakotas occurs, and climate change causes the drying up of existing wetlands, the Mississippi flyway will take on a more important role. The Mississippi flyway is the longest migration route of any in the western hemisphere, and is well timbered and watered to afford ideal conditions to support migrating birds. The Mississippi Headwaters supports more than 350 species of animals, mammals, and birds and is an important national treasure which must be preserved.

The Mississippi Headwaters Board will use targeted fee title land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements to accomplish the goals of this proposal. All fee title acquisitions will be approved by the local governmental unit and the Mississippi Headwaters Board where the property exists. The Mississippi River and its connecting tributaries and headwaters lakes are essential to wildlife, bird, and waterfowl transportation and sustainability. The Mississippi Headwaters Board will work with The Trust for Public Land to protect

the priority lands using fee title acquisitions; and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the counties of Clearwater, Beltrami, Hubbard, Cass, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Morrison to implement the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) program through the Board of Water and Soil Resources to gain permanent conservation easements. Fee title acquisitions will protect against fragmentation of forest land, and provide access to existing public land. Parcels identified as potential fee title acquisitions on the Mississippi River are shown on the attached map.

The Mississippi Headwaters Board will administer, provide updated reports to the council, coordinate efforts, and develop a consistent process that utilizes county support to ensure that the program and spirit of this proposal is met. The Department of Natural Resources or individual counties will hold the fee title acquisitions, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources will hold the permanent easements. A local Project Technical Committee will review and rank potential acquisitions and easements.

Local support was obtained by the MHB counties writing resolutions of support for this program. Various conservation partnerships were formed with The Trust for Public Land and the 8 local Soil & Water Conservation Districts to also help implement this program at the field level.

Which sections of the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan are applicable to this project:

- H2 Protect critical shoreland of streams and lakes
- H3 Improve connectivity and access to recreation

Which other plans are addressed in this proposal:

- Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Plan
- Outdoor Heritage Fund: A 25 Year Framework

Describe how your program will advance the indicators identified in the plans selected:

This program will advance the indicators by preventing fragmentation of forested land and allow access or better access to landlocked parcels through a fee title acquisition program. Both permanent easements and fee title acquisitions will protect shoreland and provide critical habitat for game and non game species and prioritize the Mississippi River and the natural values that exist there. It will protect migrating waterfowl and related species to increase migratory and breeding success. It will also identify and promote protection of critical habitat for flora and fauna on public and private lands minimizing duplicative efforts. The program will also protect threatened or endangered species that exist in the first 400 miles of the Mississippi River.

Which LSOHC section priorities are addressed in this proposal:

Forest / Prairie Transition:

- Protect, enhance, and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and nongame wildlife

Northern Forest:

- Protect shoreland and restore or enhance critical habitat on wild rice lakes, shallow lakes, cold water lakes, streams and rivers, and spawning areas

Describe how your program will produce and demonstrate a significant and permanent conservation legacy and/or outcomes for fish, game, and wildlife as indicated in the LSOHC priorities:

Multiple benefits can be obtained where the water and land meet to preserve an outdoor heritage for generations to come . This program will build resilience into the Mississippi River system to protect against fragmentation and parcelization, and protect the various aquatic and terrestrial species that use the river as a travel corridor. As fee title acquisitions are obtained, measurable results as to population increases and densities will be given to help tell the story how the conservation legacy is unfolding. By utilizing permanent conservation easements and acquisitions, along with science based tools that allow us to target the best areas for habitat; we will be able to sustain a permanent conservation legacy for us to enjoy now, and for our children to appreciate from generation to generation.

Describe how the proposal uses science-based targeting that leverages or expands corridors and complexes, reduces fragmentation or protects areas identified in the MN County Biological Survey:

This proposal emphasizes high quality, riparian tracts adjacent to public land to target the best land suitable for habitat protection. Zonation modeling that was developed by the North Central Conservation Roundtable (NCCR) helps prioritizes fish and wildlife habitat

along with water quality benefits to be utilized on a ranking sheet to help locate areas that provide the best fish, wildlife, and game habitat. The NCCR is a group of non-governmental organizations, state and local agencies that meet quarterly to coordinate and develop strategy for the protection of land in North Central Minnesota. The Mississippi Headwaters sub-watershed prioritization model will be utilized to identify adjacent public land and access. This land that is targeted next to adjacent public land will help expand the corridors and complexes that currently exist through an organized method.

How does the proposal address habitats that have significant value for wildlife species of greatest conservation need, and/or threatened or endangered species, and list targeted species:

The areas targeted by this proposal will strategically protect the habitat and connectivity for fish and game using permanent conservation easements and fee title acquisition to target riparian forest, wetland complexes, tributary confluences, and wild rice communities along the Mississippi river, headwater's reservoirs, and connecting corridors and tributaries. Land conversion and forest fragmentation have a threat on habitat, corridor connectivity, and aquatic function on both land and water in this area. This proposal will specifically protect habitat for the Blanding's Turtle, Gray wolf, Red Shoulder hawk, and the Northern Long Eared Bat.

Identify indicator species and associated quantities this habitat will typically support:

Much of this forested corridor provides habitat for white-tailed deer, Golden-winged Warblers, and Ovenbirds populations. White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) use a wide variety of forested habitats, are found throughout Minnesota, and are an important game species in the state. In the 33 forested deer permit areas for which deer densities are estimated, covering most of the LSOHC Northern Forest section, the six-year average (2010-2015) for pre-fawn deer densities across all deer permit areas is 13 deer per square mile of land (excluding water) . This translates to 0.02 deer (pre-fawning) per acre of forest land habitat or roughly 1 deer (pre-fawning) for every 50 acres of land. Golden-winged Warblers are often associated with shrubland habitat and regenerating forests. More current research indicates a variety of forest habitats are required by Golden-winged Warblers (a matrix of shrubby wetlands and uplands, regenerating forests, and mature forests). While territories vary in size, an average of 4 pairs for every 10 hectares , may be translated to roughly 6 pairs for every 40 acres. Ovenbirds (*Seiurus aurocapilla*) are found in upland forests statewide; typically in relatively mature forest but can also be found in younger forests. While territories vary in size and may overlap, an average of 10 pairs for every 10 hectares may be translated to roughly 6 pairs for every 40 acres.

Outcomes:

Programs in the northern forest region:

- Increased availability and improved condition of riparian forests and other habitat corridors *An increase of lineal shoreland habitat permanently protected by easement or fee acquisition. An increase in the percent (%) of minor watersheds habitat being permanently protected.*

Programs in forest-prairie transition region:

- Rivers and streams provide corridors of habitat including intact areas of forest cover in the east and large wetland/upland complexes in the west *An increase of lineal shoreland habitat permanently protected by easement or fee acquisition. An increase in the percent (%) of minor watersheds habitat being permanently protected.*

How will you sustain and/or maintain this work after the Outdoor Heritage Funds are expended:

Once a RIM easement is acquired, BWSR is responsible for maintenance, inspection and monitoring into perpetuity. The BWSR partners with local SWCDs to carry-out oversight, monitoring and inspection of its conservation easements. Easements are inspected for the first five consecutive years beginning in the year after the easement is recorded. Thereafter, on-site inspections are performed every three years and compliance checks are performed in the other two years. SWCDs report to BWSR on each site inspection conducted and partners' staff document findings. A non-compliance procedure is implemented when potential violations or problems are identified. Perpetual monitoring and stewardship costs have been calculated at \$6,500 per easement. This value is based on using local SWCD staff for monitoring and landowner relations and existing enforcement authorities. The amount listed for Easement Stewardship cover costs of the SWCD regular monitoring, BWSR oversight, and any enforcement necessary.

The non-governmental organizations will transfer all fee title lands to the Dept. of Natural Resources or county for permanent stewardship. Lands acquired by counties will be managed utilizing individual county land management plans, and lands acquired by the DNR will be required to develop a management plan consistent with their division.

Explain the things you will do in the future to maintain project outcomes:

Year	Source of Funds	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
2021	OHF	Work with landowners and agencies to determine interest and develop long term habitat priorities.	Utilize RIM program and work with BWSR to acquire, maintain, and monitor easements.	Perform on-site inspections for 5 consecutive years, and every 3 years thereafter.
2021	OHF	Work with landowners to determine interest and develop long term game, hunting and fishing priorities.	Work with Trust for Public Land to acquire parcels for fee title acquisitions.	Follow monitoring guidelines established by the DNR or Counties (depending on ownership) to monitor acquired parcels.

What is the degree of timing/opportunistic urgency and why it is necessary to spend public money for this work as soon as possible:

The Mississippi River is the dominant river in the lakes tourism industry. This area is experiencing development pressure at the lake and Mississippi River level, and forest fragmentation from the economic decline of the timber industry.

How does this proposal include leverage in funds or other effort to supplement any OHF appropriation:

The Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) is a Joint Powers Board formed in 1980 to preserve the wild and scenic values of the Mississippi river. This proposal, coordinated and administered by the Mississippi Headwaters Board, will bring together state agencies, local governmental units, Comprehensive Water Plans, county government, Land Resource Plans, and nongovernmental organizations to provide a consistent and coordinated approach to permanent habitat preservation. Since 2003, the MHB has leveraged almost \$11 million worth of in-kind support for their work on the Mississippi River.

Relationship to other funds:

- Clean Water Fund

Describe the relationship of the funds:

The MHB has been successful in gaining and utilizing the Clean Water Fund to address water quality issues to compliment this habitat effort. They have currently secured with partners 3 Clean Water Fund grants totaling \$322,000. This allowed them to assess the first 400 miles of the Mississippi River to develop habitat and water quality strategies, and develop and organization campaign to address the issues identified.

Describe the source and amount of non-OHF money spent for this work in the past:

Appropriation Year	Source	Amount
2016	Private	\$62,900

Activity Details

Requirements:

If funded, this proposal will meet all applicable criteria set forth in MS 97A.056 - **Yes**

Will local government approval be sought prior to acquisition - **Yes**

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Is the land you plan to acquire free of any other permanent protection - **Yes**

Do you anticipate federal funds as a match for this program - **No**

Land Use:

Will there be planting of corn or any crop on OHF land purchased or restored in this program - **Yes**

Explain

The primary purposes of WMAs are to develop and manage for the production of wildlife and for compatible outdoor recreation. To fulfill those goals, the DNR may use limited farming specifically to enhance or benefit the management of state lands for wildlife.

Lands proposed to be acquired as WMAs may utilize farming to prepare previously farmed sites for native plant seeding. This is a standard practice across the Midwest. On a small percentage of WMAs (less than 2.5%), DNR uses farming to provide a winter food source for a variety of wildlife species in agriculture-dominated landscapes largely devoid of winter food sources.

Are any of the crop types planted GMO treated - **No**

Is this land currently open for hunting and fishing - **No**

Will the land be open for hunting and fishing after completion - **Yes**

Land conveyed to the Dept. of Natural Resources or counties will fall under management plans that allow for hunting and fishing opportunities.

Will the eased land be open for public use - **No**

Are there currently trails or roads on any of the acquisitions on the parcel list - **Yes**

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

Informal trails on private property are typically used for personal access for hunting, fishing, and occasionally as remnants of forestry practices. This appropriation is funding a program that will have a parcel list identified at a later time. Roads or trails are typically excluded from easement areas if they serve no beneficial purpose to easement maintenance, monitoring, or enforcement. Existing trails or roads are identified during the easement acquisition process. Some roads and trails, such as agricultural field accesses, are allowed to remain.

Will the trails or roads remain and uses continue to be allowed after OHF acquisition - **Yes**

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished:

Land that is in an easement will be maintained by the landowner, and will be involved in a scheduled monitoring program by the County Soil & Water Conservation District. Land that is fee title acquired by the Dept. of Natural Resources will follow typical DNR management rules and monitoring plan. Land acquired by the county will follow a maintenance and monitoring plan developed by specific county forest resource plans.

For easements: This appropriation is funding a program that will have a parcel list identified at a later time. Roads or trails are typically excluded from the easement area if they serve no beneficial purpose to easement maintenance, monitoring, or enforcement. Existing trails or roads are identified during the easement acquisition process. Some roads and trails, such as agricultural field accesses, are allowed to remain.

Will new trails or roads be developed or improved as a result of the OHF acquisition - **Yes**

Describe the types of trails or roads and the allowable uses:

On easements, though uncommon, there could be a potential for new trails may be developed, if they contribute to easement maintenance or benefit the easement site (e.g. firebreaks, berm maintenance, etc). Unauthorized trails identified during the monitoring process are in violation of the easement.

How will maintenance and monitoring be accomplished:

The easements secured under this project will be managed as part of the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) RIM Reserve program that has over 6,500 easements currently in place. Easements are monitored annually for each of the first 5 years and then every 3rd year after that. BWSR, in cooperation with Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), implement a stewardship process to track, monitor quality and assure compliance with easement terms.

Under the terms of the Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) easement program, landowners are required to maintain compliance with the easement. A conservation plan is developed with the landowner and maintained as part of each easement. Basic easement compliance costs are borne by the landowner, periodic enhancements may be cost shared from a variety of sources.

Lands acquired by counties will be managed utilizing individual county land management plans, and lands acquired by the DNR will be required to develop a management plan consistent with their division.

Accomplishment Timeline

Activity	Approximate Date Completed
Partners- Landowner negotiations, due diligence, acquire land and convey to State or County	6/30/21
SWCDs- Complete conservation easements applications	6/30/21
BWSR- Process and acquire easements through the RIM program.	6/30/21
DNR, Counties- Acquire and manage land for habitat	6/30/21
MHB- Coordination, administration, reporting	6/30/21

Budget Spreadsheet

Total Amount of Request: \$8,099,700

Budget and Cash Leverage

Budget Name	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	\$248,200	\$0	Private	\$248,200
Contracts	\$166,000	\$0		\$166,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	\$3,869,000	\$0		\$3,869,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	\$600,000	\$0		\$600,000
Easement Acquisition	\$2,587,000	\$0		\$2,587,000
Easement Stewardship	\$214,500	\$0		\$214,500
Travel	\$13,900	\$0		\$13,900
Professional Services	\$142,500	\$0		\$142,500
Direct Support Services	\$43,800	\$43,800	Private	\$87,600
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	\$80,000	\$0		\$80,000
Capital Equipment	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Supplies/Materials	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
DNR IDP	\$125,000	\$0		\$125,000
Total	\$8,099,700	\$43,800	-	\$8,143,500

Personnel

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Protection and Legal Staff	0.30	3.00	\$124,700	\$0	Private	\$124,700
Administration	1.00	3.00	\$20,000	\$0		\$20,000
Program Management	0.15	3.00	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
Easement processing	0.30	3.00	\$58,500	\$0		\$58,500
Total	1.75	12.00	\$248,200	\$0	-	\$248,200

Budget and Cash Leverage by Partnership

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	TPL	\$124,700	\$0	Private	\$124,700
Contracts	TPL	\$50,000	\$0		\$50,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	TPL	\$3,869,000	\$0		\$3,869,000
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	TPL	\$600,000	\$0		\$600,000
Easement Acquisition	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Stewardship	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Travel	TPL	\$6,000	\$0		\$6,000
Professional Services	TPL	\$142,500	\$0		\$142,500
Direct Support Services	TPL	\$43,800	\$43,800	Private	\$87,600
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	TPL	\$80,000	\$0		\$80,000
Capital Equipment	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
Supplies/Materials	TPL	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR IDP	TPL	\$125,000	\$0		\$125,000
Total	-	\$5,041,000	\$43,800	-	\$5,084,800

Personnel - TPL

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Protection and Legal Staff	0.30	3.00	\$124,700	\$0	Private	\$124,700
Total	0.30	3.00	\$124,700	\$0	-	\$124,700

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	MHWB	\$20,000	\$0		\$20,000
Contracts	MHWB	\$50,000	\$0		\$50,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	MHWB	\$0	\$0		\$0

Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easement Acquisition	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easement Stewardship	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	MHWB	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
Professional Services	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Direct Support Services	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Equipment	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/Materials	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
DNR IDP	MHWB	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total		\$73,000	\$0	\$73,000

Personnel - MHWB

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Administration	1.00	3.00	\$20,000	\$0		\$20,000
Total	1.00	3.00	\$20,000	\$0		\$20,000

Budget Name	Partnership	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Personnel	BWSR	\$103,500	\$0		\$103,500
Contracts	BWSR	\$66,000	\$0		\$66,000
Fee Acquisition w/ PILT	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Fee Acquisition w/o PILT	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Easement Acquisition	BWSR	\$2,587,000	\$0		\$2,587,000
Easement Stewardship	BWSR	\$214,500	\$0		\$214,500
Travel	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Professional Services	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Direct Support Services	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
DNR Land Acquisition Costs	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Capital Equipment	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Other Equipment/Tools	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
Supplies/Materials	BWSR	\$4,900	\$0		\$4,900
DNR IDP	BWSR	\$0	\$0		\$0
Total		\$2,985,700	\$0		\$2,985,700

Personnel - BWSR

Position	FTE	Over # of years	LSOHC Request	Anticipated Leverage	Leverage Source	Total
Program Management	0.15	3.00	\$45,000	\$0		\$45,000
Easement processing	0.30	3.00	\$58,500	\$0		\$58,500
Total	0.45	6.00	\$103,500	\$0		\$103,500

Amount of Request: \$8,099,700
Amount of Leverage: \$43,800
Leverage as a percent of the Request: 0.54%
DSS + Personnel: \$292,000
As a % of the total request: 3.61%
Easement Stewardship: \$214,500
As a % of the Easement Acquisition: 8.29%

How did you determine which portions of the Direct Support Services of your shared support services is direct to this program:

Based on TPL's federal reimbursement rate.

Does the amount in the contract line include R/E work?

Yes, and also for the MHB to contract professional services for project coordination of the LSOHC proposal.

Does the amount in the travel line include equipment/vehicle rental? - Yes

Explain the amount in the travel line outside of traditional travel costs of mileage, food, and lodging:

N/A

Describe and explain leverage source and confirmation of funds:

The Trust for Public Land has committed to contributing half of its DSS as leverage for this proposal.

Does this proposal have the ability to be scalable? - Yes

Tell us how this project would be scaled and how administrative costs are affected, describe the “economy of scale” and how outputs would change with reduced funding, if applicable:

A reduction in funding would reduce outputs proportionally for the most part. Program management costs would be the exception, due to program development & oversight remaining somewhat consistent regardless of appropriation amount.

Output Tables

Table 1a. Acres by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	50	895	0	945
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	165	0	165
Protect in Easement	0	0	1,320	0	1,320
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	50	2,380	0	2,430

Table 1b. How many of these Prairie acres are Native Prairie?

Type	Native Prairie
Restore	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0
Protect in Easement	0
Enhance	0
Total	0

Table 2. Total Requested Funding by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$200,000	\$4,102,000	\$0	\$4,302,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$752,600	\$0	\$752,600
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$3,045,100	\$0	\$3,045,100
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$200,000	\$7,899,700	\$0	\$8,099,700

Table 3. Acres within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	0	50	0	0	895	945
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	0	0	0	0	165	165
Protect in Easement	0	0	0	0	1,320	1,320
Enhance	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	50	0	0	2,380	2,430

Table 4. Total Requested Funding within each Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest	Total
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,102,000	\$4,302,000
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,600	\$752,600
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,045,100	\$3,045,100
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,899,700	\$8,099,700

Table 5. Average Cost per Acre by Resource Type

Type	Wetlands	Prairies	Forest	Habitats
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,583	\$0
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$4,561	\$0
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$2,307	\$0
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Table 6. Average Cost per Acre by Ecological Section

Type	Metro/Urban	Forest/Prairie	SE Forest	Prairie	Northern Forest
Restore	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Protect in Fee with State PILT Liability	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,583
Protect in Fee W/O State PILT Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,561
Protect in Easement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,307
Enhance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Target Lake/Stream/River Feet or Miles

400

Parcel List

Explain the process used to select, rank and prioritize the parcels:

Parcels for easement and fee title acquisition will use the easement and fee title acquisition ranking sheets in the attachment section of the proposal to rank and score parcels. These two ranking sheets will be filled out separately by a technical committee member, and then the group will convene regularly to discuss ranking and scoring. BWSR includes a statement about how parcels are selected and/or supplies a copy of signup criteria, when applicable. They do not identify easement parcels on a proposal, since the proposal requests funding for a program rather than a list of already identified projects.

Section 1 - Restore / Enhance Parcel List

No parcels with an activity type restore or enhance.

Section 2 - Protect Parcel List

Aitkin

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Mississippi River, Aitkin	04727224	247	\$300,000	No	Full	Full
Palisade	05024228	712	\$800,000	No	Full	Full
Verdon Township-Savanna State Forest	05124222	163	\$210,000	No	Full	Full

Beltrami

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Frohn township	14632223	168	\$549,000	No	Full	Full
Wolf Lake II	14632236	460	\$2,000,000	No	Full	Full

Crow Wing

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
Indian Jack Lake	13626234	263	\$600,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, Baxter	13329223	600	\$1,800,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, Buffalo	04431203	500	\$2,000,000	No	Full	Full
Mississippi River, CrowWing State Forest North	04729220	159	\$500,000	No	Full	Full
Rabbit Lake Township	04728219	73	\$300,000	No	Full	Full
Rabbit Lake Township II	04728210	159	\$640,000	No	Full	Full

Hubbard

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
LaSalle Creek SNA	14435235	350	\$800,000	No	Full	Full
Schoolcraft River AMA	14533219	130	\$400,000	No	Full	Full

Morrison

Name	TRDS	Acres	Est Cost	Existing Protection?	Hunting?	Fishing?
McDougall WMA Addition	03932228	50	\$200,000	No	Full	Full
Morrison Monahan	04232210	40	\$160,000	No	Full	Full

Section 2a - Protect Parcel with Bldgs

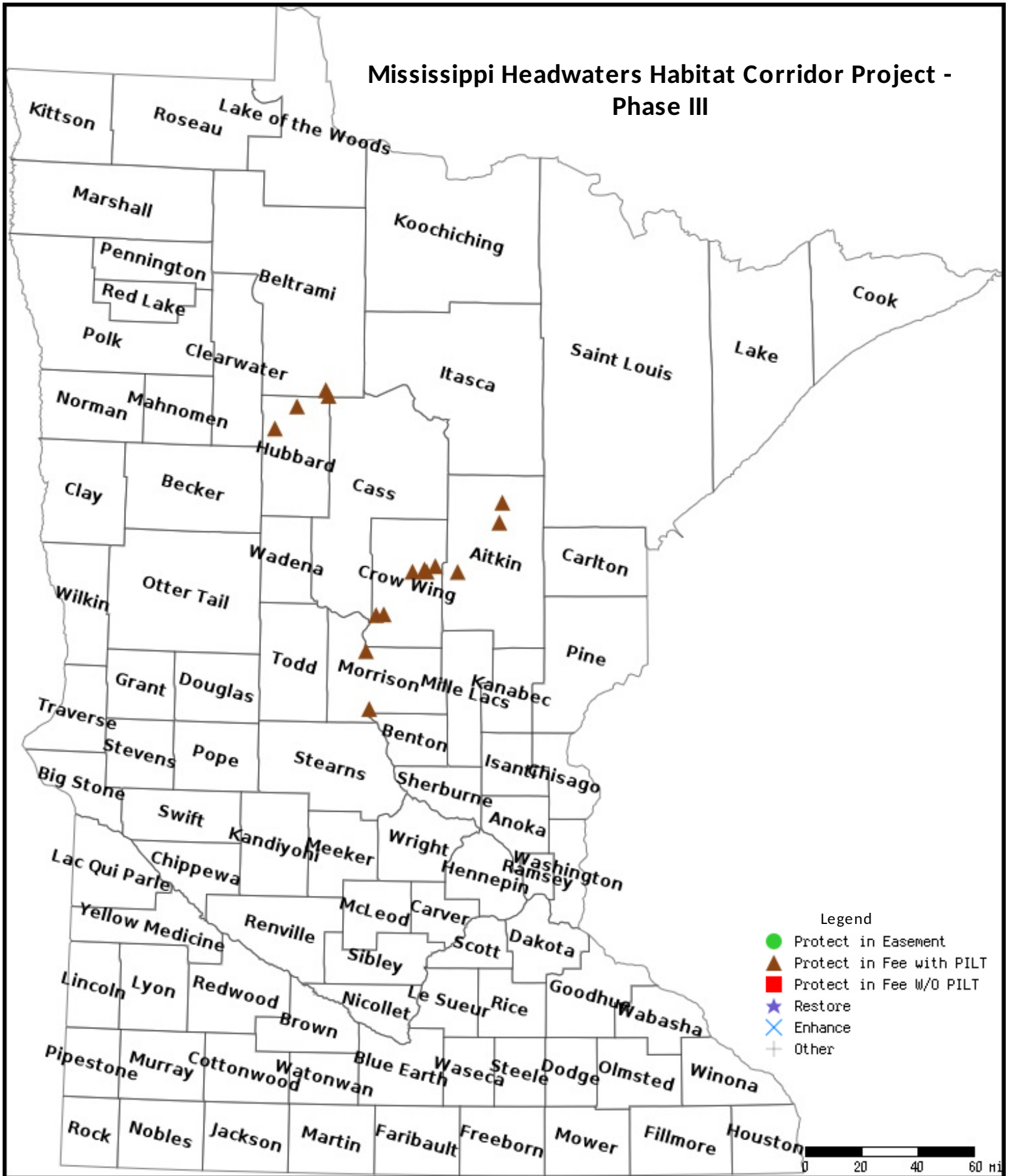
No parcels with an activity type protect and has buildings.

Section 3 - Other Parcel Activity

No parcels with an other activity type.

Parcel Map

Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase III



Data Generated From Parcel List

Mark Uglem
State Representative

District 36A
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March 7, 2017

Mark Wm. Johnson, Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
95 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mark;

We the undersigned, members of the Legislature, want to take this opportunity to communicate to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council some concerns we have about some recent projects the LSOHC has recommended.

It is no secret, as evidenced by recent testimony, that many local units of government and legislators are unhappy with the purchase of so much land with the funds available to the council.

We feel there needs to be a change in direction and allocations. Specifically, we feel more emphasis needs to be placed on restoring and enhancing our resources. More habitat initiatives, watershed improvements, and forestry enhancements are just a few areas that we need to place greater emphasis on.

This is not to say all land acquisitions should cease. We simply feel they need to be limited and more strategic in nature.

Thank you for your consideration, and our hope is that working together we will continue to make Minnesota the leader in preserving and enhancing our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Uglem 36A". The signature is written in a cursive style.



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Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Re: letter to LSOHC concerning land acquisition

Dear Representative:

Please consider this letter as confirmation that I am in receipt of your jointly signed letter dated March 7, 2017.

To facilitate conveyance of your message and concerns, I will forward your letter and this acknowledgement to the individual members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council immediately. Additionally, I anticipate that your letter will be an item for discussion at the next meeting of the council on April 28, 2017.

Thank you for your letter, your openness, and your willingness to work together.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Wm. Johnson".

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council