STATE OF MINNESOTA
BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

In the Matter of: **Petition Changing Watershed District Boundaries**	**BOUNDARY CHANGE PETITION**

The undersigned respectfully request that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) change the boundaries of the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District and the Bois de Sioux Watershed District as hereinafter set forth:

1. The proposed boundary change affects the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD) and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District (UMRWD). As a result of the recent generation of more precise topographic data, the hydrologic boundaries of BdSWD and UMRWD can be more precisely ascertained which allows for the respective watershed districts' legal boundary to be caused to more closely follow the hydrologic boundary.

2. On January 26, 2022, BWSR previously ordered the boundaries of the respective watershed districts to change as petitioned by the watershed districts. It was subsequently determined that parcels were missing from the map identified with the previous petition. The petitioners now desire to complete the boundary change in accordance with this petition.

2. Certain land parcels presently within the boundaries of the watershed districts have been identified to flow into the other respective watershed district. BdSWD and UMRWD desire to allocate and remove parcels from the respective watershed districts as best conforms to hydrologic boundaries. The lands affected by this proposed boundary change lay in Parnell Township, as illustrated on the map attached as **Exhibit A**. The proposed change will result in transferring approximately 0 acres (0 quarter-quarters) from BdSWD to UMRWD; and approximately 120 acres (3 quarter-quarters) from UMRWD to BdSWD.

3. There are no proposed lands to be changed from BdSWD to UMRWD. The proposed lands to be changed from UMRWD to BdSWD are described on **Exhibit B**.

4. The proposed boundary change will benefit the public welfare and public interest and serve the purposes of Minn. Stat. Chpt. 103D. The proposed boundary change will achieve a more accurate alignment between the hydrologic and legal boundaries of BdSWD and UMRWD. This updated boundary is necessary to allow for the watershed districts to correctly permit landowner projects that may affect neighboring properties within each respective watershed. The requested boundary change is consistent with the purposes and requirements of Minn. Stat. § 103D.251.

NOW THEREFORE, the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Upper Minnesota River Watershed District request that BWSR issue its order granting the following relief:

1. That BWSR hold a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.251, subd. 6, or declare that a public hearing is not required due to the small size of the boundary change and the landowners agreeing to the boundary change.

2. That the boundaries of BdSWD and UMRWD be changed to include and remove the areas set forth on the parcel lists attached as **Exhibit B**, which are illustrated in the map attached as **Exhibit A**.

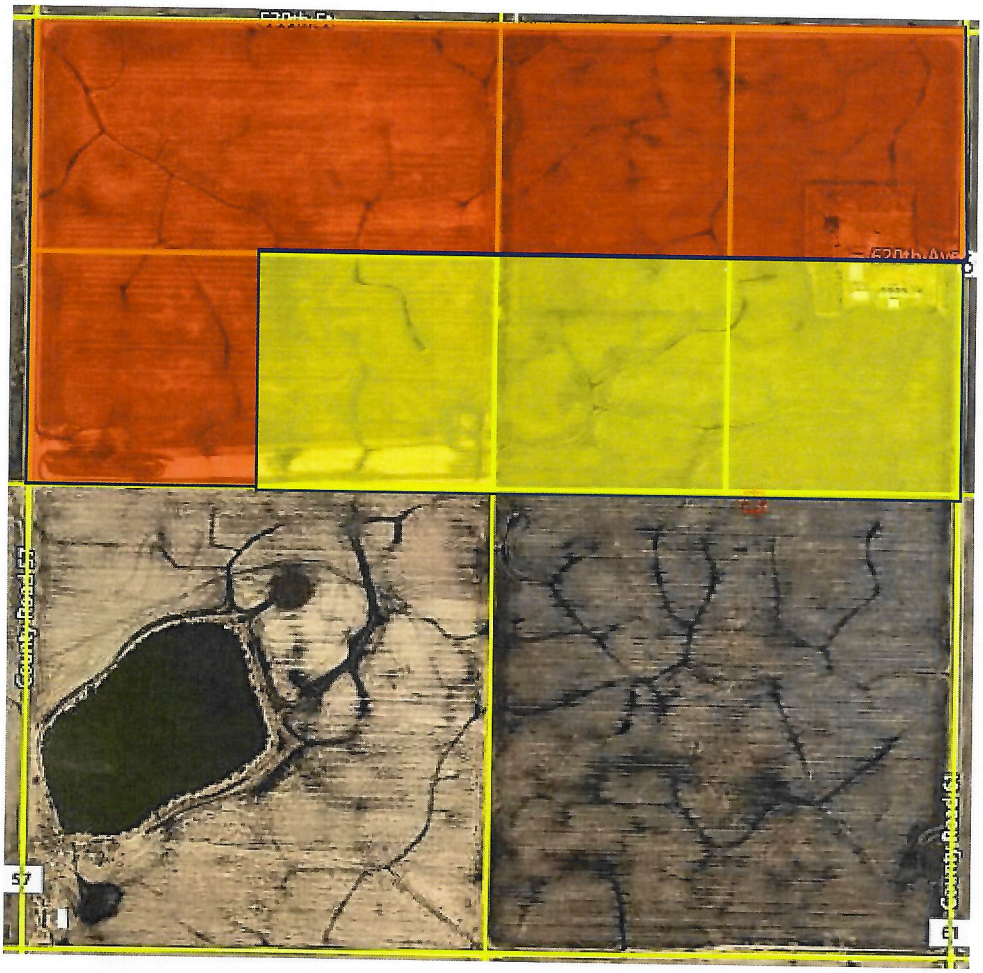
3. That the areas proposed to be included in BdSWD and UMRWD shall be guided and managed consistent with the current comprehensive watershed management plans of the respective watershed district.

Dated: June 23, 2023

[Signatures contained on the following pages.]

EXHIBIT A
BOUNDARY CHANGE MAP

SECTION 20 – PARNELL TOWNSHIP, TRAVERSE COUNTY, MINNESOTA



LEGEND

RED = CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN THE BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT

YELLOW = 2023 REQUEST TO BE ADDED NOW WITH THIS AMENDMENT:

SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Parnell Township, Traverse County
SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Parnell Township, Traverse County
SE1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 20, Parnell Township, Traverse County

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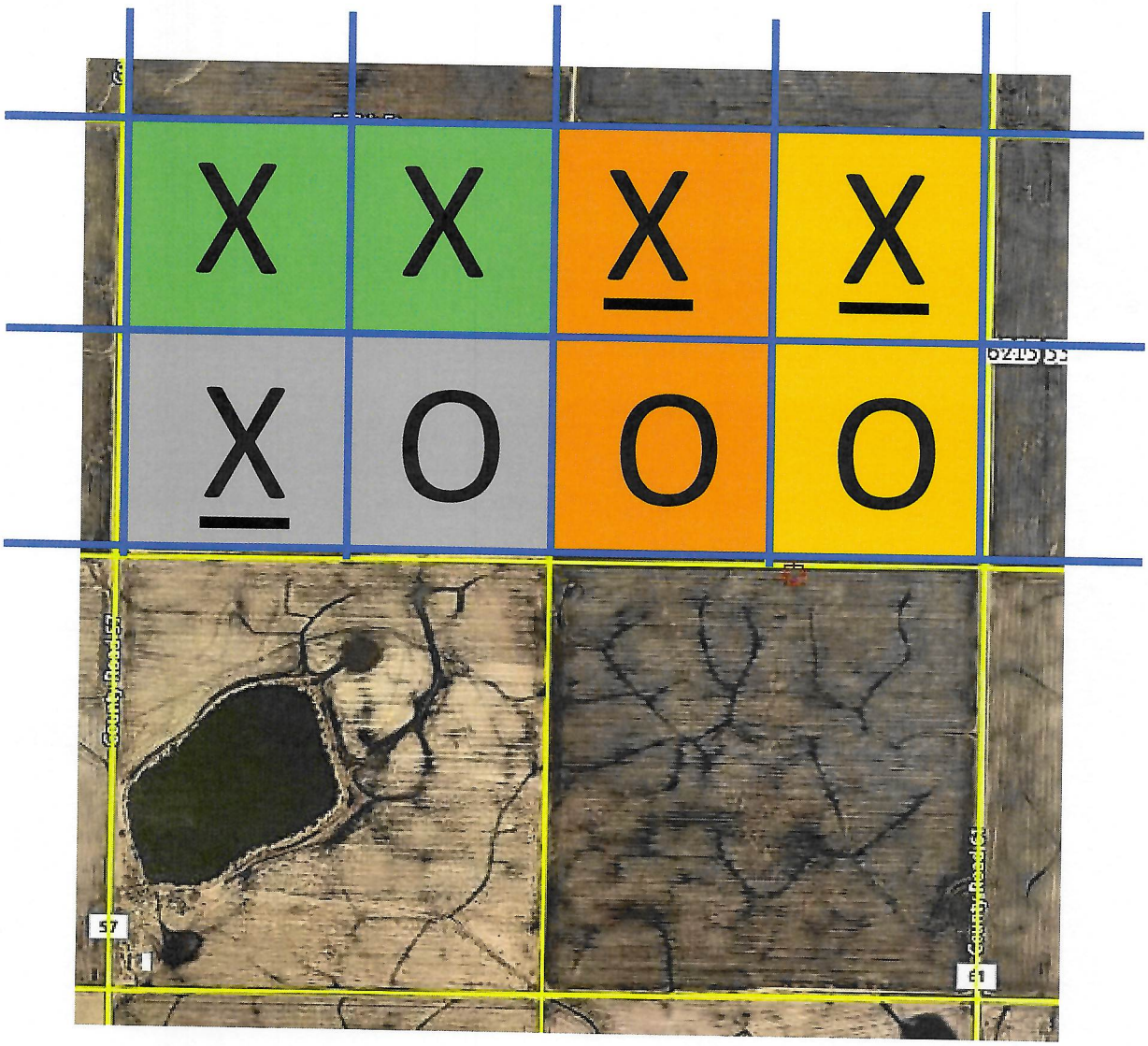

LEGEND

X = HISTORICALLY INCLUDED IN THE BOIS DE SIOUX WATERSHED DISTRICT

X = ADDED DURING 2020 – 2021 BOUNDARY REVISION FORMAL PROCEEDINGS

O = CURRENT 2023 REQUEST TO BE ADDED NOW WITH THIS AMENDMENT:

SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 20, Parnell Township, Traverse County
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