### STATE OF MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155

In	tha	M	atter	of.

Petition Enlarging Watershed District Area

## PETITION TO ENLARGE WATERSHED DISTRICT

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) enlarge the area of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District as hereinafter set forth:

- 1. The proposed enlargement affects the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD). The area to be added is contiguous to the BdSWD.
- 2. The area to be added can be feasibly administered by the Board of Managers of the BdSWD as it is minimal additional acreage.
- 3. The enlargement is conducive to public health and welfare and serves the purposes of Minn. Stat. Ch. 103D. The enlargement will achieve a more accurate alignment between the hydrologic and legal boundaries of the BdSWD and allow for the watershed district to correctly permit landowner projects that may affect neighboring properties.
- 4. This Petition serves as the request to add the area to the BdSWD as it best conforms to hydrologic boundaries. The lands affected by this proposed enlargement are owned by one property owner and lay in Section 30, Pepperton Township, Stevens County, Minnesota as illustrated on the map attached as <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a>. The proposed change will result in transferring approximately 80 acres ( quarter-quarters) into the BdSWD.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the undersigned petitioner and the Bois de Sioux Watershed District request that BWSR issue its order granting the following relief:

- 1. That BWSR hold a public hearing pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.261, subd. 2, or declare that a public hearing is not required due to the small size of the area to be added and the affected landowner requesting the enlargement.
- 2. That the boundaries of the BdSWD be enlarged to include the area set forth in the map attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 3. That the area to be added to the BdSWD shall be guided and managed consistent with the current comprehensive watershed management plan of the BdSWD.

Dated:	February 8, 2024	

#### **PETITIONER:**

**Bois De Sioux Watershed District** 

Date: January 22, 2024

Linda Vavra, President

ATTEST:

Date: January 22, 2024

Jame Beyer, Administrator

[Signatures continue on the following page.]

#### **PETITIONER:**

**Stevens County** 

Date: 2/6-24, 2024

Bob Kopitzke, Chair

ATTEST:

Date: 2/6/34 .2024

Rebecca Young, Administrator

# EXHIBIT A ENLARGEMENT MAP

