



Date: January 25, 2024

To: Steve Simon, Secretary of State

From: Ryan Hughes, Regional Manager

RE: Order, Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Upper Minnesota River Watershed District Boundary Change

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.251, hereby enclosed for filing is a certified copy of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order (Board Decision #24-05) dated January 24, 2024, including attachment of maps fully incorporated in the Order, five (5) pages total, changing the boundaries of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District.

Please contact me at 218-770-9687 if you have any questions.

Enclosures (to all listed)

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Amber Doschadis, Upper Minnesota River Watershed District (via email)
Kit Johnson, Traverse County Auditor (via email)
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Secretary of State, Steve Simon



BOARD ORDER

Boundary change for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and Upper Minnesota River Watershed District

PURPOSE

Approve a boundary change between the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District.

RECITALS /FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A joint petition (Petition) for boundary change, dated June 23, 2023, from the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD) and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District (UMRWD), was received by the Board of Water and Soil Resources on July 31, 2023.
2. The boundary change described in the Petition would correct the watershed assessment designation of three parcels along the common boundaries of the watershed districts. The proposed change would result in the transfer of zero acres from BdSWD to UMRWD and transfer approximately 120 acres from UMRWD to BdSWD.
3. The Board has reviewed the Petition for conformance with state law and rule and has determined that the Petition is valid in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 103D.251.
4. Legal notice of filing on the Petition, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.251, was published in the Ortonville Independent on October 3, 2023 and October 10, 2023; the Traverse County Gazette News on October 4, 2023 and October 11, 2023; and the Northern Star on October 5, 2023 and October 12, 2023. Further, a copy of the notice of filing was sent to each affected city, county, and watershed district.
5. The legal notice of filing required within 30 days of the last date of publication of the notice, that at least one written request for hearing be received by the Board before a hearing will be held. The Board did not receive any written requests for a hearing therefore no hearing was held. The Board did not receive any comments on the Petition.
6. The Board assisted BdSWD and UMRWD through the boundary change petition process, providing guidance, comments, and recommendations. All relevant, substantive, and procedural requirements of law and rule have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving a watershed district boundary change. The requested boundary change is consistent with the purpose and the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 103D.251. The boundary change, as proposed in the petition, would be for the public welfare and public interest and would advance the purpose of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103D. The boundaries of the BdSWD and the UMRWD as proposed in the Petition are more accurately based on the hydrology of the subject area than the present boundaries. The proposed boundary change should be approved per the petition. Therefore, Board staff recommends approval of the boundary change as petitioned.
7. On January 3, 2024, the Board's Northern Region Committee and staff met in Detroit Lakes to review and discuss the Petition. Members of the Committee that participated in the discussion included Committee Chair Rich Sve, Jeff Berg, Kurt Beckstrom, Theresa Ebbenga, Theresa Haugen, Todd Holman, LeRoy Ose, Neil Peterson, and Ron Staples. Board staff in attendance were Northern Region Manager Ryan Hughes. Board staff recommended approval of the boundary change. After discussion, the Northern Region Committee voted to recommend approval of the Petition.

ORDER

The Board hereby orders that the boundaries of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District and the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District are changed per the Petition as depicted on the maps, attached to this Order.

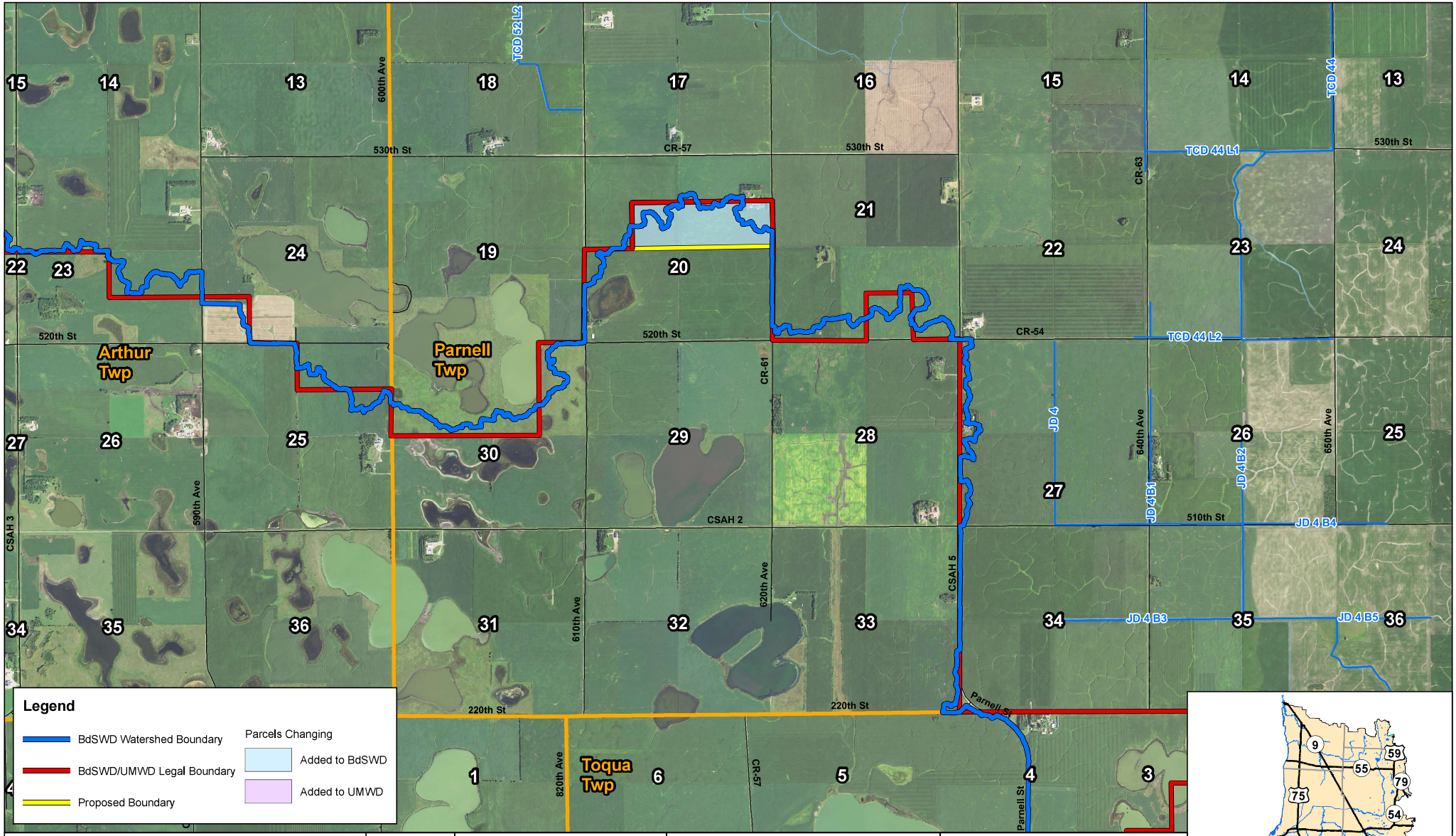
Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this January 24, 2024.

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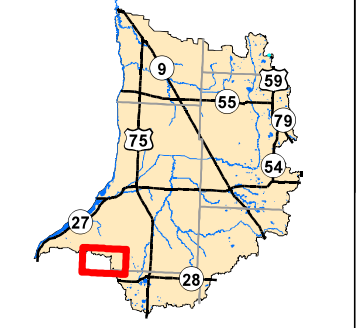
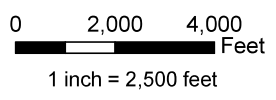
Todd Holman, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: 1/24/2024



Legend	
	BdSWD Watershed Boundary
	BdSWD/UMWD Legal Boundary
	Proposed Boundary
	Parcels Changing Added to BdSWD
	Added to UMWD

**Preliminary Boundary Change
Southern Boundary
Bois de Sioux Watershed District, MN**



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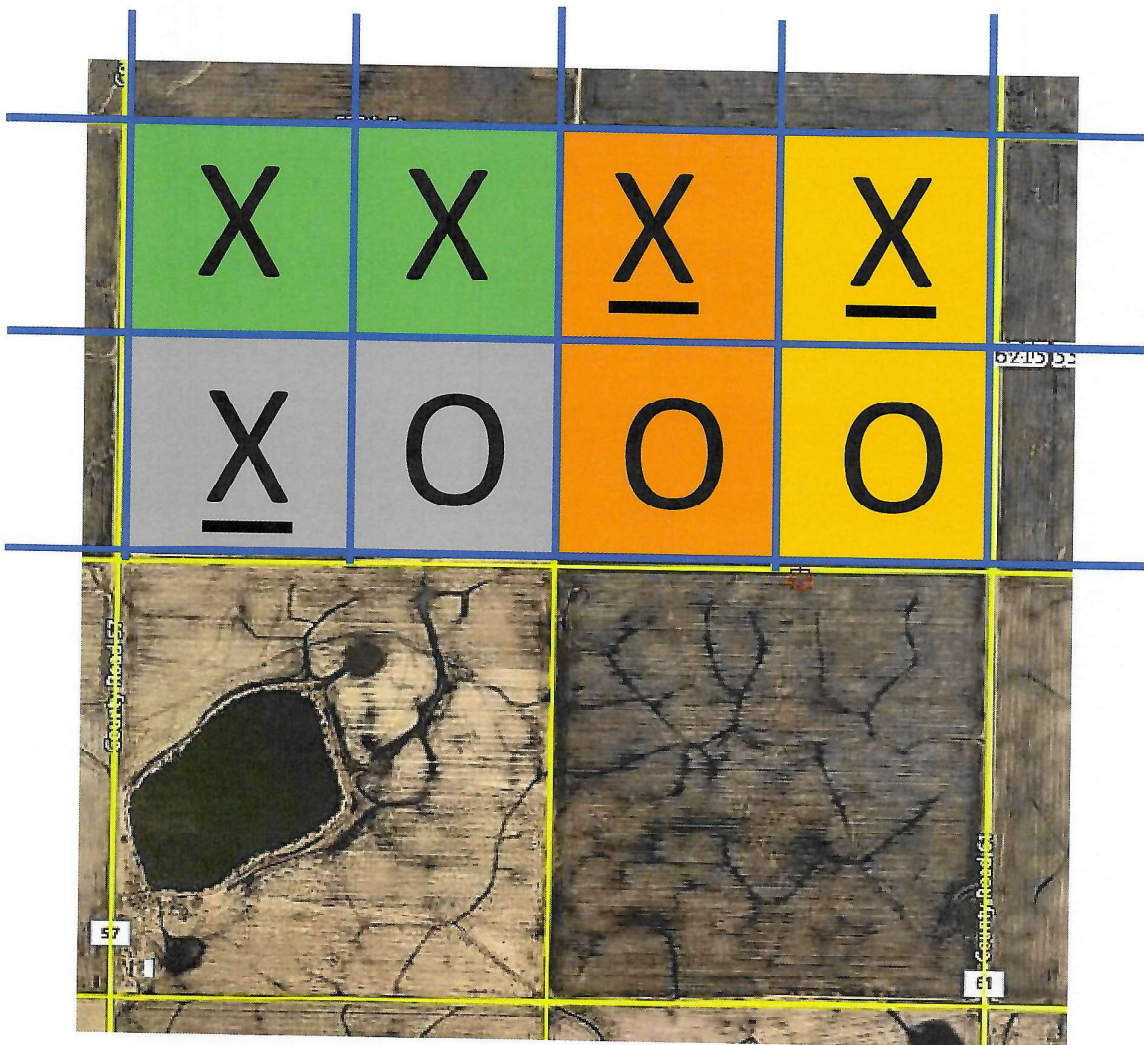
LEGEND

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**

SECTION 20 – PARNELL TOWNSHIP, TRAVERSE COUNTY, MINNESOTA



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:

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