

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act

Technical Evaluation Panel Findings Report

Date(s) of Site Visit/Meeting: <u>6/12/19</u>	LGU: <u>Lake County</u>
County: <u>Lake</u>	LGU Contact: <u>Neva Maxwell</u>
Project Name: <u>Knife River Reach 4 Restoration Project</u>	Phone #: <u>218-834-8441</u>
Location of Project: (attach map if possible) <u>Two Habrors, MN</u>	Email Address: <u>neva.maxwell@co.lake.mn.us</u>

TEP ATTENDEES:

LGU: Neva Maxwell

SWCD: Derrick Passe

BWSR: David Demmer

DNR: Cliff Bentley

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Brice Wizner, ET

Craig Wilson, ET

Deserae Hendrickson, MN DNR Fisheries

Jeff Tillma, MN DNR Fisheries

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF MEETING:

The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed project; This application is for a level I wetland delineation review for the proposed Knife River Reach 4 stream restoration project. The joint application indicates three locations of permanent impact and two locations of temporary impacts.

The stream restoration project will occur within approximately 6,800 linear feet of the river reach. The purpose of the project is to 1) Increase the amount of juvenile steelhead through improving summer and winter habitat, 2) Improve fish spawning habitat, and 3) Reduce sedimentation from bank erosion through channel stabilization activities.

The Project Site is located along the Knife River corridor, north of the Airport Road in Lake County; Section 20, T53N, R11W. Parcel numbers: 25-5311-20370/20440/20550/20490/20850.

The joint application states that an approximate 0.71 acres of type 6/7 wetlands will be created therefore qualifying this project's activities for an exemption or no-loss project.

TYPE OF MEETING: *Check all applicable*

Office On-Site Phone Conference E-Mail Other: _____

TEP FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ¹:

Based on conversations with DNR Fisheries staff, TEP recommends that the Knife River restoration project is regulated as a no-loss – an activity authorized by a public agency for the purpose of fish habitat restoration as per MN Rule 8420.0415 D.

A couple of comments/considerations moving forward:

- All excavated/disturbed wetland areas should retain a shallow water table depth <12"
- The site should be monitored for invasive species (esp. reed canary grass) following construction
- Any temporary wetland impacts should be indicated on the impact summary table, including access roads.

SIGNATURES

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[Signature]
BWCDC Representative
Do not concur

6/25/19
Date

David L Demmer
BWSR Representative
Do not concur

7/10/2019
Date

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LGU Representative
Do not concur

7/11/19
Date

Cliff Bentley
DNR Representative
Do not concur

7/25/2019
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