

Petition for Watershed District Boundary Changes

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 103D.251

The undersigned respectively request that the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources change the boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District and the Sand Hill River Watershed District as hereinafter set forth:

1. The names of the Watershed Districts affected by the proposed boundary changes are the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) and the Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD).
2. The lands affected by this proposed boundary changes lay in Sections 21, 22, 26, and 27 of Onstad Township (T148N, R45W), Polk County, MN as more particularly described hereinafter on exhibits A and B. The proposed changed will result in transferring approximately 72.075 acres from SHRWD to the RLWD.
3. The proposed boundary change will achieve a more accurate alignment between the hydrologic and legal boundaries of the RLWD and SHRWD. This updated boundary is necessary to allow for the watershed districts to correctly permit landowner projects that may affect neighboring properties within each watershed. The requested boundary change is consistent with the purposes and requirements of MN Statute 103D.251.
4. The proposed lands to be changes are described on Exhibit A; which lists lands to move from the SHRWD to the RLWD.

A map showing the proposed boundary change is attached hereto as exhibit B. The Red Lake Watershed District and the Sand Hill River Watershed District hereby request that the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources establish this proposed boundary change.

Dated this 11th day of December 2023.

Red Lake Watershed District

By 

Dated this 11 day of DECEMBER 2023.

Sand Hill River Watershed District

By 

The Red Lake Watershed District Board of Managers took under consideration the question to change the boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District's southern boundary in portions of Onstad Township, Polk County, MN.

Manage Dwight introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGE OF BOUNDARY WITH
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, a result of the recent generation of more precise topographic data, the hydrologic boundaries of the Red Lake Watershed District (the "RLWD") can be more precisely ascertained; and

WHEREAS, these improved data allow for the RLWD's legal boundary to be caused to more closely follow the hydrologic boundary; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D is to facilitate water resource management on a watershed basis, and that legal boundaries of watershed management organizations should conform as closely as is practicable to hydrologic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, certain land parcels presently within the boundaries of the districts have been identified to flow into the other respective district; and

WHEREAS, these parcels are generally shown on the map, attached as **Exhibit A**, and are proposed on that exhibit to be allocated to the Red Lake Watershed District (the "RLWD"), as best conforms to hydrologic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the parcels, or portions thereof, to be removed from the SHRWD are contiguous to the RLWD, and increase of the RLWD by adding the identified parcels will advance the purposes of Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D; and

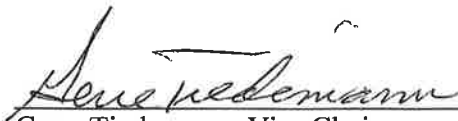
WHEREAS, the SHRWD and the RLWD will notify each affected property owner about the proposed boundary change and opportunities for public input at an informal public hearing to be held before the public hearing before the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the RLWD supports the submission of a petition to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103D.251 to change the RLWD boundaries in accordance with **Exhibit A** and authorizes the Board President to sign said petition.

Dated: Dec 11, 2023


Red Lake Watershed District

Date: Dec 11, 2023


Gene Tiedemann, Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Date: Dec 11, 2023


Tammy Audette, Administrator

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Manager Sorenson. On roll call vote the resulted in the following:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Tiedemann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sorenson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anderson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Dwight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The majority having voted aye, the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

The Sand Hill River Watershed District Board of Managers took under consideration the question to change the boundaries of the Sand Hill River Watershed District's northern boundary.

Manager ANDRINGA introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CHANGE OF BOUNDARY WITH
RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, a result of the recent generation of more precise topographic data, the hydrologic boundaries of the Sand Hill River Watershed District (the "SHRWD") can be more precisely ascertained; and

WHEREAS, these improved data allow for the SHRWD's legal boundary to be caused to more closely follow the hydrologic boundary; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D is to facilitate water resource management on a watershed basis, and that legal boundaries of watershed management organizations should conform as closely as is practicable to hydrologic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, certain land parcels presently within the boundaries of the districts have been identified to flow into the other respective district; and

WHEREAS, these parcels are generally shown on the map, attached as **Exhibit B**, and are proposed on that exhibit to be allocated to the Red Lake Watershed District (the "RLWD"), as best conforms to hydrologic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the parcels, or portions thereof, to be removed from the SHRWD are contiguous to the RLWD, and decrease of the SHRWD by removal the identified parcels will advance the purposes of Minnesota Statutes Chapters 103B and 103D; and

WHEREAS, the SHRWD and the RLWD will notify each affected property owner about the proposed boundary change and opportunities for public input at an informal public hearing to be held before the public hearing before the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the SHRWD supports the submission of a petition to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 103D.251 to change the SHRWD boundaries in accordance with **Exhibit A** and authorizes the Board President to sign said petition.

Dated: DECEMBER 11 2023

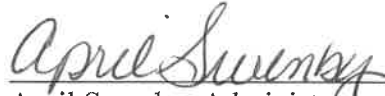
**Sand Hill River Watershed
District**

Date: 12-11 2023


Stuart Christian, Chairman

ATTEST:

Date: 12-11 2023







April Swenby, Administrator

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Manager ENGELSTAD. On roll call vote the resulted in the following:

	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Christian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andringa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hamre	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bartz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engelstad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The majority having voted aye, the motion carried and the resolution was duly adopted.

Legend

-  Current Boundary
-  Proposed Boundary
-  USFWS Waterfowl Production Area
-  MN DNR Wildlife Management Area
-  Area Transferred from SHRWD to RLWD (72,075 Acres)

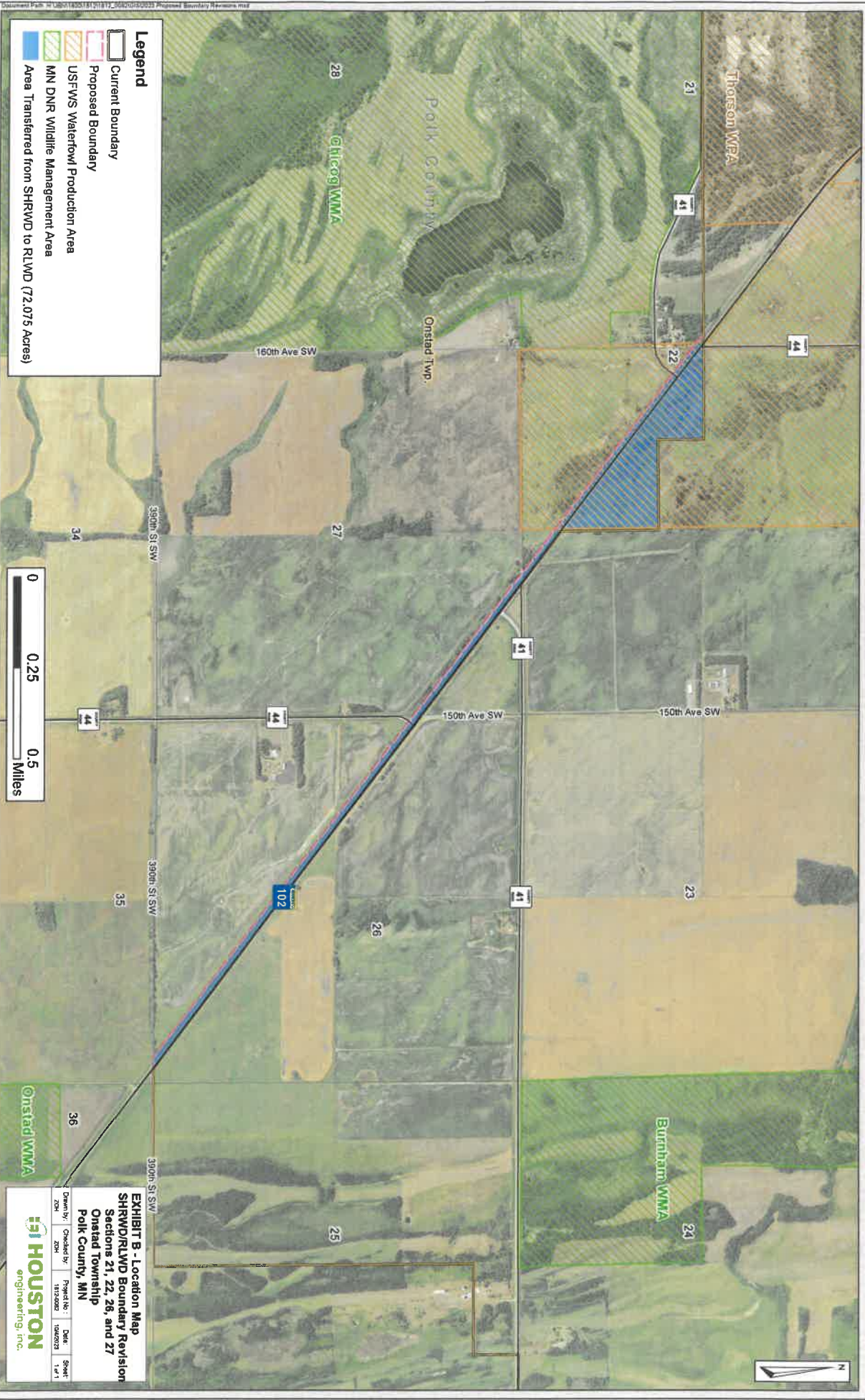


EXHIBIT B - Location Map
 SHRWD/RLWD Boundary Revision
 Sections 21, 22, 26, and 27
 Onsted Township
 Polk County, MN

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EXHIBIT A
Tabular Summary of Lands Transferred from Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD) to Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD)

Township	Range	Township Name	Section No.	QQ Section	Tax Name	Acres Transferred from SHRWD to RLWD
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NE of SW	Fish & Wildlife Service	18.615
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NW of SW	Fish & Wildlife Service	13.661
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	SE of SW	Fish & Wildlife Service	6.422
T148N	R45W	Onstad	21	NE of SE	MN Department of Transportation	0.098
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NE of SW	MN Department of Transportation	1.279
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NW of SW	MN Department of Transportation	4.340
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	SE of SW	MN Department of Transportation	3.170
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	SW of SE	MN Department of Transportation	1.023
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	NE of SW	MN Department of Transportation	1.472
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	NW of SE	MN Department of Transportation	0.868
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SE of NW	MN Department of Transportation	0.297
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SE of SE	MN Department of Transportation	1.440
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SW of NW	MN Department of Transportation	1.865
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SW of SE	MN Department of Transportation	0.920
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	NE of NE	MN Department of Transportation	1.511
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	NW of NE	MN Department of Transportation	0.832
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	SE of NE	MN Department of Transportation	0.310
T148N	R45W	Onstad	21	NE of SE	Polk County Administrator	0.218
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NE of SW	Polk County Administrator	0.371
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	NW of SW	Polk County Administrator	1.826
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	SE of SW	Polk County Administrator	1.334
T148N	R45W	Onstad	22	SW of SE	Polk County Administrator	0.726
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	NE of SW	Polk County Administrator	1.588
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	NW of SE	Polk County Administrator	0.805
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SE of NW	Polk County Administrator	0.176
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SE of SE	Polk County Administrator	1.446
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SW of NW	Polk County Administrator	1.740
T148N	R45W	Onstad	26	SW of SE	Polk County Administrator	1.040
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	NE of NE	Polk County Administrator	1.397
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	NW of NE	Polk County Administrator	0.889
T148N	R45W	Onstad	27	SE of NE	Polk County Administrator	0.396

Total Acres

72.075