

## Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

**CPL1000015**

### Spreadsheet

#### **Name and Contact**

Project Identifier:	CPL1000015	Street Address 1: 1567 McMillan St.
Project Name:	Herman Conservation Easement	Street Address 2: Suite #3
Organization Name:	Nobles SWCD	City: Worthington
Organization Website:	www.noblesswcd.org	State: MN
Organization Contact Person:	Ed Lenz	Zip Code: 56187
Contact Email:	edward.lenz@noblesswcd.org	
Contact Phone:	507-376-9150	

#### **Location**

Primary County:	Nobles
Nearest City:	Ellsworth
Township:	Grand Prairie
Project Site Name:	Herman Family Farm
Project Site Land Ownership:	Private
Other Land Ownership:	

#### **Project Information**

Primary Activity:	Acquisition
Primary Habitat Type:	Wetland
Total Project Acres:	61
Total Project Sites:	1
Total Grant Amount Requested:	\$154750
Total Match Amount:	\$15650
Total Project Cost:	\$170400
Project Completion Date:	05/2010 (MM/YYYY)

Project Summary and Outcomes: This project will permanently protect 30 acres of native remnant prairie and several acres of type 1 and type 2 wetlands. We will also be enhancing 31 acres of crop ground, hay ground and pasture in order to enhance the buffering qualities of the wetlands and providing a larger more suitable block of wildlife habitat. The outcomes of this project includes the protection and enhancement of 30 acres of wildlife habitat. This project will provide much needed game and non-game wildlife habitat. The protection of these acres are important to this area and will be a benefit to both water quality, wildlife and the landowner.

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#### **Attachments**

- [Project Site Information Form](#)
- [Project Budget and Match Description](#)
- [Partner Commitment Letter](#)
- [Financial Documentation](#)
- [Conservation Easement](#)
- [Supplementary Attachment #1](#)
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## Project Site Information

### Contact information

Project name: Herman Conservation Easement  
Organization: Nobles SWCD  
Organization contact person (Project Manager): Ed Lenz

### Project information

Project site: Herman Family Farm  
Project site land manager Legal : T101N R43W S33 QNW  
or easement holder: Randy Herman  
Private land owner County: Nobles  
(if applicable): Randy Herman

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☒ Acquisition  
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☒ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat  
Activity quantity: 61 ☒ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #2, if needed.

Project site:  
Project site land manager Legal : T R S Q  
or easement holder:  
Private land owner County:  
(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition  
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat  
Activity quantity:  ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

Project Site #3, if needed. Use Additional Project Sites form if needed.

Project site:  
Project site land manager Legal : T R S Q  
or easement holder:  
Private land owner County:  
(if applicable):

Activity (may choose more than one): ☐ Enhancement ☐ Restoration ☐ Acquisition  
Predominant Habitat (choose one): ☐ Forest ☐ Prairie ☐ Wetland ☐ Fish, Game and Wildlife Habitat  
Activity quantity:  ☐ Acres ☐ Miles ☐ Feet ☐ Structures ☐ Wetlands

**Project timeline:**

Time frame	Goal	Time frame	Goal
ASAP	Aquire easement on property		

**Project description and benefits (box will expand as typed into, not to be longer than 2 pages):****Project Description and benefits:**

This project will in essence permanently protect 30 acres of native remnant prairie and several acres of type 1 and type 2 wetlands. In the process of protecting these acres of prairie and wetlands we will also be enhancing 31 acres of crop ground, hay ground and pasture in order to enhance the buffering qualities of the wetlands and providing a larger more suitable block of wildlife habitat. The Landowner hopes to improve approximately 6 acres of useable pasture and hay ground through the seeding of native grasses and forbs. Approximately 21 acres of crop ground will also be converted from a regular corn/soybean rotation to a native grass and forb planting. The existing 30 acres of remnant prairie and wetland acres will remain under the same cover, however all 61 acres will be part of prescribed burns and conventional maintenance. The landowner's long term plans also include improving the existing remnant prairie and enhancing the wetland acres for wildlife benefit. There is the possibility of adding permanent structures to impound water to increase wetland acres and improve water quality.

This projects benefits includes the protection and enhancement of 30 acres of remnant prairie and type 1 and 2 wetlands. The entire 61 acres involved with this project will provide much needed game and non-game wildlife habitat in the intensively farmed region it is located in. Considering that a large amount of runoff from the City of Ellsworth reaches this area, the improvement of this location is critical to this regions turbid and polluted water. The protection of these isolated wetlands and native grasses are important to this area and the perpetual easement associated with this application will be a benefit to both water quality, wildlife and the landowner.

**Please provide the answers to the following questions. Boxes will expand as typed into.**

**1. For lands acquired in fee title that will be turned over to a public agency for long-term management:**

- a. Provide a description of the work necessary to bring the land up to agency standards and an estimate of the associated cost.

- b. What short- and long-term work is required to manage the land you acquire?

**2. For enhancement/ restoration projects on public lands:**

- a. Who is/will be the long-term manager for the project site?

The Nobles SWCD will be the long-term manager for the project site.

- b. What short- and long-term maintenance work is required to sustain the habitat work you will do?

Property maintainance including weed control and grassland development will be required in order for this project to succeed. Weed clipping and spot spraying as well as prescribed burns will the short term and long term maintainance work on the site.

- c. Who will complete this maintenance work, and how will it be funded?

The Maintainance work will be completed and funded by the landowner wither through contract work or in-kind labor.

- d. Will the CPL funds supplant any existing funds?

No.

As required by 2009 MN Session Law, Chapter 172 subd. 10 (8), “any agency or entity receiving an appropriation must, for any project funded in whole or in part with funds from the appropriation, give consideration to and **make timely written contact with the Minnesota Conservation Corps** for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services”. Contact MCC at [cplg@conservationcorps.org](mailto:cplg@conservationcorps.org), or email a copy of this form to the same address. For more information on costs, crew capabilities, etc., visit MCC’s website at <http://www.conservationcorps.org/useacrew.html>.

**Signature:**

☒ I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program **Request for Proposal, Program Manual** and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder. I am authorized to apply for and manage these grant and match funds, and the project work by the organization or agency listed below. I have made timely written notification to MCC regarding my restoration or enhancement project.

Signature: Ed Lenz	Organization/ Agency: Nobles SWCD
Title: District Manager	Date: 10/30/09

**Please save this document to your computer or electronic storage device and attach this document as specified on the online submittal form when ready to apply. Contact [CPL Grant Staff](#) with any questions.**

## CPL Project Application Review and Approval Form

### REVIEWER INFORMATION

Land manager/ easement holder name:	MN Board of Water and Soil Resources		
Title:	Tabor Hoek, BWSR	Date of meeting:	10-27-09
Phone:	507-537-7260	Proposal ID #:	Herman
Email:	tabor.hoek@state.mn.us	(assigned by agency, optional )	

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Herman Family Farm	Organization:	Nobles SWCD
Contact Person:	Ed Lenze		
Email:	edward.lenze@noblesswcd.org	Daytime Phone:	507-376-9150

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ☒ I have read the application and discussed this proposed project with the above listed Organization Contact Person.
- ☒ For work on easements, the private landowner has been contacted and has given support and approval for this project.

### I have performed a Natural Heritage Database review and found:

- ☒ this project to have no features within one mile.
- ☐ this project to have features within one mile, but project is not likely to adversely affect those features. I have recommended the following minimization strategy:

Joe Stangel, DNR has provided Natural Heritage review. Site is clear.

- ☐ this project is likely to adversely affect Natural Heritage features. I feel that this project is important and should be forwarded to DNR Ecological Resources staff for further review.

- ☐ I do not have access to the Natural Features database and will forward this completed form to DNR within 3 business days to [CPL Staff](#) at [LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us](mailto:LSCPLGrants.DNR@dnr.state.mn.us) for review.

I have discussed what role my office will be expected to have in this project and find that the project, as described will require:

- ☐ minimal or no involvement from my office for completion.
- ☒ a commitment of involvement by staff that is reasonable and can be accomplished with current staffing levels and workload.

- ☐ an amount of staff involvement that cannot be committed during the project time period with current staffing levels. Unless additional staffing can be committed from other offices, Divisions or appropriate partners, I feel this project cannot be completed within the project timeline to our desired standards.

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- ☐ I have discussed permits and applications that the applicant may be responsible for using the Working on DNR Lands and Working on Public Lands, or Working on Private Lands documents.

### Upon final review of this project:

- ☒ I find this project to be consistent with sound conservation science. This work will benefit area fish, game and wildlife by restoring, enhancing or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies and habitat and is consistent with the management or stewardship plan for this land. (APPROVAL)
- ☐ I find that this project does not follow the management or stewardship plan for this land and does not fit within the long range goals for this land at this time on the local level. (DECLINE)
- ☐ I find that this project should be sent up to a higher level within the agency for further review and decision. I have forwarded the Project Planning Form and this Review and Approval Form for further review to:

Name:	Tabor Hoek	Phone:	507-537-7260
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- ☒ By checking this box and typing my name below I certify that I have met with the above applicant and discussed the proposed project and have provided feedback to the applicant.

Name:	Tabor Hoek
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Comments: **this is a standard RIM easement on private land in a high priority area supported by DNR wildlife manager as well.**

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Name:		Phone:	
Title:		Email:	

Additional  
necessary):

Comments( including approval or denial, reasoning):

review (if



## Conservation Partners Legacy Grant

### Project Budget and Match Worksheet, Application Requirement

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Project name: 

Herman Conservation Easement
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Organization: 

Nobles SWCD
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Organization contact person (Project Manager): 

Ed Lenz
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Please complete all sections and be as detailed as possible for all descriptions under the Details sections. Limit entries in large tables to numbers only, **round to the nearest dollar**. Do not edit table categories, only enter values or text into the table. The tables will adjust to accommodate additional text in each box. If all categories are not needed, please leave those fields blank.

**BUDGET:** amounts being requested \*\*Note: FY refers to State Fiscal Year: July 1- June 30, with the year reflecting the year that June falls in. For example: if today were September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 it would be FY2010; December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010= FY2011; May 2012= FY2012

Budget Item	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Total
Personnel	\$4,500.00			
Contracts	\$500.00			
Grant Administration				
Administration/ Environmental Compliance				
Fee Acquisition				
Easement Acquisition	\$149,750.00			
Easement Stewardship				
Equipment/Tools/Supplies				
Travel				
Additional Budget items				
Total	\$154,750.00			

**DETAILS:** detail the amounts listed in the above table.

**Personnel Details:**

Name	Title	Amount
BWSR & SWCD Staff involved with RIM Easement		\$4,500.00

**Contract Details:**

Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount
Misc.	Recording fees and associated legal work and title insurance with RIM Easement	\$500.00

**Grant Administration:**

Administrative Activity	Description/ Amount	Amount

**Administration/ Environmental Compliance**

Activity	Description	Amount

**Fee Acquisition/ Easement Acquisition/ Easement Stewardship Details:**

Landowner is eligible for \$165,000 worth of RIM Payments based on 2009 RIM Payment rates. The Landowner is reducing his RIM Payment by \$15,250 to account for a portion of the 10% Local match. Leaving the total RIM Payment at \$149,750 for the 61 acre permanent easement.

**Equipment/Tools/Supplies Details:**

Item	Use	Amount

**Travel Details:**

Miles	Purpose	Amount

**Additional Budget Items Details:**

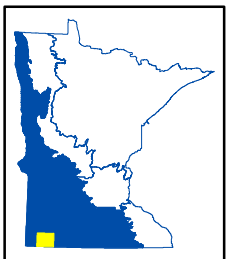
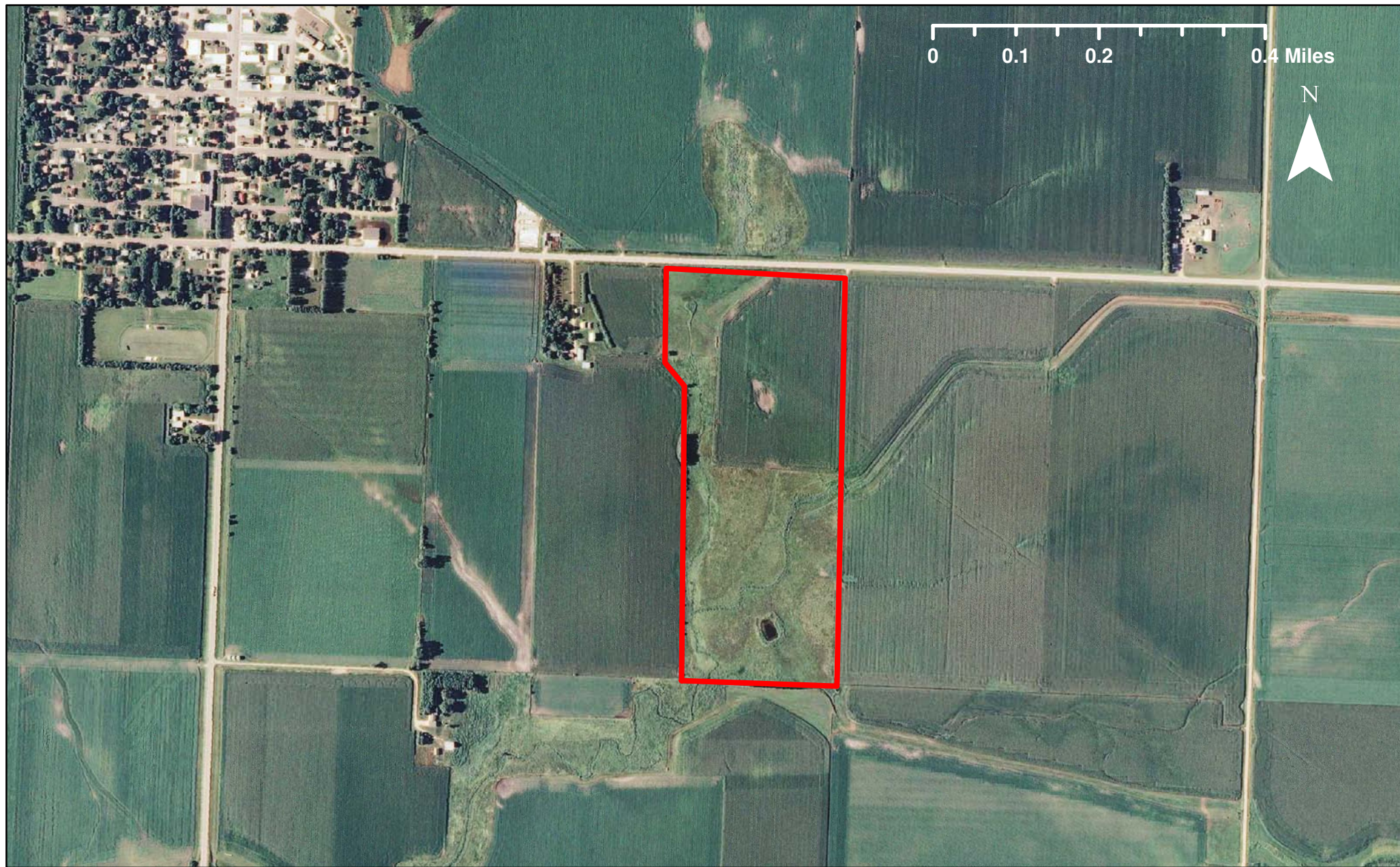
**MATCH:** Required 10% of total project funds, to be fulfilled by end of Fiscal Year 2012. Use provided rate sheet to determine unit rate and total value of in-kind services to be used as matching funds if applicable.

Source	Description	Units	Unit Rate	Total Value
Landowner	Weed control on non-crop areas	40	10	\$400.00
Landowner	RIM Payment Reduction	61	250	\$15,250.00

**Matching description/ comments:** if needed

Landowner is eligible for \$165,000 worth of RIM Payments based on 2009 RIM Payment rates. The Landowner is reducing his RIM Payment by \$15,250 to account for a portion of the 10% Local match. Leaving the total RIM Payment at \$149,750 for the 61 acre permanent easement.





CPL100-015  
Herman Conservation Easement  
Nobles County, LSOHC Prairie Planning Section

