



Date: March 1, 2024

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List / Other Interested Parties

From: Bill Johnson, Planning Director

**RE: Mile Post 7 West Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Extensions, and Stream Mitigation Project
Record of Decision on Environmental Assessment Worksheet**

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Mile Post 7 West Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Extensions, and Stream Mitigation Project, located in Lake County, Minnesota, has issued the Record of Decision regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the *EQB Monitor* on April 18th, 2023.

A copy of the Record of Decision is available online at the [project page on the DNR website](#).

The DNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's response to the written comment received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

Issuing this Record of Decision concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, parts 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information or copies of the Record of Decision, please call (651) 259-5126.