

## Attachment A - Comments Received

TRF meeting  
DNR must meet  
at 10:30 AM  
503 Dufferin Ave.  
+RF Falls, Minn  
OUR 12 year old  
Rooftop. Or become an  
OVER

1/2 MILL IS BE SPENT OCTOBER 10,  
NOW SHAVE GROUND DOWN  
SARA MILKE, 5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR OFFICE!

DNR Ecological FEET and water  
Resources Dept. MIGHT AS  
WELL SPEND ANOTHER MILL +

<sup>POND</sup> In Grand Forks newspaper  
OCTOBER 9 IT HAD A WATER  
ARTICLE PROJECT IN MARSHALL  
COUNTY JUST 5 MILES EAST OF  
OUR AREA. SANDQVIST IS ON  
HIGHWAY 59 PAST NEWFOLDEN.

this letter is not  
in about regards to article's  
stated project. your agency  
may probably EAW's future  
projects. (Here, we have a  
Red Lake water shed district  
with water oversight.)

our old 4, 5 major buildings  
empty n.w. Hosp. will be torn  
down next week. about a year  
ago, a developer backed off

Put apartments in 2 newer  
ends. Sanford owns a part of  
old complex. to alley to 1<sup>st</sup> some,  
will still keep that part operating  
St. Louis in. Paper. Mayor + City Council + Sanford

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Want apartments Put on lot (2)  
Along River, Close to our Power Dam,  
Nearby on main street is already  
a 4 story apartment in use Build-  
ing. my Dad told me many  
years ago, a Bass fish lake  
Pond should Be Built near the  
Dam. a old River Bend at start of  
Nova street + on start of major  
Airport Road is a old 1940's  
Possibility. \$\$ has Been given now  
to a Excavating Company to dig a new  
Channel to Red Lake River nearby.  
But it was done 20, 25 yrs ago But  
now its stuck in mud at Y&P Lvs  
Point. (there was a major 2" Rain 2  
Days ago.) I happened to Read Pro Bass  
sports, Cabells' BOOK and see its ad flyer  
they have a store in East G. Forks. I  
Wrote to them (Springfield, mo. and  
ask if they Build a Cafe on old  
Harp lot, for tourist - help our Down-  
town. (some years Back TRF City Council  
approved a wall mart that just about  
Ruined TRF Downtown, CATIF, has  
Been asked for that lot. \$\$ to Crookston  
Minn. almost flooded by one foot 12 yrs ago  
CAN I WRITE, NOW AND ASK OFFICIALS <sup>BE STOPPED AND</sup> MAKE PLANK

When TRF had a major river draw down, it was discovered a old little dam still existed.

In news, TRF is ask for a re- certification of our Power Dam. Cost \$ about 20 years ago a major Rock Project was done Below Dam. IT RUINED FISHING.

hartz Park one side River Bank 8 yrs, ago has been re Rocked to prevent erosion OK. GRANDFORKSHERALD.COM

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Mr Charles N Bedard II 503 Duluth Ave N Thief River Falls, MN 56701

When River turns out to left

FISHING.

By RFF Falls, Clearwater River has sand hills

# DNR seeks comments on Marshall County slough project

By Park foot Herald Staff Report

Bridge the sandstone hill is still there, some DAY IT WILL COLLOPSED. ?

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments through Thursday, Nov. 4, on an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for proposed habitat improvements and flood risk reduction to the Nelson Slough in Marshall County. The Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District is proposing the project, which is located near Strandquist, Minn.

The Nelson Slough Improvement Project would stabilize several miles of Judicial Ditch 19 and improve water control structures within Nelson Slough, including replacement of the 50-year-old outlet structure and increasing the height of the embankments. Installing rock drop structures and flattening channel side slopes in strategic locations would improve slope stability and alleviate severe channel erosion that has occurred immediately upstream and downstream of

the project site. Upon completion, the proposed project would reduce potential flood damage to adjacent agricultural lands and public transportation infrastructure. The project would also provide more control over impoundment water levels, improving wildlife habitat at Nelson Slough. Copies of the EAW are available on the project page. Additional copies may be requested by calling (651) 259-5723. Hard copies of the EAW are available for public review at:

- ▶ Crookston Public Library, 110 North Ash St., Crookston.
  - ▶ Karlstad Library, 104 First St. S, Karlstad.
  - ▶ Greenbush Public Library, 224 Main St. N., Greenbush.
- The EAW was published in the Oct. 5 EQB Monitor. Written comments on the EAW must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, to the attention of Sara Mielke, DNR Ecological and Water Resources Division, 500 Lafayette Road, Box 25, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025. Electronic or email com-

ments may be sent to environmental.rev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Nelson Slough" in the subject line. People who submit comments will receive a copy of the decision document, which includes responses to comments. Because all comments and related information are part of the public record for this environmental review, commenters' names and email or postal addresses will also be published and publicly available as they appear in the materials they submit.

Marshall County, Minnesota talk to Cabelas' office if they want to

Develop HOSP. LOT, NOT SANFORD ABOUT 3 ED OWNER OF HOSP. PART. Thanks.

the River walk from 1st other curb, will be built to start of Power Lake Bronson and Pelican Rapids have on going Dam water Projects Dam. Now, a dam on Red lake controls our water flow. STOCK FISH IN 1/2 BLOCK LONG HOSPITAL LOT. Currently 2021 water used to

~~flow on hugo's store side, now water erodes on hospital side~~  
~~Red Lake man indicted in shooting death of police officer~~ *make a apartment Building in wise there un safe.*

**Pioneer Staff Report**  
**RED LAKE, Minn.** — A federal grand jury returned an 11-count indictment against a Red Lake man for fatally shooting a Red Lake Tribal Police Officer, assaulting with intent to murder four other officers and firearms violations.

check on an armed man, David Donnell Jr., 28, at his residence in Redby. Upon arrival, officers found Donnell standing outside on the porch and had a handgun on him. Donnell is an active Tribal warrant and was refusing to comply, the officers made the decision to breach the door, documents said. As soon as the door was

breached, Donnell opened fire on the officers, according to court documents. Officer Ryan Bialke was immediately struck through the front door. Donnell continued firing several rounds from an Izhmash Saiga 7.62 caliber rifle at the four other officers on the scene.

Donnell then fled the scene, taking the rifle with him. Shortly after, officers located Donnell at a residence in Red Lake. Donnell was charged with one count of murder with intent to commit murder, four counts of assault with a deadly weapon, one count of discharging, carrying and using a firearm during and in

relation to a crime of violence, and one count of possessing a firearm unlawfully. The indictment was conducted by Judge Waters in Red Lake. Donnell is currently held at the Red Lake Tribal Police Department, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

*"For God so loved ..."*  
John 3:16  
Mr Charles N Bedard II  
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*"... I am the way ..."*  
Jesus, John 14:6

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*Another apartment there will just be a eye sore. Declare that lot a historical*  
~~Video shows what led up to trooper's fatal shooting of chase suspect~~

By Mitchell

*there used to be C.B. a saw mill on Lot 6 hugo's*

From  
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Minnesota  
56701

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TO  
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RESOURCES DEPT.



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USA  
55155-4025



*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



*thanks*

November 3, 2021

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St. Paul, MN 55155-4025

RE: Nelson Slough Improvement Project Environmental Assessment Worksheet

Dear Sara Mielke:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for the Nelson Slough Improvement Project (Project) in Strandquist, Minnesota/Lincoln and East Park Township, Marshall County, Minnesota. The Project consists of stabilizing several miles of Judicial Ditch 19 (JD 19) and improving structures within Nelson Slough. Regarding matters for which the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has regulatory responsibility or other interests, the MPCA staff has the following comments for your consideration.

**Water Resources (Item 11)**

*Surface Water*

Although the EAW acknowledges the likely need for an MPCA 401 Water Quality Certification, it does not list the MPCA as an agency involved in wetland mitigation. Beyond the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Board of Water and Soil Resources (Wetland Conservation Act) requirements, the Project proposer should understand that all of the surface waters directly and indirectly impacted by the Project appear to be Waters of the State as defined by Minn. Stat. § 115.01, subd. 22. As such they are subject to mitigation requirements under Minn. R. ch. 7050.0186. The EAW should include the MPCA as a mitigation regulator in all the areas where mitigation is discussed. For questions related to the MPCA 401 Certification, please contact Jim Brist at 651-757-2245 or [jim.brist@state.mn.us](mailto:jim.brist@state.mn.us).

*Stormwater*

- Areas totaling 1 acre or more above the Ordinary High Water Level (OHWL) of the Public Water at the site require National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System Construction Stormwater Permit (CSW Permit) coverage. Work in public waters is under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Best Management Practices (BMPs) requirements. All other areas must comply with the CSW Permit requirements. BMPs will need to be implemented to prevent tracking of sediment from upland areas into all surface waters (including non-public waters) involved at the site. Dewatering at the site will require use of sediment removal BMPs prior to discharge into any surface water. Also, the CSW Permit will require use of redundant (double) BMPs if construction requires encroachment within 50 feet of the existing buffer to any surface water or wetland.



- Due to construction-related impairments of JD 19, stabilizing temporarily or permanently inactively worked soils must be completed within 7 days. Soil piles at the site must also be stabilized using appropriate BMPs within 7 days. A temporary sediment pond will be required if 5 or more acres drain to a common location at the site. Please direct questions regarding CSW Permit requirements to Roberta Getman at 507-206-2629 or [roberta.getman@state.mn.us](mailto:roberta.getman@state.mn.us).

**Noise (Item 17)**

- The MPCA appreciates the discussion about noise in this EAW, and ultimately does not have any concerns about long-term noise impacts. The MPCA recommends that the Project proposer ensure that equipment is appropriately muffled during use, and that the construction activities take place during daytime hours (7:00 am to 10:00 pm) to the extent possible.
- The MPCA notes that the EAW states that the Project is exempt from the state noise standards described in Minn. R. ch. 7030. It is unclear to the MPCA which part of Minn. Stat. § 116.07, subd. 2a, applies to this Project, as there are no roadways or road construction activities directly associated with this proposed work, and it does not fall under any of the other exempt categories. In this case the point is irrelevant, as there are no expected long-term noise impacts should the Project move forward, but the MPCA emphasizes that they do not believe the Project would be exempt. For noise related questions, please contact Fawkes Char at 651-757-2327 or [fawkes.char@state.mn.us](mailto:fawkes.char@state.mn.us).

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Project. Please provide your specific responses to our comments and notice of decision on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement. Please be aware that this letter does not constitute approval by the MPCA of any or all elements of the Project for the purpose of pending or future permit action(s) by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions. If you have any questions concerning our review of this EAW, please contact me by email at [karen.kromar@state.mn.us](mailto:karen.kromar@state.mn.us) or by telephone at 651-757-2508.

Sincerely,

*Karen Kromar*

*This document has been electronically signed.*

Karen Kromar  
Project Manager  
Environmental Review Unit  
Resource Management and Assistance Division

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