

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REGULATORY PROGRAM APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM (INTERIM) NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION RULE

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Completion Date of Approved Jurisdictional Determination (AJD): 8/27/2020

ORM Number: MVP-2010-03444-RMH Associated JDs: MVP-2010-03444-AJD01

Review Area Location1:

State/Territory: MN City: Worthington County/Parish/Borough: Nobles County Center Coordinates of Review Area: Latitude 43.635304 Longitude -95.561467

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|  | N/A  | NI/A   | Rationale for § 10 Determination   |
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|  | and Tradition  | al Navigable Waters ((a  |  |
| (a)(1) Name  | (a)(1) Size  | (a)(1) Criteria  | Rationale for (a)(1) Determination   |
| N/A N  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A  |

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### D. Excluded Waters or Features

Excluded waters  $((b)(1) - (b)(12))^4$ :

| <b>Exclusion Name</b> | Exclusion Size | Exclusion⁵                  | Rationale for Exclusion Determination               |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Wetland Ditch 1       | 0.05 acres     | (b)(1) Non-adjacent wetland | The subject waters do not meet the definition of    |
|                       |                |                             | "adjacent wetlands". A review of available          |
| Wetland Ditch 2       | 0.11 acres     |                             | resources confirmed the wetlands investigated       |
|                       |                |                             | are located within enclosed depressions that        |
| Wetland Ditch 3       | 0.06 acres     |                             | have no surface water connections to                |
|                       |                |                             | intermittent or perennial tributaries. The          |
|                       |                |                             | investigated wetlands are physically removed        |
|                       |                |                             | from the nearest A(1)-A(3) water, and there is no   |
|                       |                |                             | evidence that they are directly abutting an A(1) –  |
|                       |                |                             | A(3) water. The investigated wetlands were          |
|                       |                |                             | determined to be hydrologically isolated and are    |
|                       |                |                             | therefore not regulated by the Corps under          |
|                       |                |                             | Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The wetlands do |
|                       |                |                             | not abut at least one point or side of, a paragraph |
|                       |                |                             | (a)(1)-(3) water.                                   |

#### III. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- **A. Select/enter all resources** that were used to aid in this determination and attach data/maps to this document and/or references/citations in the administrative record, as appropriate.
  - \_x\_ Information submitted by, or on behalf of, the applicant/consultant: AJD Request submitted by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. on 7/15/2020

This information is sufficient for purposes of this AJD.

Rationale: N/A or describe rationale for insufficiency (including partial insufficiency).

\_ Data sheets prepared by the Corps: *Title(s)* and/or date(s).

**X** Photographs: Aerial and Other: See photos in AJD Request

Corps Site visit(s) conducted on: Date(s).

X Previous Jurisdictional Determinations (AJDs or PJDs): MVP-2010-03444-AJD01 dated 12/1/2010.

\_\_\_\_ Antecedent Precipitation Tool: provide detailed discussion in Section III.B.

USDA NRCS Soil Survey: Title(s) and/or date(s).

\_x\_ USFWS NWI maps: NWI accessed via ORM on August 19, 2020.

**x** USGS topographic maps: 1:24K Worthington North

#### Other data sources used to aid in this determination:

| Data Source (select)       | Name and/or date and other relevant information |
|----------------------------|---|
| USGS Sources               | National Hydrography Dataset                    |
| USDA Sources               | N/A.  |
| NOAA Sources               | N/A.  |
| USACE Sources              | N/A.  |
| State/Local/Tribal Sources | MnTOPO state topography information             |
| Other Sources              | N/A.  |

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- B. Typical year assessment(s): N/A.
- C. Additional comments to support AJD: This approved jurisdictional determination (AJD) is only applicable for Wetland Ditch 1, Wetland Ditch 2 and Wetland Ditch 3. These wetlands are not jurisdictional because they are isolated basins that do not have a direct surface connection to a navigable water nor are they subject to inundation from a navigable water.

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