

**APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM**  
**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

**SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**A. REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD):** April 22, 2020

**B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:** City of Spencer, 2020-00494-WMS

**C. PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

State: WI County/parish/borough: Marathon City: Spencer

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.752641° N, Long. -90.305879° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator: 15N

Name of nearest waterbody: Yellow River

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 07070003

☒ Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.

☐ Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc...) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD form.

**D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

☒ Office (Desk) Determination. Date: March 23, 2020

☐ Field Determination. Date(s):

**SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

**A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There are no “*navigable waters of the U.S.*” within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review area.

**B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.**

There are no “*waters of the U.S.*” within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area.

**1. Waters of the U.S.:** N/A

**2. Non-regulated waters/wetlands (check if applicable):<sup>1</sup>**

- ☒ Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be not jurisdictional. Explain: A wetland delineation completed for the subject 64-acre property identified 12 wetlands in the review area. The site is currently part of agricultural farm field with ongoing crops history. Wetlands 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are farmed wetlands located within depressions in the landscape. Based on a review of the delineation report, available air photo imagery, and site photos, there is no evidence that these wetlands are hydrologically connected via surface or shallow subsurface water conveyances to other aquatic resources on the site, including Wetland 1 which is part of an intermittent tributary to the Yellow River located approximately 5 miles southeast of the site. Due to the distance between these wetlands and the Yellow River, there is no science-based inference that supports an ecological connection. These wetlands do not support a link to interstate or foreign commerce and they are not used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation or other purposes. These wetlands do not produce fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce, and they are not known to be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. Therefore, the Corps has determined that Wetlands 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are not regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

**SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS**

**A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs:** N/A

**B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY):** N/A

**C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION:** N/A

**D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):** N/A

<sup>1</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

**E. ISOLATED [INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED WETLANDS, THE USE, DEGRADATION OR DESTRUCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCLUDING ANY SUCH WATERS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):** N/A

**F. NON-JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):**

- ☐ If potential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the criteria in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.
- ☐ Review area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign) commerce.
  - ☐ Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in “*SWANCC*,” the review area would have been regulated based solely on the “Migratory Bird Rule” (MBR).
- ☐ Waters do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction. Explain:
- ☐ Other (explain, if not covered above):

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the sole potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment (check all that apply):

- ☐ Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):          linear feet          width (ft).
- ☐ Lakes/ponds:          acres.
- ☐ Other non-wetland waters:          acres. List type of aquatic resource:          .
- ☒ Wetlands: Wetland 6 (0.12), Wetland 7 (0.07), Wetland 9 (0.05), Wetland 10 (0.44), Wetland 11 (0.39), Wetland 12 (0.44) acres.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area that do not meet the “Significant Nexus” standard, where such a finding is required for jurisdiction (check all that apply):

- ☐ Non-wetland waters (i.e., rivers, streams):          linear feet,          width (ft).
- ☐ Lakes/ponds:          acres.
- ☐ Other non-wetland waters:          acres. List type of aquatic resource:          .
- ☐ Wetlands:          acres.

**SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.**

**A. SUPPORTING DATA. Data reviewed for JD (check all that apply - checked items shall be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below):**

- ☒ Maps, plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant:
- ☒ Data sheets prepared/submitted by or on behalf of the applicant/consultant.
  - ☒ Office concurs with data sheets/delineation report.
  - ☐ Office does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.
- ☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps:
- ☐ Corps navigable waters’ study:
- ☐ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:
  - ☐ USGS NHD data.
  - ☐ USGS 8 and 12 digit HUC maps.
- ☐ U.S. Geological Survey map(s). Cite scale & quad name:
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: **Marathon County Soil Survey**
- ☐ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: **Wisconsin Wetland Inventory**
- ☒ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is:          (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): **1998, 2008, 2012, 2018 Air Photos**  
or ☒ Other (Name & Date): **Included with Wetland Delineation Report**
- ☐ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☐ Other information (please specify):

**B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD:**