

**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):**

**MAR 27 2017**

**B. ST PAUL, MN DISTRICT OFFICE, FILE NAME, AND NUMBER:**

MVP-2015-02483-BBY Ward, Larry / Kopp Farm

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

State: Minnesota

County/parish/borough: Blue Earth City: Jamestown Township

Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 44.21407° N, Long. 93.78541° W.

Universal Transverse Mercator: 15

Name of nearest waterbody: Dog Creek

Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 07020011 Upper Mississippi Region

☒ 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: January 3, 2016

☐ 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: There are six wetlands within the project boundaries, Wetland 1 through Wetland 6, shown on the enclosed figures labeled MVP-2015-02483-BBY Page 1 of 2 through 2 of 2; however, this AJD is only for wetlands 2 & 3. Wetland 2 and Wetland 3 were classified as PEM1Af wetlands with Type 1 Seasonally Flooded Basin characteristics. Both wetlands are bordered by cropland, with boundaries following a distinct line of soybeans. Wetlands 2 and 3 are depressional basins that both lack a surface or shallow subsurface hydrologic connection to any navigable waters or their tributaries. There are no swales, pipes, or other means to connect Wetland 2 or Wetland 3 to waters of the U.S. (WOUS). We have determined that this Wetland 2 and 3 are isolated depressions and not waters of the U.S.

Wetlands 2 and 3 within the project boundaries do not support a link to interstate or foreign commerce because they are not known to be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreation or other purposes; do not produce fish or shellfish that could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; and are not known to be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate or foreign commerce. Wetlands 2 and 3 do not have an ecological connection to other waters within the review area. Wetlands 2 and 3 were determined to not be jurisdictional under the CWA.

**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**

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

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

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 2: 0.34 acres, Wetland 3: 0.29 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.

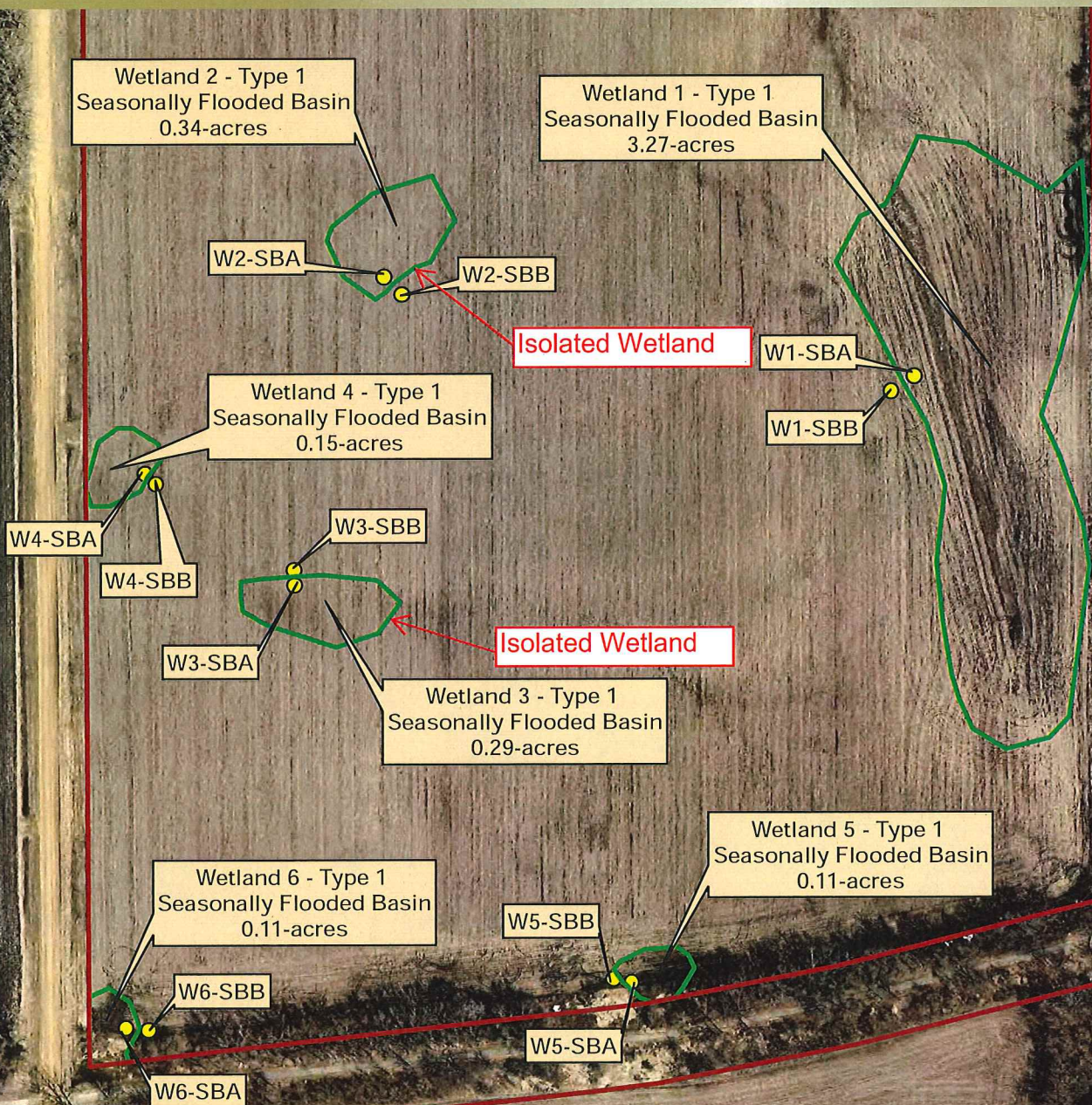
#### SECTION IV: DATA SOURCES.

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: Kjolhaug Environmental Services
- ☒ 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: 1:24K MN-DELANO
- ☒ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey. Citation: Wright County Soil Survey
- ☒ National wetlands inventory map(s). Cite name: USFWS NWI & MnDNR NWI
- ☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s):
- ☐ FEMA/FIRM maps:
- ☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation is: (National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929)
- ☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (Name & Date): FSA 1991-2013
  - or ☒ Other (Name & Date): Google Earth December 2015
- ☒ Previous determination(s). File no. and date of response letter:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting case law:
- ☐ Applicable/supporting scientific literature:
- ☒ Other information (please specify): Wright County LiDAR data

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO SUPPORT JD: This jurisdictional determination is for Wetlands 2 and 3 as labeled on the enclosed Figures MVP-2015-02483-BBY only.





## Legend

- Study Area
- Delineated Wetland
- Soil Boring

0 200  
Feet

Source: ESRI Imagery (2013)