



February 1, 2021

Board of Managers
Bois de Sioux Watershed District
704 Highway 75 South
Wheaton, MN 56296

RE: Letter of Support for Extension Request From the Lessard-Sam's Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Regarding the Fiscal Year 2015/ML 2014 Proposal for the "Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation"

Dear Board of Managers:

Please accept this letter of support acknowledging the Red River Watershed Management Board's (RRWMB's) support for an extension from the LSOHC for the Fiscal Year 2015/ ML 2014 Proposal for the "Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation" Project, which was proposed and submitted to the LSOHC by the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BdSWD). This Project will provide habitat, water quality, and Flood Damage Reduction (FDR) benefits to the residents of the BdSWD, Red River Basin, and Minnesota and the Project directly aligns with the vision and mission of the RRWMB.

In addition, the RRWMB is a member of the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) and the RRWMB has significant interest in supporting projects that seek to achieve Natural Resource Enhancements (NRE) such as the Mustinka River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor Rehabilitation Project in accordance with the 1998 Red River Basin Flood Mediation Agreement. The stream corridor habitat restoration components of the Redpath Project are consistent with objectives of the FDRWG to incorporate habitat and water quality NRES within FDR projects.

The RRWMB has authorized funding assistance for the Redpath Project in the amount of \$5,667,000.00 and supports this extension request to advance our efforts to utilize comprehensive approaches for NRE's and FDR in the Red River Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Finney".

John Finney
President, RRWMB