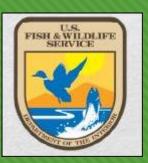
The Ellis Wetland-Prairie Complex Restoration







A cooperative project with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Presented by: Steve Zeece III, Water Resource Manager & Jon Roeschlein, Administrator

History & Geography

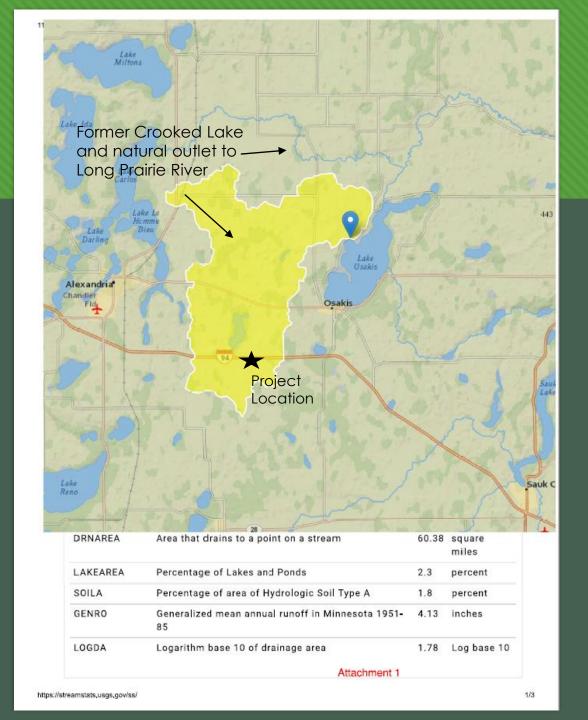
- Within the Crooked Lake HUC 12
 Subwatershed
- Crooked Lake, a large shallow lake, originally of the Long Prairie River Watershed was channelized and drained into Lake Osakis, the natural Headwater of the Sauk River.
- This drainage system is 303D listed for E. Coli (2012) and is responsible for 30 % of the total Phosphorous loading into lake Osakis.
- Highly degraded wetland, stream, and upland habitat.



Restoration Location

Crooked Lake Subwatershed

- A focus of Resource
 Management for the SRWD in
 alignment with the Sauk River
 Comprehensive Watershed
 Management Plan (SRCWMP)
- Improvements (upland and wetland restoration & Enhancement will yield significant benefits for migratory birds, upland species, pollinators, benthic Invertebrates, Fisheries, pollution load reduction, & water quality.



Meets Goals and Priority Actions for Future of the Forest Prairie Transition Eco-region

Forest/Prairie Transition Section Vision

The Council's future for the Forest/Prairie Transition Section envisions diverse and productive remnant tracts of native prairie, forests grasslands, wetlands, lakes and rivers, and their associated fish and wildlife habitat.

The Council sees a future when ample grasses and other vegetation on shorelands and higher in the watershed keeps water on the land. This will yield clean lakes and streams, steady lake and stream levels, and improved aquatic vegetation, providing a plentiful supply of habitat for fish, game and wildlife in the Section, especially habitat for waterfowl and upland birds.

These rivers and streams and their surrounding vegetation will provide corridors of habitat including intact areas of forest cover in the eastern reaches of the Section, and large wetland/upland complexes in the more westerly areas. These wetland/upland complexes will consist of native prairies, restored prairies, quality grasslands and restored shallow lakes and wetlands.

Priority Actions for Forest/Prairie Transition Section with Examples of Outcome Measures *Priorities actions are not in order of preference or importance.*

- Protect, enhance and restore wild rice wetlands, shallow lakes, wetland/grassland complexes, aspen
 parklands, and shoreland that provide critical habitat for game and non-game wildlife.
 - Protected, restored, and enhanced aspen parklands and riparian areas (evidence of successful projects, connectivity of protected habitats, connectivity of forest habitats via corridors)
 - Wetland/upland complexes will consist of native prairies, restored prairies, quality grasslands, and restored shallow lakes and wetlands (# and type grassland bird conservation areas protected and restored; average size of complex, grassland and wetland acres; ratio grassland/upland; Increased grass cover %; # protected sites connected via corridor)
- Protect, enhance and restore rare native remnant prairie.
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 - Remnant native prairies are part of large complexes of restored prairies, grasslands, and large
 and small wetlands (Acres/percent of priority prairie wetland complexes protected under
 conservation management; # and type grassland bird conservation areas protected and restored;
 average size of complex, grassland and wetland acre (minimum of 40% grass and 20% water in
 prairie core areas): % and # protected sites connected via corridor)

- Protect, enhance and restore migratory habitat for waterfowl and related species, so as to increase migratory and breeding success.
 - Water is kept on the land (due to abundant grasses and other vegetation on shorelands and higher in the watershed); (#/miles protected floodplain, saturated, and fen wetlands; # protected high gradient stream reaches; evidence of restored natural hydrology)
 - Improved aquatic vegetation (Evidence of healthy aquatic vegetation, low turbidity)
 - Rivers and streams (and surrounding vegetation) provide corridors of habitat including intact
 areas of forest cover in the east and large wetland/upland complexes in the west (Evidence of use
 in migration, connectivity of protected lands, # and extent of complexes; acres restored riparian
 vegetation)
 - Increased waterfowl and upland bird migratory and breeding success (Population levels of focal
 game species and species in greatest conservation need, # small basins and permanent wetlands,
 wetlands in high density nesting areas, wetlands with adjacent grassland)
- Protected, restored, and enhanced habitat for waterfowl, upland birds, and species of greatest conservation need (evidence of successful projects, connectivity of protected habitats, #MCBS sites)
- $\hfill \square$ Protect from long term or permanent endangerment from invasive species.

Before Construction

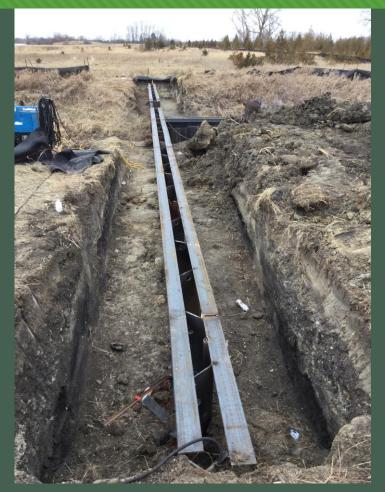




Plant community dominated by hybridized & invasive cattail (USFWS).

During Construction





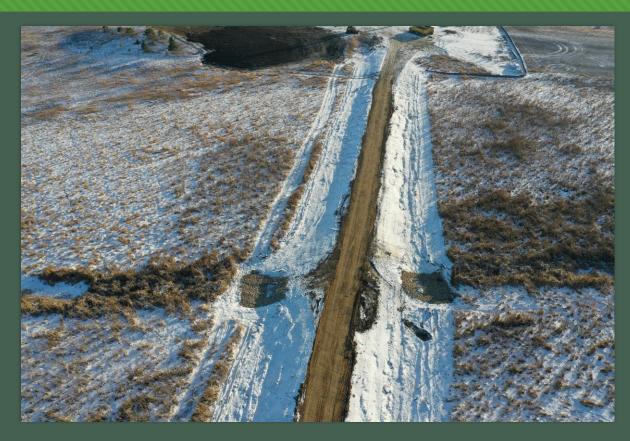


Sheet Pile Wier Installation

Erosion Controlled Diversion along 194

During Construction - Aerial/Drone





Raised road and culverts installed to connect bisected wetland basins, and to accommodate operation of the outlet structure to benefit wildlife.

During Construction - Aerial/Drone





During Construction- Aerial/Drone



East Facing

Spring 2023 - Construction Complete

- Basin filled for the first time since originally drained.
- Deeply rooted hybrid cattail is expected to drown and die off over the next handful of years, leaving prime shallow open water habitat for migratory birds and waterfowl.
- Erosion BMP's in place until vegetation establishes



Summer 2023





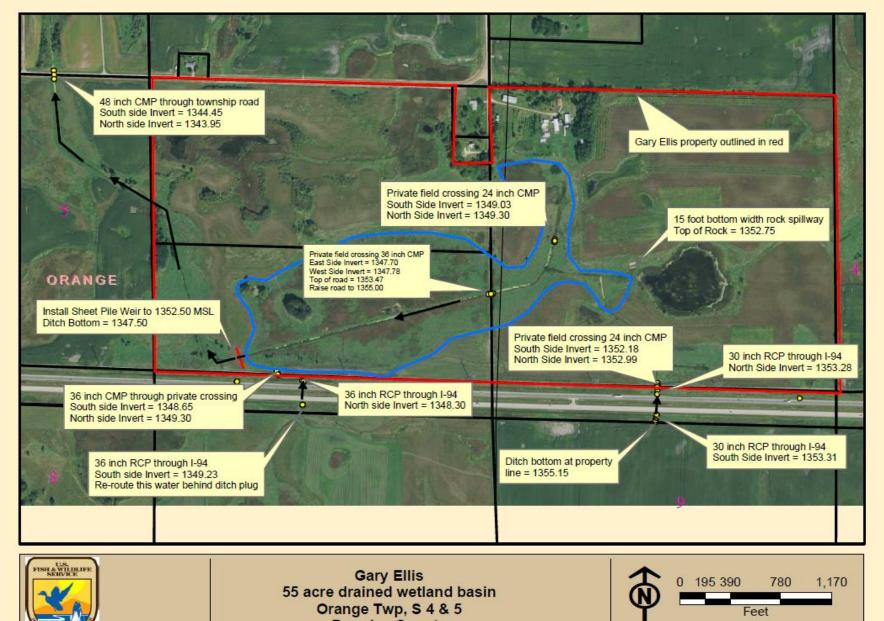
Final Product



Overall design & Wetland Delineation



Additional **Design Details**

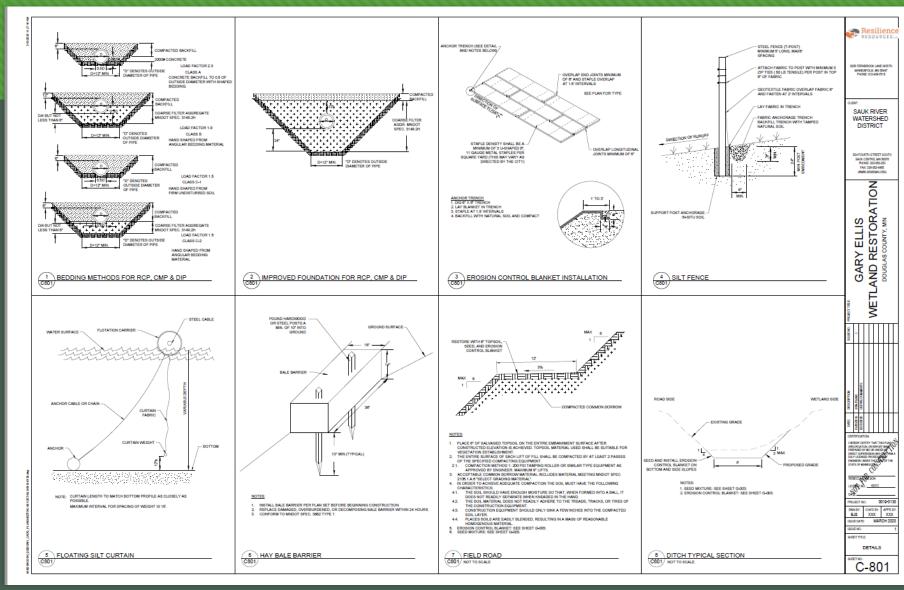




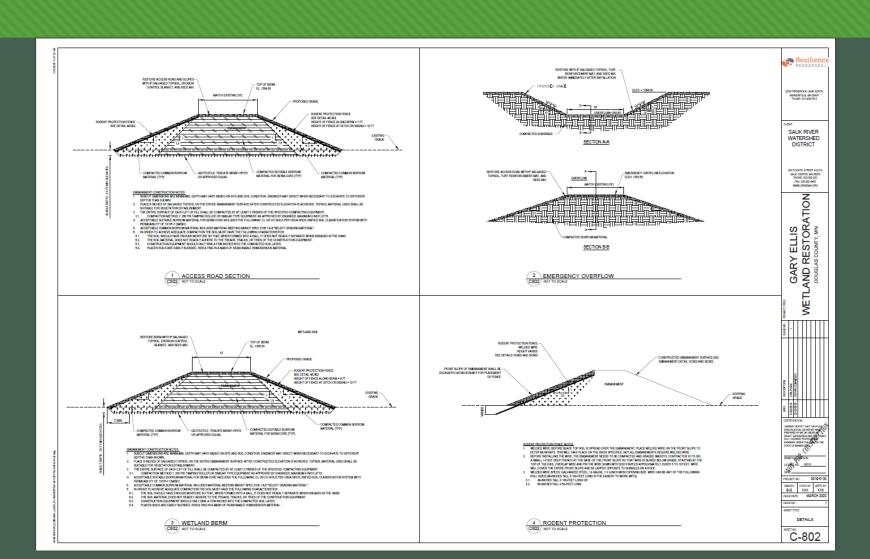
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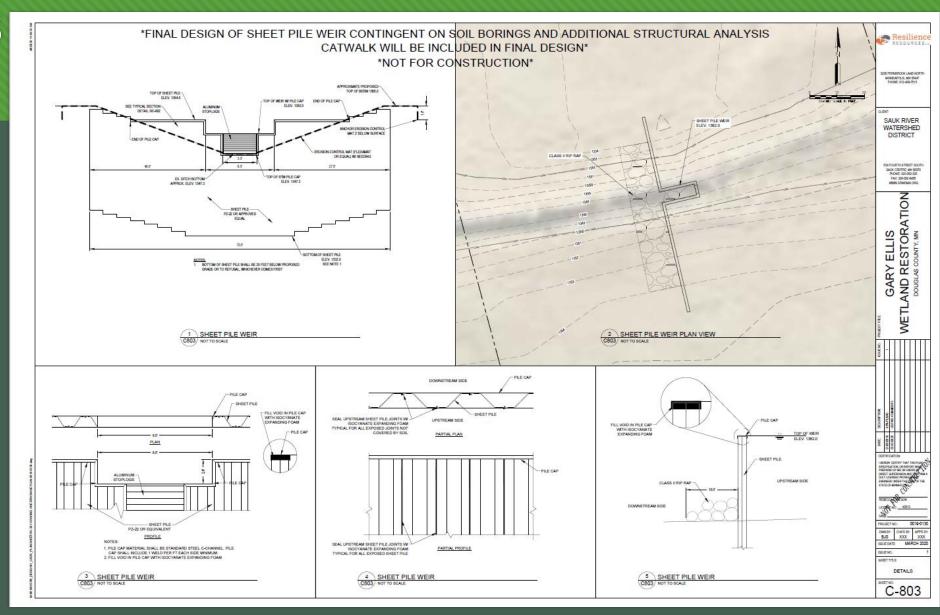
- Erosion Control BMPs
- Culvert Installation
- Field Road



Earthen Berm along 194W with rat-proof reinforcement to prevent public safety risk, and protect the roadway.



• Sheet Pile Weir



January 2022 Approved Status Update by previous Water Resource Manager



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

01/28/2022 Status Update

Project Title: Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection & Restoration, Phase 3

Funds Recommended: \$4,034,000

Money Spent: 0.98% Acres Accomplished: 0%

Manager's Name: Sarah Boser

Organization: Sauk River Watershed District

Email: sarah@srwdmn.org Office Number: 3203522231

Mobile Number:

Legislative Citation: ML 2021, First Sp. Session, Ch. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(o)

Appropriation Language: \$4,034,000 the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River watershed as follows: \$1,034,000 to Sauk River Watershed District; \$1,618,000 to Pheasants Forever; and \$1,382,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Describe progress-to date in this reporting period, including successes and challenges:

Minnesota Land Trust:

The Land Trust released an RFP, and landowner applications were received and ranked during this reporting period. Seven priority projects located in Stearns, Douglas, and Todd Counties were selected for this grant. These new projects are now in the early stages of development. One of these properties along the Sauk River will connect two complexes of land ownerships protected and being pursued for protection associated with the two previous grants.

Pheasants Forever

Pheasants Forever is working with partners and the sellers on a strategic acquisition near Cold Spring. If negotiations are successful, we anticipate this one project will spend out our entire PF appropriation.

Sauk River Watershed District (SRWD):

The SRWD has completed the permit processes required for the Ellis wetland project, and is waiting for final design plans from the engineer. The project is anticipated to go out for bid in spring 2022, with construction following shortly thereafter.

The SRWD is partnering with Stearns SWCD to complete the Loxtercamp wetland restoration, and design work has begun for this project as well.

Permitting- Great River Energy



Approved 2/2/21 by KN & MM

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District 4 Property Management 1000 Highway 10 West Detroit Lakes MN 56501

12/23/2020

Shawn Papon U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 18965 County Hwy 82 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Re: C.S. 2180 (T.H. 94) MP 110.814-111.253 Drainage Permit No. 4-D-2020-93612

Dear Shawn:

Approval is granted for a Drainage Project in Douglas County, Orange Township, and T127N R36W S5 within T.H.94 Right-of-Way on the north side of the Roadway.

Applicant may clean MnDOT right-of-way down to original ditch grade and must remove all spoils from MnDOT right-of-way. Project shall blend in with adjacent land. All disturbed areas shall contain a minimum 3 inches of topsoil and be seeded to full turf establishment.

If the applicant does not perform the work accordingly MnDOT will request for the applicant to redo the work. If the work does not get completed to MnDOT specifications, then MnDOT will assign a crew to complete the work and then bill the applicant for the work that was done.

At no time will any vehicles be allowed to stage or work from the shoulder on Interstate 94. All work must be completed from the back slope or the back edge of the MnDOT TH94 right of way. Equipment must be parked off MnDOT right of way when not in use. All Equipment that will be working in the MnDOT right of way must have the appropriate flashing beacon. All personnel working in the MnDOT right of way must have the appropriate MnDOT approved PPE.

Please give the District 4 Permits Office a call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jan Avendere

John Gildersleeve District 4 Permits Writer

bc:

Sub-Area Supervisor,

Truck Station Inspector, Scott Johnson

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Permitting- The United States Army Corp of Engineers



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. PAUL DISTRICT
180 FIFTH STREET EAST, SUITE 700
ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1678

February 5, 2021

Regulatory File No. 2021-00078-EJI

USFWS c/o Shawn Papon 18965 County Highway 82 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Dear Mr. Papon:

This correspondence is in regard to your pre-construction notification (PCN) requesting Department of the Army (DA) authorization to discharge fill material within 0.19 acre of wetland for the purpose of restoring a 60 acre wetland. The project site is in Sections 4 & 5, Township 127 North, Range 36 West, Douglas County, Minnesota.

The work that you describe appears to meet the terms and conditions described in Nationwide Permit (NWP) 27, Aquatic Restoration, Enhancement and Establishment Activities, Based on the information submitted to our agency, your project does not require preconstruction notification.

While pre-construction notification is not required, the activities you describe in your PCN are required to be reported to the St. Paul District Army Corps of Engineers at least 30 days prior to commencing activities in waters of the United States. The information you submitted regarding this project satisfies the reporting requirements.

Prior to the start of work in waters of the United States, it is your responsibility to ensure that the activity will be performed in accordance with the NWP 27 terms and General Conditions. It is also incumbent on you to verify that your activity has received a required 401 water quality certification or waiver from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency prior to the start of work in waters of the U.S. If a 401 water quality certification has not been issued for your activity, you are responsible for contacting the 401 certifying agency listed below. A full list of applicable NWP terms, conditions and all issued 401 water quality certifications may be found by visiting our website at http://www.mvp.usace.ammy.mi/missions/regulatory/nvp/.

Failure to comply with any of the listed conditions could result in the Corps initiating an enforcement action.

We did not determine whether wetlands or other waters in the site are subject to Corps jurisdiction. You may request a jurisdictional determination from the Corps contact indicated below. It is not necessary to request a jurisdictional determination.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ST. PAUL DISTRICT 180 FIFTH STREET EAST, SUITE 700 ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1678

01/11/2021

Regulatory File No. MVP-2021-00078-EJI

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

Shawn Papon U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 18965 County Highway 82 Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Dear Mr. Papon:

We have received your submittal described below. You may contact the Project Manager with questions regarding the evaluation process. The Project Manager may request additional information necessary to evaluate your submittal.

File Number: MVP-2021-00078-EJI

Applicant: Gary Ellis

Project Name: Gary Ellis Wetland Restoration

Project Location: Section 5 of Township 127 North, Range 36, Douglas County, Minnesota (Latitude: 45.833572858891; Longitude: -95.2253155679735)

Received Date: 01/07/2021

Project Manager: Evan Ingebrigtson (651) 290-5765 Evan.J.Ingebrigtson@usace.army.mil

Additional information about the St. Paul District Regulatory Program can be found on our web site at http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/missions/regulatory.

Please note that initiating work in waters of the United States prior to receiving Department of the Army authorization could constitute a violation of Federal law. If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager.

Thank you.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District Regulatory Branch

Permitting- SRWD



642 Lincoln Road Sauk Centre, MN 56378 "Your Water Quality Is (320) 352-2231 Fax: (320) 352-6455

Our Concern"

PERMIT 21-006

Applicant Name:	Gary Ellis			
Applicant Address: 5841 Whitetail Lane SE,		, Osakis, MN, 56360		
Applicant Email:	7 (E) 10 (1) E (M) (E) (E)	Applicant Number:	320-859-3527	
Permit/Project Title:	Ellis Wetland Restoration			
Permit/Project Location:	PID# 48-0043-000			
Permit Issue Date: 02	/08/2021			
Contact Name: Shawn	Papon	Contact Number:	218-770-9581	
Permit Type	1			
Rules	Approval Ty	(po		
Stormwater: Erosion Control: Drainage: Water Use:	Board: X Administrativ	/e: <u>X</u>		

Scope of Project for Which Permit is Granted:

Construction of a sheet pile outfall structure within the public ditch to maintain water on the Gary Ellis Property. Construction of a berm on the south side of the property to prevent water from discharging into the I-94 ditch. Removal of one 36" culvert and one 12" culvert and replacing those with a single 42" culvert to direct drainage flows from south of I-94. Raising the north-south field road which bisacts the existing basin. Raising the field road on north edge of the basin to allow for landowner access. 108,900 Sqft Disturbance

PERMIT GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) That the permittee and their agents conform to all legal and other statutory requirements.
- 2) The applicant shall acquire all other permits as required by other agencies. FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL VOID THIS
- 3) All normal erosion control measures must be utilized during and after construction.
- 4) Restoration and re-vegetation must be completed within 14 days after the project is completed.
- 5) Applicant must notify the Sauk River Watershed District of project initiation.
- 6) Applicant must notify the Sauk River Watershed District within 2 working days after the project is completed.
- 7) Performance surety in the amount of \$ N/A shall be placed for this project as a condition of the permit. The surety may be institutional performance bond, letter or credit or cash deposit in favor of the Sauk River Watershed District. The surety is required for and conditioned upon satisfactory completion of water quality and quantity performance standards and management practices required by the permit and Sauk River Watershed District rule. Should deficiencies be found in the performance standards, as noted upon inspection (subject to review by the

MNDNR, County SWCD or other appropriate agency), the permittee shall be notified and given reasonable opportunity to correct. If corrections are not made after reasonable time, the Sauk River Watershed District may call upon the surety in an amount sufficient to correct the deficiencies.

- 3) This permit is permissive only. No liability shall be imposed on or incurred by the Sauk River Watershed District or any of its officers, mangers, or agent or employees officially or personally, on account of any damage to any person or property resulting from any act or omission of the permittee or any of its agents, employees, or contractors for any damage or injury resulting from any such act or omission, or as stopping or limiting any legal claim or right of action of the Sauk River Watershed District against the permittee, it agents, employees, or contractors for violation of a failure to comply with the provisions of the law.
- In all cases where the doing by the permittee of anything authorized by this permit shall involve the taking, using, or damaging of any property rights or interests of any other person (s) or of any publicly owned lands or improvements thereon or interest therein, the permittee before proceeding therewith, shall obtain the written consent of all persons, agencies, or authorities concerned, and shall acquire all property, rights or interests therefore.
- 10) The permittee shall make no changes, without written permission previously from the Board of Managers, in the dimensions, capacity, or location of any items of work authorized within this permit.
- 11) The permittee shall grant access to the project site at all reasonable times during and after construction to authorized representatives of the Sauk River Watershed District.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS/CONDITIONS:

- Erosion control shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the Erosion Control Plan submitted with the application. Erosion control shall stay in place until vegetation has re-established to a cover of 80% or
- Confirmation that an NPDES Permit has been obtained shall be provided to the SRWD.
- JD #2, Branch #2, Fork #1 originates on this property. Structure work appears to be taking place in the ditch channel and within the ROW of the ditch system. Applicant is advised to contact Tom Anderson, Douglas County Drainage Inspector, (320) 762-2961 to be sure the necessary Drainage Authority permission is
- The USCOE 404 permit and MnDOT Permit have been obtained by the applicant, copies of which are on file

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THIS PERMIT EXPIRES AFTER ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUE

Permitting- Wetland Conservation Act



Local Government Unit: Douglas SWCD

Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Application

Local development office	county: Doughus
Applicant Name: Gary Ellis Applicant Re	presentative: Shawn Papon, USFWS
Project Name: Ellis Wetland Restoration	LGU Project No. (if any): 21-1
Date Complete Application Received by LGU:	12-18-20
Date this Notice was Sent by LGU: 1-6-21	
Date that Comments on this Application Must	Be Received By LGU ¹ : 2-2-21
minimum 15 business day comment period for Boundary & WCA Decision Type - check all that apply	Type, Sequencing, Replacement Plan and Bank Plan Applications
	☐ Replacement Plan ☐ Bank Plan (not credit purchase) ☑Exemption (8420.0420)
Part: □ A □ B □ C 図 D □ E □ F □ G □ F	Subpart: □2 □3 □4 □5 □ 6 □ 7 □ 8 ⊠
Replacement Plan Impacts (replacement plan de	ecisions only)
Total WCA Impact Area Proposed: 8,134 sq f	t. (.19 ac.)
Application Materials	
Link to ftp or other accessible file sharing sites is acc	eptable.
Comments on this application should be sent to	•
LGU Contact Person: Jerome Haggenmiller	<u> </u>
E-Mail Address: jerome.haggenmiller@mn.naco	dnet net
	ite 102 Alexandria, MN 56308 320-763-3191 ext. 3
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☑ LGU TEP Member (if different than LGU contact):	Dave Nelson, Rebecca Sternquist
☑ DNR Representative: Emily Siira	
☑ Watershed District or Watershed Mgmt, Org.: Sa	auk River Watershed District

This notice and accompanying application materials may be sent electronically or by mail. The LGU may out to send a

☐ BWSR Wetland Mitigation Coordinator (required for bank plan applications only):

☑ Agent/Consultant (notice only): Shawn Papon USFWS

summary of the application to members of the public upon request per 8420.0255, Subp. 3.



Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act Notice of Decision

Applicant Name: Gary Ellis		presentative: Shawn Pag	
Project Name: Ellis Wetland R	estoration	LGU Project No. (if a	ny): 21-1
Date Complete Application Re	ceived by LGU: 1	2-18-20	
Date of LGU Decision: 3-2-21			
Date this Notice was Sent: 3-4	-21		
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Appeals of LGU Decisions

If you wish to appeal this decision, you must provide a written request within 30 calendar days of the date you received the notice. All appeals must be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources Executive Director along with a check payable to BWSR for \$500 unless the LGU has adopted a local appeal process as identified below. The check must be sent by mail and the written request to appeal can be submitted by mail or e-mail. The appeal should include a copy of this notice, name and contact information of appellant(s) and their representatives (if applicable), a statement clarifying the intent to appeal and supporting information as to why the decision is in error. Send to:

Appeals & Regulatory Compliance Coordinator Minnesota Board of Water & Solls Resources 520 Lafayette Road North travis.germundson@state.mn.us

Does the LGU have a local appeal process applicable to this decision?

BWSR Wetland Mitigation Coordinator (required for bank plan applications only):

⊠ Yes¹ □ No

If yes, all appeals must first be considered via the local appeals process.

Local Appeals Submittal Requirements (LGU must describe how to appeal, submittal requirements, fees, etc. as applicable) All appeals must be submitted to Douglas SWCD, Chairman along with a check payable to Douglas SWCD for

☑ Corps of Engineers: Evan Ingebrigtson

SWCD TEP Member: Jerry H	aggenmiller	BWSR TEP Member: Lynda Ponting
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Applicant: Garry Ellis	☐ Agent/Con	sultant: Shawn Pappon USFWS

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BWSR NOA Form - November 12, 2019

M Applicant (notice only): Gary Ellis

☐ Members of the Public (notice only):

Optional or As Applicable:

Permitting- DNR

3/4/2021

Mail - Papon, Shawn - Outlook

[EXTERNAL] RE: Douglas County MN Notice of Application Ellis Wetland Restoration

Siira, Emily (DNR) <emily.siira@state.mn.us>

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To: Papon, Shawn <shawn_papon@fws.gov>



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Hi Shawn,

I apologize for the delay. This project slipped by my radar. If the project is completed in accordance to ditch law (i.e. through ditch proceedings), then DNR doesn't have to authorize the project by letter of permission or by public water permit.

Emily Siira

Area Hydrologist | Ecological and Water Resources

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

23070 N. Lakeshore Drive Glenwood, MN 56334 Office Phone: 320-634-7345 Cell Phone: 320-905-2676 Email: emily.siira@state.mn.us

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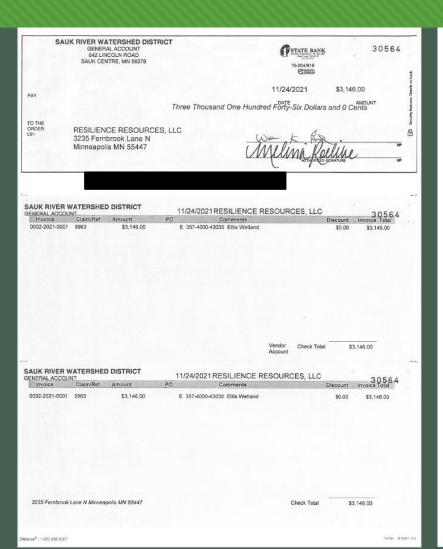
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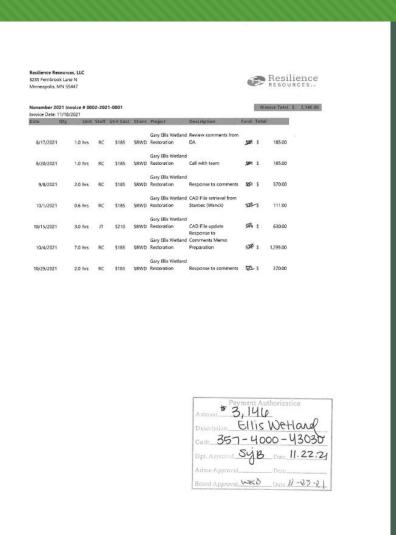
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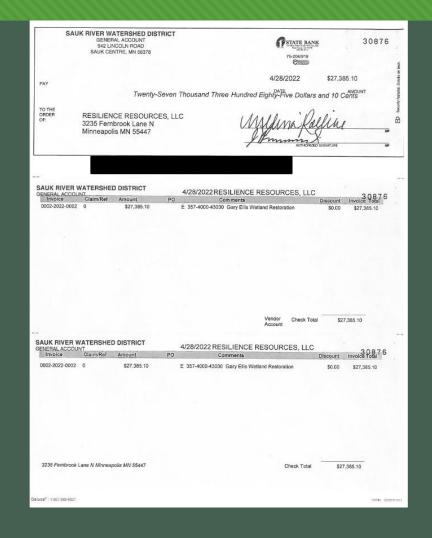
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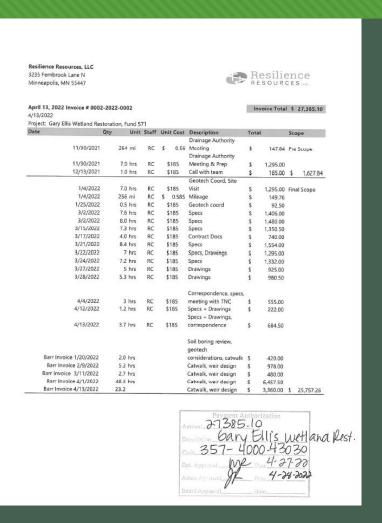
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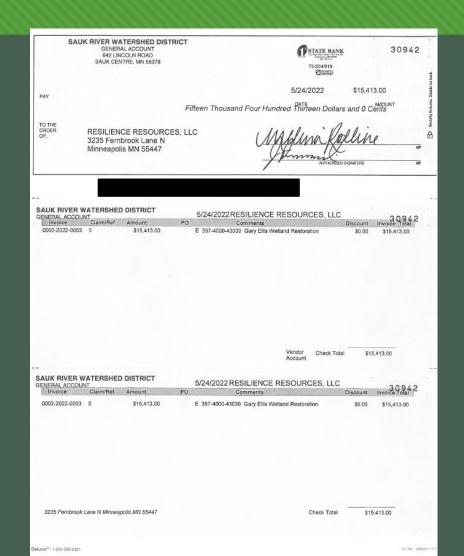


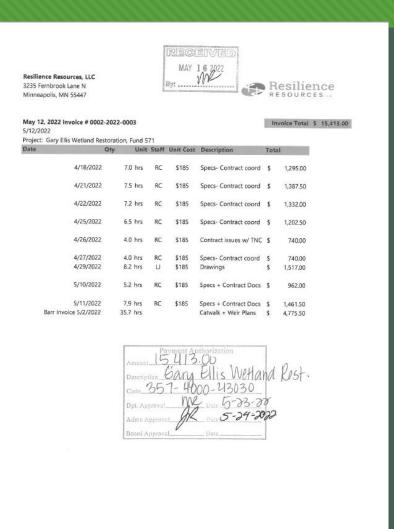
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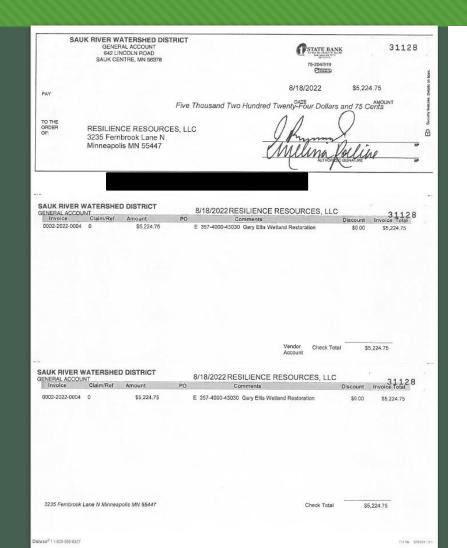


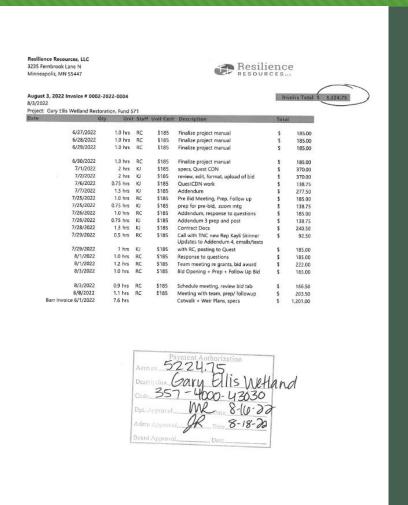
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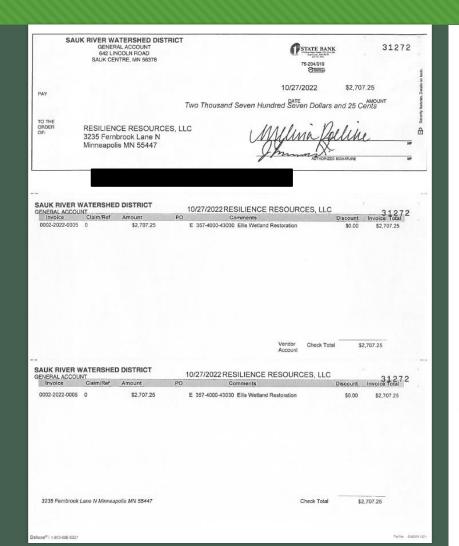


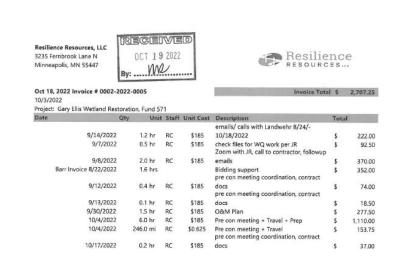
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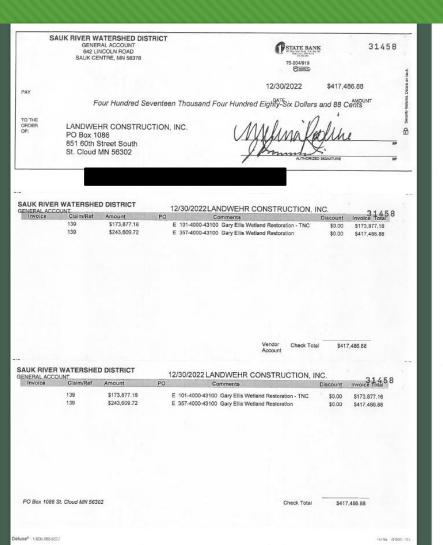
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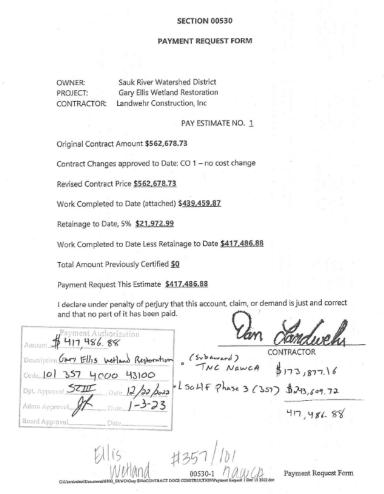






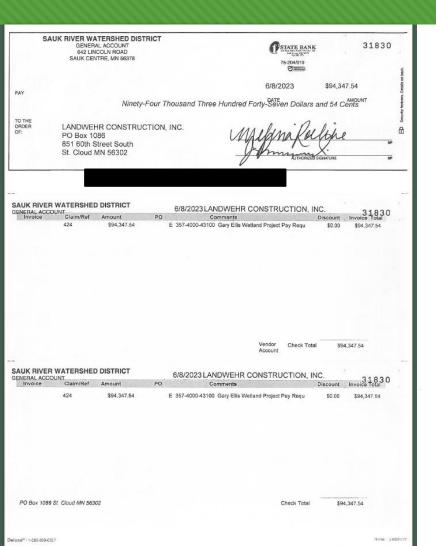
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4446 SECTION 00530 PAYMENT REQUEST FORM OWNER-Sauk River Watershed District PROJECT: Gary Ellis Wetland Restoration CONTRACTOR: Landwehr Construction, Inc. PAY ESTIMATE NO. 2 Original Contract Amount \$562,678.73 Contract Changes approved to Date: CO 2 - no cost change Revised Contract Price \$562,678.73 Work Completed to Date (attached) \$538,773.07 Retainage to Date, 5% \$26,938.65 Work Completed to Date Less Retainage to Date \$511,834.42 Total Amount Previously Certified \$439,459.87 Payment Request This Estimate \$94,347.54 I declare under penalty of perjury that this account, claim, or demand is just and correct and that no part of it has been paid. CONTRACTOR

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CERTIFICATE OF CONTRACTOR

I hereby certify that the work and the materials supplied to date, as shown on the request for payment, represents the actual value of accomplishment under the terms of the contract dated September 12, 2022 between the Sauk River Watershed District (OWNER) and Landwehr Construction, Inc. (CONTRACTOR) and all authorized changes

Contractor: Landwehr Construction Inc.

>Signature <

Dan Landwehr

Date

Resilience Resources, LLC

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Rebecca Carlson, P.E. (MN) Date 05/04/2023

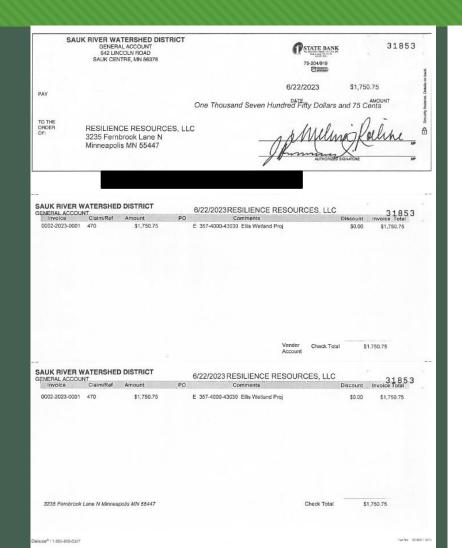
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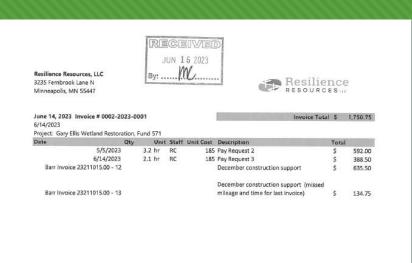
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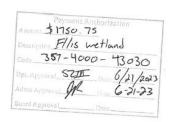
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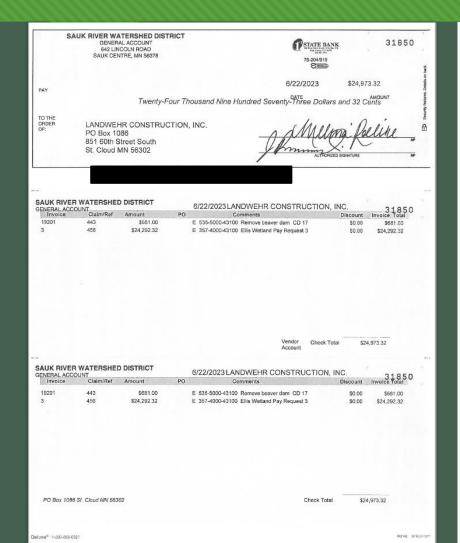
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SECTION 00530

PAYMENT REQUEST FORM

OWNER: Sauk River Watershed District
PROJECT: Gary Ellis Wetland Restoration
CONTRACTOR: Landwehr Construction. Inc

PAY ESTIMATE NO. 3

Original Contract Amount \$562,678.73

Contract Changes approved to Date: CO 2 - no cost change

Revised Contract Price \$562,678.73

Work Completed to Date (attached) \$564,343.93

Retainage to Date, 5% \$28,217.30

Work Completed to Date Less Retainage to Date \$536,126.63

Total Amount Previously Certified \$511,834,42

Payment Request This Estimate \$24,292.32

I declare under penalty of perjury that this account, claim, or demand is just and correct and that no part of it has been paid.

Payment Authorization
Amount \$24, 292.32

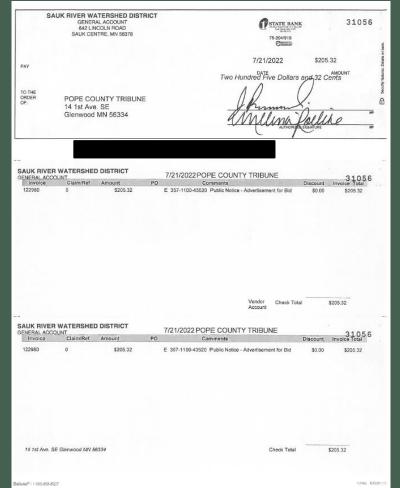
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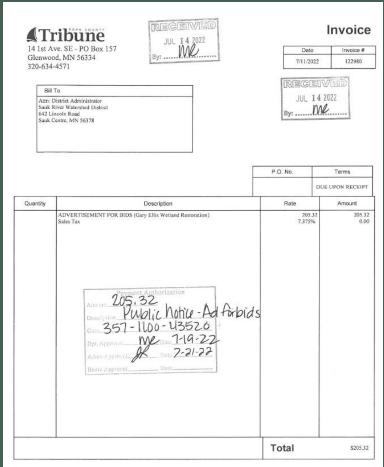
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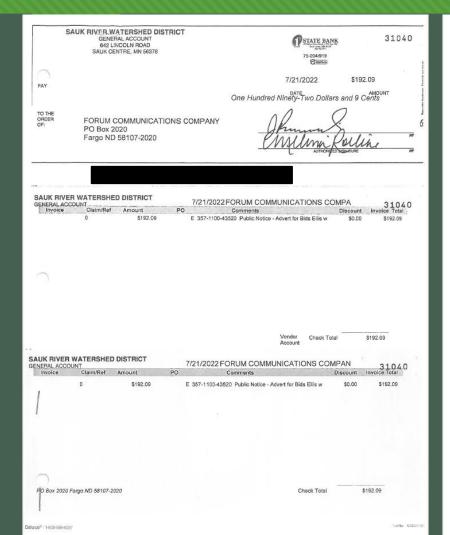
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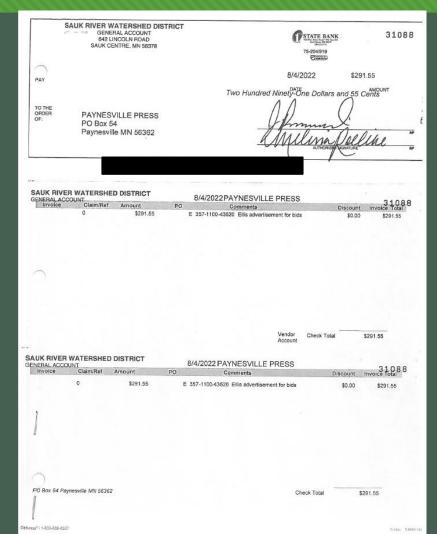


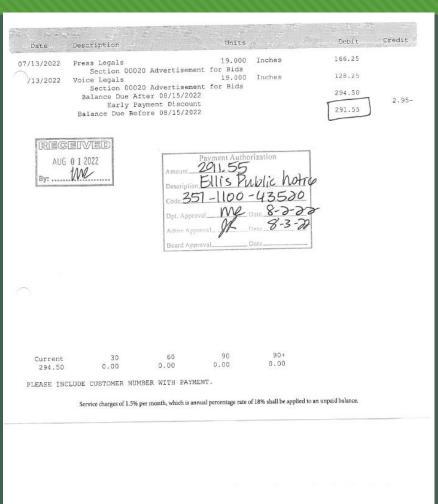
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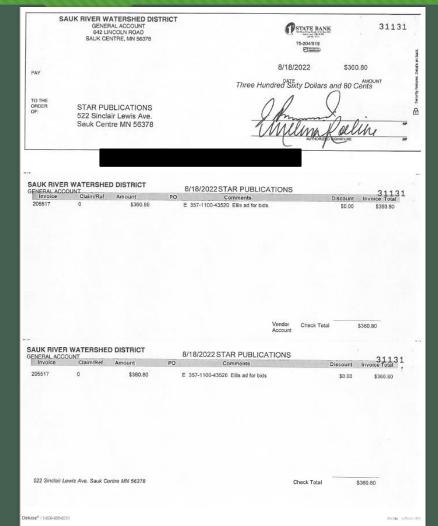


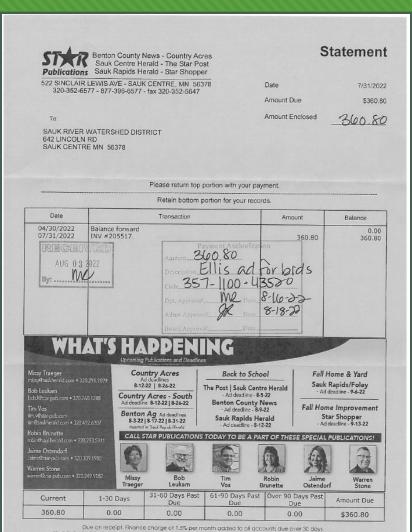
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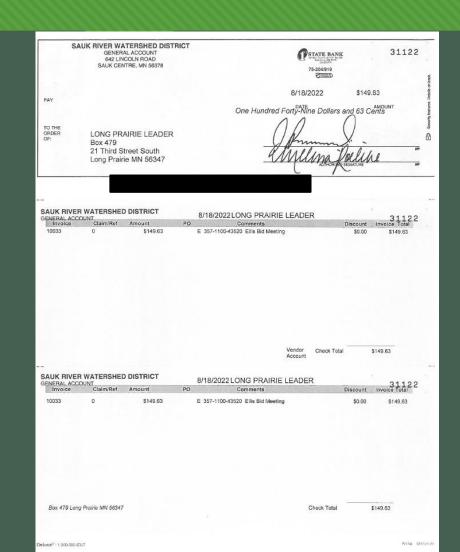


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