



July 16, 2025

Board of Managers
Buffalo Creek Watershed District
PO Box 55
Glencoe, MN 55336

Re: Final BWSR Advisory Report – JD 15 Branch B56 Improvement

Dear Managers,

On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources, I offer this advisory report in accordance with Minnesota Statute, 103D.711, Subdivision 5. The comments in this advisory report are based on review of the *Judicial Ditch 15 Branch B56 Improvement Final Engineer's Report*, dated July 17, 2025 and its associated Appendices A-G, and the BWSR Advisory Report for the *Preliminary Engineer's Report* for this project, dated November 4, 2024.

The engineer's report was well presented and contains all components required in the report as outlined in MN Statute 103D.711. I appreciate that the WD's engineer used the suggested approach in the Drainage Work Group's subcommittee report when showing this project has an adequate outlet, including reporting a visual evaluation of the downstream system to state there are no areas of sloughing or erosion and that the contributing watershed for this project is only 2% of the full JD15 watershed, which indicates that a change in flows will have little to no effect on the overall flows in JD15. I agree that this project is practical and will meet the goals of the watershed district. As stated in my previous letter, a soil survey is not necessary for this project.

Please feel free to contact me at 651-539-2591 (email rita.weaver@state.mn.us) if you have questions regarding this advisory report.

Sincerely,

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