



June 21, 2021

Board of Managers  
Pelican River Watershed District  
211 Holmes St. W, Suite 201  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Re: BWSR Advisory Report – PRWD Data Collection and Monitoring Project, Project DCM-01

Dear Managers,

On behalf of the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources, I offer this advisory report in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 103D.711, Subdivision 5. The focus of this advisory report includes:

- A statement about the completeness of the report in relation to statutory requirements;
- A statement as to whether or not the report presents a practical plan;
- Recommendations for changes, if considered advisable, and;
- A recommendation as to whether a soil survey appears advisable.

The *Project Plan/Engineer's Report, Pelican River Watershed District, Data Collection and Monitoring Project DM-01* (dated May 2021), was reviewed to prepare this advisory report.

The engineer's report is complete in accordance with the Minnesota Statutes Section 103D.711, Subdivision 2, however a map showing the proposed monitoring locations would be helpful. The monitoring plan as presented seems practical and I appreciate that PRWD understands how important monitoring can be to measure progress and support decisions regarding future projects. There is no need for a soil survey for this project.

I have two suggestions for consideration:

1. While Nitrogen has not typically been a focus for water quality, the watershed district may want to consider checking nitrogen levels also, especially with respect to their ag BMPs.
2. I suggest that locations of state and federal monitoring efforts (MPCA for water quality, DNR for water quality and quantity, and the USGS for water quantity) be checked against the proposed monitoring locations to make sure that the watershed district's project compliments monitoring that is already taking place in the watershed.

Please feel free to contact me at 651-769-5292 (email [rita.weaver@state.mn.us](mailto:rita.weaver@state.mn.us)) if you have questions regarding this advisory report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Weaver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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CC: John Jaschke, Director  
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