

**Before the
Board of Managers for the
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District**


In the Matter of the
Nelson Slough Improvement Project No. _____

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District Board of Managers, having designated an engineer, and having conducted the Project Work Team process, and having received back a favorable preliminary engineer's report, and having promoted a flood control optimization and natural resource enhancement project known as the Nelson Slough Improvement Project, and having served the Commissioner and Director as required, and having adopted a Resolution under Minn. Stat. 103D.707 on September 15, 2025, initiating the Project, do hereby state that:

1. A FINAL HEARING for the Project shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 20th, 2025, at the Marshall County Courthouse in the Basement meeting room located at 208 Colvin Ave, Warren MN 56762, at which time the engineer shall present the current plans and specifications of the Project;
2. The engineer's report including the plans have been filed with the managers and are subject to inspection during normal business hours;
3. A tabular statement of additional easement lands necessary for the Project but not yet acquired, together with the parcel numbers, abbreviated legal descriptions, and record owners of said lands, is set forth on the attached Exhibit A, with fewer than 9 total acres of additional ditch easement required and fewer than 11 total acres of additional flowage easement required.
4. The proposed Project is located near the City of Strandquist in Marshall County. It involves stabilizing several miles of Judicial Ditch 19 (JD 19) and improving structures within Nelson Slough, including replacement of the outlet structure, increasing the height of the embankments, the installation of rock drop structures, and the flattening of the channel side slopes in strategic locations to improve slope stability and alleviate severe channel erosion. Upon completion, the proposed project would provide a reduction in flood damage to adjacent agricultural lands and public transportation infrastructure within the JD 19 sub watershed and provide more control over impoundment water levels.
5. A map of the affected area in lieu of the names of the owners and of the descriptions of the properties affected by the project are attached hereto as Exhibit B; and,
6. **All parties interested in the proposed project must appear before the managers to show why an order should not be made by the managers approving the Resolution, confirming the reports of the engineer, ordering that title to said easement pass to the District; and ordering the establishment and construction or implementation of the Project.**
7. Unlimited written comment may be submitted to the District prior to the hearing by sending the same to MSTRWD, PO Box 154, Warren MN 56762, or by emailing to info@mstrwd.org. Written comment must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 15th.

APPROVED September 15th, 2025 by the Board of Managers.



ATTEST: Bradley Blawat, Secretary

Dated: 9-18-25

Judicial Ditch #19 Land Area Required Easement

Nelson Slough Improvement Project

Sections 23 & 24, Lincoln Twp. (T158, R45W) and Sections 19 & 13, East Park Twp. (T158N, R44W)

Joint Drainage Authority (Marshall & Roseau County)

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| TAX NAME | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | SECTION | PARCEL ID | EXISTING PERM ROW SOUTH OF QUARTER LINE (FT) | LENGTH (FT) | EXISTING JD #19 PERM ROW (AC) | ADDITIONAL PERM ROW SOUTH OF EXISTING (FT) | ADDITIONAL PERM ROW SOUTH OF EXISTING (AC) | ADDITIONAL TEMP ROW (FT) | ADDITIONAL TEMP ROW (AC) | EXISTING JD #19 PERM ROW IN AG PRODUCTION (AC) |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| BRAFF/MARLA J | 158 | 45 | 23 | 22-0118-000 | 99 | 2637 | 5.99 | 40 | 2.42 | 20 | 1.21 | |
| BRAFF/JEROMY | 158 | 45 | 24 | 22-0123-000 | 99 | 2640 | 6.00 | 20 | 1.21 | 20 | 1.21 | |
| JACOBSON/JAMES A & CHRISTINE L | 158 | 45 | 24 | 22-0124-000 | 99 | 2579 | 5.86 | 10 | 0.59 | 30 | 1.78 | 0.91 |
| JACOBSON/JAMES A & CHRISTINE L | 158 | 44 | 19 | 12-0074-000 | 66 | 1260 | 1.91 | 50 | 1.45 | 20 | 0.58 | |
| JACOBSON/JAMES A & CHRISTINE L | 158 | 44 | 19 | 12-0074-000 | 99 | 1328 | 3.02 | 17 | 0.52 | 20 | 0.61 | |
| JACOBSON/JAMES A & CHRISTINE L | 158 | 44 | 19 | 12-0074-000 | 99 | 2772 | 6.30 | 10 | 0.64 | 20 | 1.27 | |
| ROPPE/KEVIN* | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0065-000 | 99 | 1120 | 2.55 | 0 | 0.00 | 24 | 0.62 | |
| ROPPE/KEVIN* | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0065-000 | 99 | 1939 | 4.41 | 24 | 1.06 | 66 | 2.89 | |
| ROPPE/KEVIN* | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0062-000 | 99 | 248 | 0.56 | 24 | 0.14 | 66 | 0.44 | |
| ROPPE/KEVIN** | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0062-000 | 99 | 2403 | 5.46 | 0 | 0.00 | 60 | 3.29 | 0.77 |
| TOTAL RIGHT OF WAY | | | | | | | 42.06 | | 8.03 | | 13.90 | 1.68 |

Lengths taken from Autocad drawings "INLET P&P" & "OUTLET P&P" using County parcel & section data

*Existing Perm ROW centered on JD #19 Centerline

**Existing Perm ROW south of Section Line

Acres determined using Autocad drawings "INLET P&P" & "OUTLET P&P" instead of length calculation

Nelson Slough Land Area Requiring Flowage Easement

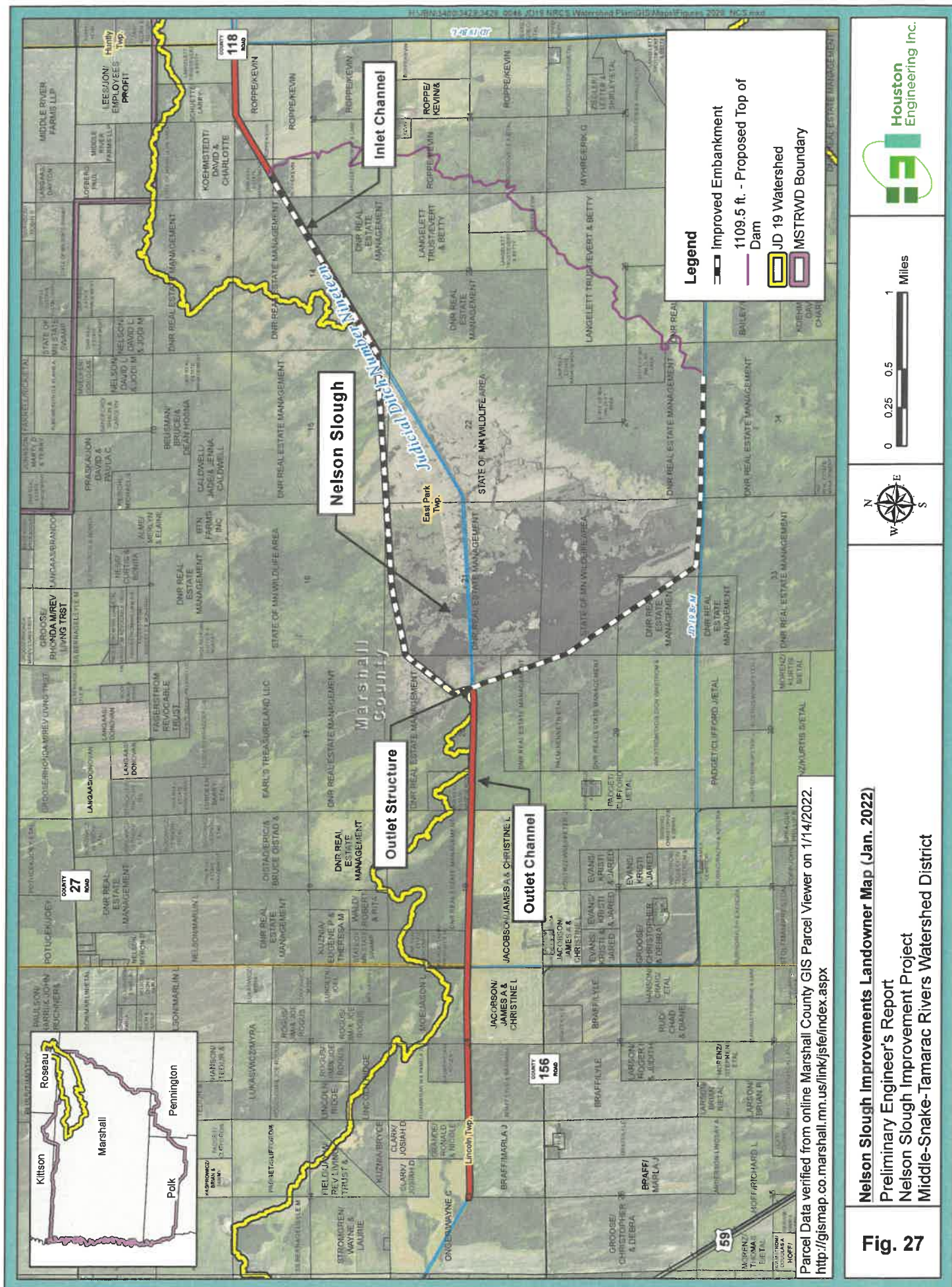
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Sections 13 & 23, East Park Twp. (T158N, R44W)

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| TAX NAME | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | SECTION | PARCEL ID | PERM FLOWAGE EASEMENT (AC) |
|--|----------|-------|---------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| ROPPE/KEVIN | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0065-000 | 10.6 |
| LANGELETT/GEORGE & LARA | 158 | 44 | 13 | 12-0067-000 | 14.2 |
| LANGELETT/EVERT & BETTY/IRREVOCALBE TRUST | 158 | 44 | 23 | 12-0075-000 | 54.3 |



Nelson Slough Improvements Landowner Map (Jan. 2022)
 Preliminary Engineer's Report
 Nelson Slough Improvement Project
 Middle-Shake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District

Fig. 27

