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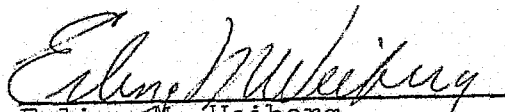
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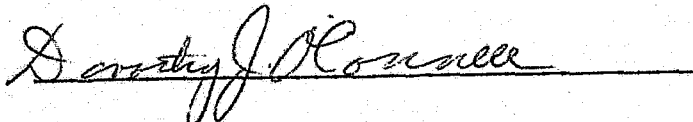
ERLING M. WEIBERG, being first duly sworn on oath,
deposes and says:

THAT HE IS the Administrative Secretary of the
Water Resources Board; that he has compared the attached
copy of an Order relating to Buffalo Creek Watershed
District, dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, the 30th day
of January 1969, with the original thereof on file in
his official custody; and


THAT SAID COPY is a true and correct copy of said
original and the whole thereof.


Erling M. Weiberg
Administrative Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 6th day of Feb. 1969.



DOROTHY J. O'CONNELL
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn.
My Commission Expires Jan. 11, 1970.

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In the Matter of the Petition
for the Establishment of the
Buffalo Creek Watershed District,
located in the Counties of
Kandiyohi, McLeod, Renville,
Sibley, and Carver.

FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
ORDER

A nominating petition, initiated by the County Boards of Commissioners of McLeod, Sibley and Carver, having been filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board on July 18, 1967, praying for the establishment of a watershed district to be known as Buffalo Creek Watershed District, and the appointment of a Board of Managers thereto, for the general purposes of managing and making provident use of the waters and natural resources within the Buffalo Creek watershed, by controlling and alleviating flood water damage to lands in the Buffalo Creek flood plain; and, to improve stream channels and other watercourses for drainage and any other public purpose; to regulate the flow of water and conserve the waters of the basin for beneficial purposes and prevent

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damage to roads, bridges, and other public and private improvements within the watershed; to adopt preventive and remedial measures for the control or alleviation of land and soil erosion and siltation of watercourses or bodies of water affected thereby; to provide and conserve water for industrial, domestic, agricultural, recreational or other public use;

To modify, consolidate and coordinate existing public drainage systems within the watershed; to regulate improvements by riparian landowners of the beds, banks, and shores of lakes, streams, and marshes by permit or otherwise in order to preserve the same for beneficial use; to provide wildlife and recreational areas, such as parks and camps by controlling, preserving, and regulating waters through reclaiming and filling wet and overflowed lands, and acquiring lands where necessary and in the public interest;

To create new artificial water storage sites and maintain and improve existing natural storage areas such as lakes and marshes within the watershed, and to provide a plan for the orderly management of waters for all beneficial purposes under provisions of Minnesota Laws of 1955, Chapter 799, as amended;

And the Board on February 9, 1968, having ordered a hearing to be held on said petition on the 28th day of March 1968 at 10:00 A.M., CST, in the Auditorium, Hector Community School, Hector, Minnesota;

And the Board was informed at a meeting on March 27, 1968, that there was not due notice given to owners of lands in Renville County because of the failure of publication of its Notice of Hearing in a legal newspaper in Renville County. On March 28, 1968 the Board convened its scheduled hearing and continued said hearing to 10:00 A.M. CST, on April 25, 1968 at the same location and caused publication to be made in a Renville County newspaper and having held said continued hearing on April 25, 26, 30, May 1 and 2, 1968;

And Mr. Frank J. Murray, Special Assistant Attorney General, St. Paul, Mr. Richard Hessburg, Special Assistant Attorney General, St. Paul, Mr. Erling M. Weiberg, Administrative Secretary for the Minnesota Water Resources Board, St. Paul, having appeared for the Board; Mr. John Keefe, McLeod County Attorney, Hutchinson, and Mr. Raymond A. Haik, Attorney, Minneapolis, having appeared for the petitioners; Mr. Thomas J. Simmons, Renville County Attorney, Olivia, having appeared for the Renville County Board of Commissioners, and others; Mr. Cedric

Williams, having appeared for the Village of Hector; Mr. DePaul Willette, Attorney, Olivia, Mr. James Zeug, Attorney, Olivia, and Mr. W. C. Nelson, Attorney, Fairfax, having appeared for the objectors to the establishment of said watershed district; Mr. Donald Hunter, Attorney, New Ulm, having appeared for the managers of the High Island Watershed District; and other persons having appeared, some for and some against the establishment of a watershed district;

And Mr. Rector H. Putnam, member and Secretary of the Board, Blue Earth, having removed himself from all hearings, deliberations, and decision-making, as the record shows, in the above matter because of his interest in land within the proposed watershed district;

And, the Board having heard the testimony and evidence offered and having duly considered the same, and having considered all the records and files of the Board relating to said petition and other data relating to the matter, now makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. A duly executed nominating petition by the County Boards of Commissioners of McLeod, Sibley and Carver Counties was filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board on July 18, 1967. Filed with the nominating petition were the required proofs of service.

II. On February 9, 1968, having found the nominating petition to be sufficient, the Board ordered a hearing to be held at 10:00 A.M., March 28, 1968, in the Auditorium, Hector Community School, Hector, Minnesota, 55342. At a meeting in Hector on March 27, 1968, the Board was informed that the owners of lands of concern in the Buffalo Creek watershed in Renville County had not been given proper notice, due to the failure to publish the Board's Notice of Hearing in a legal newspaper in Renville County, as ordered. The Board convened its scheduled hearing at 10:00 A.M., March 28, 1968 and continued said hearing to 10:00 A.M., April 25, 1968 and caused its Notice of Hearing to be published in a legal newspaper in Renville County. Proper Notices of Hearings having been given, the Board held said hearing on April 25, 26 and 30; May 1 and May 2, 1968.

III. Due and proper notice was given to the owners of all lands affected by publication in appropriate legal newspapers.

IV. The Director of the Division of Waters, Soils and Minerals, Department of Conservation, filed a written preliminary report with the Board based upon the nominating petition and other available data in his file. The Director's report was received in evidence at the hearing and was supported by oral testimony. The Director recommended the establishment of the proposed district.

V. The following facts are found to exist:

A. The source of Buffalo Creek is essentially in the northeast corner of Renville County. The Creek traverses through the northeast part of Renville County easterly and southerly to the McLeod County line; thence continues easterly and southerly in the south edge of McLeod County to the extreme northwest corner of New Auburn Township, (Township 114 North, Range 28 West) Sibley County, where it continues easterly and northerly in McLeod County to its confluence with the South Fork of Crow River in Camden Township, (Township 116 North, Range 26 West) Carver County.

B. The watershed of Buffalo Creek is the most southerly sub-watershed of the Crow River. Buffalo Creek terminates where it flows into the South Fork of the Crow River northeast of the Village of Plato. The South Fork of the Crow River joins the North Fork of the Crow River near Rockford to become the Crow River, which outlets into the Mississippi River near Dayton.

C. Lands of the watershed which contribute runoff water to Buffalo Creek are located in extreme southeast Kandiyohi County, northeast Renville County, south and east McLeod County, extreme northwest Sibley County and eastern Carver County. The area of Buffalo Creek watershed

is about 415 square miles, of which over half is in the upper reaches of the watershed lying in Renville and Kandiyohi Counties.

D. At a point on the north ridge line of the watershed in Kandiyohi County the elevation is approximately 1,145 feet above sea level. In the vicinity of the junction of the Buffalo Creek with the South Fork of the Crow River the elevation is approximately 945 feet above sea level. The watershed extends approximately 50 miles from east to west.

E. To the south of Buffalo Creek watershed and adjoining it is the watershed of the High Island Creek, a tributary of the Minnesota River. This Board has established the High Island Watershed District, which includes all lands contributing runoff to High Island Creek. The portion of the divide which is common to the two watersheds extends generally eastward from the southwest corner of Township 114 North, Range 32 West (Martinsburg Township) in Renville County to the northwest corner of Township 114 North, Range 27 West (Green Isle Township) in Sibley County.

F. The Board found that no runoff water from Meeker County flows into the Buffalo Creek watershed.

G. The Board took judicial notice of the Surveyor General Land Office Plats of original land surveys, made in the late 1850's, of the townships involved in this proceeding. In the 1850's the combined area of all of the meandered and non-meandered lakes, sloughs and marshes in the Buffalo Creek watershed was approximately 40 square miles or nearly 10 percent of the total area. Today the combined area in the remaining meandered lakes is about 7 square miles or less than 2 percent of the total watershed area. The area of marshes and sloughs that remains is not known, but their aggregate area is presumed to be relatively small.

H. Since the late 1850's the character of the watershed in many respects has been altered by man. One of the most prominent alterations has been the construction of public ditches, both open and tiled, in various parts of the watershed. This has been accomplished under Minnesota public drainage laws.

I. The natural appearance of the watercourse of Buffalo Creek has been substantially changed in certain places by the construction of drainage ditches. Beginning at the Renville-McLeod County line and proceeding upstream, the creek has been modified by a part of Judicial Ditch No. 15 and by Judicial Ditch No. 28-A and Judicial Ditch No. 27.

TABLE I
DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - BUFFALO CREEK - RENVILLE COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1.	*J.D. No. 27 and Laterals	1954	81.6	46.6
2.	J.D. No. 28-A and Lateral	1959	111.2	15.1

J. So far as it appears from the record the natural state of Buffalo Creek, from the Renville-McLeod County line in Section 30, Township 115 North, Range 30 West to its confluence with the South Fork of the Crow River, has not been altered.

K. Within the watershed, in Kandiyohi and Renville Counties, the following ditch systems, including laterals and branches, have been established and are tributary from the north and east to Buffalo Creek:

* In the above table and elsewhere herein the abbreviations J.D. and C.D. mean Judicial Ditch System and County Ditch System respectively. Some Judicial Ditch Systems in the Buffalo Creek watershed are wholly within one county.

TABLE II

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - KANDIYOHI AND RENVILLE COUNTIES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed</u>	<u>Ditches</u>
			<u>Area</u> Est. Sq. Miles	<u>Open & Tile</u> Miles
1.	J.D. No. 2 and Laterals	1908	57.4	54.0
2.	J.D. No. 9, Laterals and Branches	1911	10.9	16.0
3.	C.D. No. 4 1898	24.0	27.5
4.	C.D. No. 7A	1901	8.5	9.6
5.	C.D. No. 48	1911	1.2	5.0
6.	C.D. No. 65	1915	2.6	6.1
7.	C.D. No. 67	1916	9.0	26.7
8.	C.D. No. 134	1958	3.0	5.3
9.	C.D. No. 137	1959	0.6	1.8

L. To the north and east of Buffalo Creek in parts of Boon Lake and Preston Lake Townships, Renville County, excess water flows off certain lands through County Ditch No. 132 to Allie Lake, thence through a natural channel to Preston Lake, into which County Ditch No. 133 empties from the northeast. There is a natural watercourse leading southwesterly from Preston Lake to Judicial Ditch No. 28-A. In the latter natural watercourse a concrete carp barrier exists.

TABLE III

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - RENVILLE COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1.	C.D. No. 132	1958	6.0	9.3
2.	C.D. No. 133	1958	3.5	5.5

M. The drainage systems shown in Tables I, II and III above, afford excess water removal from about one half of the area in Renville County and all of the land in Kandiyohi County within the watershed.

N. The remaining watershed area in Renville County is essentially drained by Judicial Ditch System No. 15, including its laterals or branches, together with County Ditches Numbers 33, 114, and 129. Judicial Ditch System No. 15 outlets into Buffalo Creek in Section 15, Township 115 North, Range 31 West, at the downstream terminus of Judicial Ditch No. 28-A, and Buffalo Creek from this point to the Renville County-McLeod County boundary in Section 25, Township 115 North, Range 31 West, is part of Judicial Ditch No. 15.

TABLE IV

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - RENVILLE COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>Established</u>	<u>Watershed</u>	<u>Ditches</u>
			<u>Area</u> Est. Sq. Miles	<u>Open & Tile</u> Miles
1.	J.D. No. 15-Laterals and Branches*	1923	112.0	505.5
2.	C.D. No. 33	1906	1.2	1.6
3.	C.D. No. 114	1952	1.2	3.5
4.	C.D. No. 129	1957	2.5	3.0

* Involves a small part of Section 30, Township 115 North, Range 30 West (McLeod County) and approximately 980 acres in Township 114 North, Range 31 West (Sibley County).

O. Drainage systems constructed during the period 1897 to 1915, within the watershed area of Judicial Ditch No. 15 in Renville County, have been incorporated into Judicial Ditch No. 15.

P. About $1\frac{1}{2}$ square miles of land in Renville County drain into Judicial Ditch No. 4 (Renville-Sibley). This system also drains about $4\frac{1}{2}$ square miles in McLeod County. Judicial Ditch No. 4 outlets into the north side of Buffalo Creek in Section 20, Township 115 North, Range 30 West, McLeod County. It is estimated that there are $6\frac{3}{4}$ miles of open ditch and tile in Judicial Ditch No. 4 established in 1913.

Q. The following McLeod County Drainage Systems enter Buffalo Creek from the north side:

TABLE V
DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - MC LEOD COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1.	C.D. No. 12-A	1906	6.0	Est. 6.0
2.	C.D. No. 33	1920	2.0	5.4
3.	C.D. No. 15	1944	2.3	3.2

R. The following McLeod County Drainage Systems enter Buffalo Creek from the south side:

TABLE VI
DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - MC LEOD COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1.	C.D. No. 28	1916	3.8	7.2
2.	C.D. No. 30	1917	4.0	6.9
3.	C.D. No. 64	1967	2.8	4.9

S. Judicial Ditch No. 8 (Sibley and McLeod) enters Buffalo Creek from the south in Section 16, Township 115 North, Range 27 West, McLeod County. Approximately 2 square miles of land in Sibley County, Sections 5 and 6, Township 114 North, Range 27 West, contribute runoff to the system. This system is located in the southeast corner of Township 115 North, Range 27 West, McLeod County:

TABLE VII

DRAINAGE SYSTEM DATA - MC LEOD AND SIBLEY COUNTIES

<u>Item</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year Established</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1.	J.D. No. 8	1917	14.0	Est. 24.2

T. The following table shows the establishment of Judicial Ditch projects in the watershed arranged by decades:

TABLE VIII

ESTABLISHMENT OF JUDICIAL DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN WATERSHED
BY DECADES

<u>Period</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Watershed Area Est. Sq. Miles</u>	<u>Ditches Open & Tile Miles</u>
1900 - 1909	1 (1908)	42.0	15.9
1910 - 1919	2	20.4	36.4
1920 - 1929	1	100.0	500.0
1930 - 1939	None		
1940 - 1949	None		
1950 - 1959	11	193.2	52.1
1960 - 1967	2	4.5	1.8
TOTALS	17	360.1	606.2

U. The following two tables show the establishment of County Ditch projects in the watershed arranged by decades:

TABLE IX

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN RENVILLE COUNTY
IN THE WATERSHED-BY DECADES

<u>Period</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Watershed Area</u> Est. Sq. Miles	<u>Ditches Open & Tile</u> Miles
1900 - 1909	1 (1906)	1.2	1.6
1910 - 1919	5	36.3	58.7
1920 - 1929	None		
1930 - 1939	None		
1940 - 1949	1	1.0	3.6
1950 - 1959	21	50.7	92.2
1960 - 1967	6	7.6	14.6
TOTALS	34	96.8	170.7

TABLE X

ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY DRAINAGE PROJECTS IN MC LEOD COUNTY
IN THE WATERSHED-BY DECADES

<u>Period</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Watershed Area</u> Est. Sq. Miles	<u>Ditches Open & Tile</u> Miles
1900 - 1909	None		
1910 - 1919	2	7.8	14.1
1920 - 1929	1	1.4	5.4
1930 - 1939	None		
1940 - 1949	1	2.3	3.2
1950 - 1959	1	0.9	0.4
1960 - 1967	3	8.0	16.6
TOTALS	8	20.4	39.7

V. In addition to the above facts relating to public drainage systems, much private ditching has occurred within the watershed. A study of the map in the Division of Waters, Soils and Minerals exhibit reveals a large

community system in the southeast corner of Township 115 North, Range 27 West (McLeod County) and extending into certain sections of Township 115 North, Range 26 West (Carver County). The outlet of this system is Buffalo Creek in Section 15, Township 115 North, Range 27 West. A similar unidentified system is located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 114 North, Range 29 West, (McLeod County) and Sections 5 and 6, Township 114 North, Range 28 West (Sibley County) with its outlet into Buffalo Creek in Section 5, Township 114 North, Range 28 West (McLeod County). An inspection of recent annual reports of the Renville and McLeod Soil and Water Conservation Districts shows that work activity in both of these districts has been an aid to farmers in drainage matters, commonly referred to as "on-the-farm drainage".

W. Agricultural pursuits and related services is the major economic activity within the watershed. In the upper reaches of the watershed agricultural crop production of corn, soybeans and small grains predominates. In the lower reaches livestock enterprises are important, especially dairy. A large number of landowners in Buffalo Creek watershed have provided for drainage which involves the removal of excess water from the land by artificial means.

X. Census figures show that the average size of a farm in Renville County is 241 acres, and 148 acres in McLeod County.

Y. An excellent system of state, county, township and private roads exists in the watershed. U.S. Highway No. 212 passes through the watershed from east to west, closely paralleling Buffalo Creek, and is an important arterial route from the watershed eastward to the Twin City Metropolitan Area. State Highway No. 22 crosses the easterly part of the watershed from north to south and passes through Glencoe, McLeod County.

Z. A major county seat in the watershed, Glencoe, is situated mostly on the north side of Buffalo Creek. The Village of Brownton, located near Lake Addie, is on Buffalo Creek. Among the other communities in the watershed from east to west in McLeod County, are Plato, part of Stewart, and in Renville County, are Buffalo Lake and Hector. The water supply for these communities is obtained by wells from underground sources.

AA. Fox Lake in Renville and Kandiyohi Counties, Swan Lake in Renville County, three unnamed lakes in McLeod County, one unnamed lake in Sibley and McLeod Counties, have been drained. Berges Lake, in Sections 2 and 11, Township 114 North, Range 28 West (Sibley County) does not

now exist as a lake. An unmarked drainage system, presumably private, traverses the lake area and surrounding land to outlet into Buffalo Creek in Section 34, Township 115 North, Range 28 West, McLeod County.

There are several meandered lakes now within the watershed:

TABLE XI

MEANDERED LAKES WITHIN WATERSHED

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Lake Name</u>	<u>Size Acres</u>
1.	Renville County	Preston Lake	659
		Allie Lake	479
		Hodgson Lake	150
		Phare Lake	139
2.	McLeod County	Clear Lake	80
		Lake Mary	106
		Lake Addie	271
		Marion Lake	518
		Lake Barber	129
		Whitney Lake	220
3.	Sibley County	Eagle Lake	390
		Schilling Lake	810

There are a number of unnamed lakes within the watershed situated mostly in McLeod County.

BB. There is within the watershed publicly-owned land used for wildlife purposes. This land is at the following locations:

TABLE XII

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS IN MC LEOD COUNTY

<u>Item</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Size</u>
1.	Section 34, Township 116 North, Range 30 West	280 Acres
2.	Sections 32 and 33, Township 116 North, Range 30 West and Sections 4 and 5, Township 115 North, Range 30 West	536 Acres

A 160-acre tract in Section 34, Township 115 North, Range 29 West, McLeod County, remains as a remnant of the virgin prairie in this part of the state. The Minnesota Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, Inc., a private corporation, is the owner of the tract, known as the Schaefer Prairie Preserve. Approximately 1,000 acres, both privately and publicly owned, are reserved for wildlife, park and aesthetic purposes within the watershed.

CC. The Board estimates that the population of the entire watershed numbers approximately 13,000, distributed as follows:

TABLE XIII

ESTIMATED POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

<u>Item</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Number</u>
1.	Kandiyohi County	76
2.	Renville County	4,970
3.	McLeod County	7,664
4.	Sibley County	148
5.	Carver County	40
	TOTAL	12,898

DD. Floods have occurred on the lands in Buffalo Creek watershed in 1859, 1878, 1896, 1918, 1924, 1930, 1940, 1943, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1967 and 1968. Occasionally some floods have occurred throughout the watershed, as in the case of the "Great Flood" of 1965. The years of occurrence of some of the earliest floods, as noted above, was made a part of the record by reference to historical papers. Floods of recent times were recalled by many witnesses. In some of the years listed above, floods have occurred, more than once a year on some of the land in the watershed depending upon the rainfall pattern. Others have resulted from spring thaw or storms, or a combination of both. Some land in the lower reaches along Buffalo Creek is subject to flooding even without precipitation in the immediate area. Sometimes storms have passed over the watershed miles upstream and days earlier.

EE. The City of Glencoe, county seat of McLeod County, is located mostly on the north bank of Buffalo Creek. Buffalo Creek flows through part of the city. Floods have caused the closing of bridges over the Creek within the City. In the 1965 flood, city lift stations for sanitary sewers had to be sandbagged to prevent damage. High water in Buffalo Creek has caused ground water to back up into the city sanitary sewer system. This increased the load on the sewage plant and resulted in higher plant operating costs.

FF. Flood waters have interfered with timely spring planting of crops on lands in the lower and upper reaches of Buffalo Creek, notwithstanding the extensive public ditch systems established, as noted above, and the on-the-farm drainage facilities that some landowners have established.

GG. Pasture lands used for grazing or for hay production adjacent to Buffalo Creek in the lower reaches have been frequently flooded. Photographic evidence showed water standing in some fields of hay in windrows, interfering with the normal haying process and resulting in the loss of crops or damage to the quality of the crop. The loss of the hay crop due to flooding has been extensive enough to deprive some dairy operators of the needed quantities of home-grown feed for winter feeding of their dairy herds.

HH. In recent years the increase in the frequency of flooding of some land along the lower reaches of Buffalo Creek has required farmers to alter drastically their farm operations. Some farmers were compelled to use cropland for pasturing livestock. Others were forced to abandon the use of flooded land for all agricultural purposes.

II. Bridges and culverts of the road system in the watershed have presumably been provided to permit the unobstructed flow of water in Buffalo Creek and its tributaries. In times of flooding, the frequency of which has increased in recent years, many of the bridges in the watershed have been damaged by high water. This has resulted in increased repair costs.. Some bridges were raised to accommodate the anticipated flood water. Road grades, adjacent to the bridges and culverts, also had to be raised. Public safety and convenience is involved in such instances.

JJ. Under flood conditions top soil is carried from flooded fields by the runoff water into the watercourses and deposited on the flood plain or in the channel of Buffalo Creek. In some instances of flooding, sand has been deposited upon the land adjacent to the banks of Buffalo Creek.

KK. A number of witnesses recalled that, in their boyhood days, fishing was good in Buffalo Creek. Today the creek is not generally used by fishermen. This appears to be due partly to the fluctuation of the water level or the turbidity of the water. A continuous problem in waterways that have fishing potential is the presence of rough fish.

LL. There have been many inconveniences to the residents of the watershed caused by flood waters. In the spring break-up period school bus routes have been affected and the transport of children to and from school has not been normal. In the McLeod County area of the watershed, floods have interfered with the movement of milk to markets. Mail service has been interrupted in the lower reaches of Buffalo Creek. The delay in restoring this service was extensive in some cases because of the necessary length of time required to repair damaged bridges. Telephone service, in a few cases, was disrupted because of floods. Organizations or groups within some local communities have expended their own resources to help flooded farmers by supplying them with needed feed or by hauling their livestock and milk to their community markets. Summer floods have also prevented some farmers from using pastures for a period of time. This had necessitated the unplanned use of feed stuffs that would be held normally for the winter supply. Because of summer floods farmers, in some cases, have had to detour to work fields.

MM. Flood waters have caused damage to some farm buildings. A creamery in Glencoe has been required at times to protect its property by sandbagging and to remove some of its supplies and goods to a higher storage site because of actual or anticipated flood waters. Many of the farmers along the lower reaches of Buffalo Creek have suffered from flood waters which damaged fences and deposited debris on the land. Some fences have had to be repaired or replaced and the debris removed from the fences and farm land.

NN. Pollution of Buffalo Creek from various sources has occurred. The effluent of the sewage treatment plants of Glencoe and Stewart outlets into Buffalo Creek. There are other communities located near Buffalo Creek that are discharging untreated sewage into Buffalo Creek. Certain farmers, who live along Buffalo Creek below the City of Glencoe, indicated that in the summertime there are undesirable odors coming from the stream; that at times dairy cattle will not drink the water from the stream; and, in recent times, an appreciable fish kill occurred in Buffalo Creek close to the community of Plato.

OO. With regard to the effects of removal of excess water within the watershed, the record shows a lack of coordination between the counties and landowners affected.

Some natural storage areas in the watershed have disappeared. Ditches exist in most all areas of the watershed for the removal of excess water. More than half of the total drained areas in the watershed has been drained in the last 17 years of a 60-year drainage history. Flooding in the lower reaches of Buffalo Creek watershed may be attributed, to a considerable extent, to the man-made changes in the natural water storage areas and watercourses in several parts of the watershed and to other modifications affecting some of the land surface.

VI. The name of the proposed watershed district is to be the Buffalo Creek Watershed District.

VII. A Board of Managers of five residents of the proposed watershed district is to govern the watershed district.

VIII. The proposed watershed district will be for the public welfare and in the public interest and the purposes of the Minnesota Watershed Act will be subserved by the establishment of the watershed district.

Upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Board makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IX. The Minnesota Water Resources Board has jurisdiction in the matter of the establishment of the proposed watershed district.

X. The public welfare and public interest will be served by the establishment of the watershed district and purposes of the Minnesota Watershed Act will be subserved by the establishment of the proposed watershed district.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

XI. That the Buffalo Creek Watershed District is hereby established and given the corporate name of Buffalo Creek Watershed District by which name it shall hereafter be known and it shall have all authority, powers and duties as provided by law.

XII. The approximate area of the Buffalo Creek Watershed District is 415 square miles. The territory of Buffalo Creek Watershed District includes all 40-acre tracts of land, some of which may be fractional, or tracts of land of less than 40 acres or parts thereof, all government lots or parts thereof, and all lots of lands within platted areas. The lands of Buffalo Creek Watershed District are hereby described below:

I. Kandiyohi County 5th Principal Meridian

A. Township 117 North, Range 35 West (Roseland)

	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section 25
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36.

B. Township 117 North, Range 34 West (Lake Lillian)

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Section 19
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 19
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 20
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 21
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 28
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 28
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 28
All of Section	" 29
NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 30
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 30
S $\frac{1}{2}$	" 30
All of Sections	" 31, 32, 33
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
S $\frac{1}{2}$	" 34
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 35
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 35
NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 35
S $\frac{1}{2}$	" 35
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36.

C. Township 117 North, Range 33 West (East Lake Lillian)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section 34
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 34
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 35
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 35
S $\frac{1}{2}$	" 35
SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 36.

II. Renville County 5th Principal Meridian

A. Township 116 North, Range 35 West (Winfield)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 1.

B. Township 116 North, Range 34 West (Kingman)

All of Sections Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ " 6
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 6
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 6

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 9

All of Sections " 10, 11, 12, 13

N $\frac{1}{2}$ " 14
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 14

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ " 15
 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 16

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ " 23

All of Section " 24

N $\frac{1}{2}$ " 25
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 25

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 26.

C. Township 115 North, Range 34 West (Bird Island)

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 12

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ " 13

C. Township 115 North, Range 34 West (Bird Island) (Cont.)

$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	Section	24
$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	24
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	25
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	25
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	25
$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	25
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	35
All of Section	"	36.

D. Township 114 North, Range 34 West (Norfolk)

All of Section	Section	1
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	12.

E. Township 116 North, Range 33 West (Osceola)

$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	Section	1
All of Sections	"	2 through 11 inclusive
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	12
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	12
$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	12
All of Sections	"	13 through 30 inclusive
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $N\frac{1}{2}$	"	31
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	31
$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	31
All of Sections	"	32 through 36.

F. Township 115 North, Range 33 West (Melville)

All of Sections	Section	1 through 4
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
$S\frac{1}{2}$	"	7

F. Township 115 North, Range 33 West (Melville) (Cont.)

All of Sections Section 8 through 17 inclusive

$N\frac{1}{2}$ " 18
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 18

All of Sections " 19 through 36.

G. Township 114 North, Range 33 West (Palmyra)

All of Sections Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 7

$N\frac{1}{2}$ " 8
 $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ " 8
 $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 8
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 8

All of Sections " 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

$NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 15
 $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ " 15
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ " 15
 $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 15
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 15

$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 16

$NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 24
 $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 24
 $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 24.

H. Township 116 North, Range 32 West (Brookfield)

$S\frac{1}{2}$ Section 7

$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 8
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ " 8

$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 $SW\frac{1}{4}$ " 9
 $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ " 9

$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ " 11
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ " 11
 $S\frac{1}{2}$ " 11

H. Township 116 North, Range 32 West (Brookfield) (Cont.)

$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Section	12
$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	12
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
$S\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
$NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
$S\frac{1}{2}$	"	13
All of Section	"	14
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	15
$NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	15
$S\frac{1}{2}$	"	15
All of Sections	"	16 through 36 inclusive.

I. Township 115 North, Range 32 West (Hector)

All of Sections	Section	1 through 25 inclusive
$N\frac{1}{2}$	"	26
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $S\frac{1}{2}$	"	26
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	26
$N\frac{1}{2}$	"	27
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	27
$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	27
All of Sections	"	28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	34
$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	34
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	36
$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	36.

J. Township 114 North, Range 32 West (Martinsburg)

	N $\frac{1}{2}$	Section	4
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
All of Sections			5, 6, 7, 8
	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9
	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9
	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
All of Sections			17, 18, 19
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	20
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	20
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	20
	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	20
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	29
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	29
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	29
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	29
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	30
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	30.

K. Township 116 North, Range 31 West (Boon Lake)

	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	9
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
	W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	16
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16

K. Township 116 North, Range 31 West (Boon Lake) (Cont.)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	17
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	17
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	18
Government Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	"	18
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	18
All of Section Including All Government Lots Thereof	"	19
All of Sections	"	20, 21
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	23
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	23
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	24
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	24
All of Sections	"	25, 26, 27, 28, 29
All of Sections Including All Government Lots Thereof	"	30, 31
All of Sections	"	32, 33, 34, 35, 36.

L. Township 115 North, Range 31 West (Preston Lake)

All of Sections	Section	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
All of Sections Including All Government Lots Thereof	"	6, 7
All of Sections	"	8 through 17 inclusive
All of Sections Including All Government Lots Thereof	"	18, 19
All of Sections	"	20 through 29 inclusive
All of Section Including All Government Lots Thereof	"	30

L. Township 115 North, Range 31 West (Preston Lake) (Cont.)

	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	31
All 16 Government Lots		"	31
	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	31
	N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	32
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$		"	32
	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	32
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	32
	N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	33
	SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	33
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$		"	33
	NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	34
	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	34
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$		"	34
	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	34

That part of the Section
 lying north of the right-of-way
 of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St.
 Paul and Pacific Railroad Company
 in the Section " 35

That part of the Section
 lying north of the right-of-way
 of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St.
 Paul and Pacific Railroad Company
 in the Section " 36.

III. McLeod County 5th Principal Meridian

A. Township 116 North, Range 30 West (Lynn)

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	16
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	17
	"	18
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	18
	"	18
	"	18

A. Township 116 North, Range 30 West (Lynn) (Cont.)

All of Sections	Section 19, 20
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 21
SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 21
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 21
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 22
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 25
W $\frac{1}{2}$	" 26
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 26
All of Sections	" 27 through 36 inclusive.

B. Township 115 North, Range 30 West (Collins)

All of Sections	Section 1 through 30 inclusive
All land in Section 31 lying north of the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in the section including any of the platted territory in the Village of Steward, lying north of the Railroad Company right-of-way	" 31
All land in Section 32 lying north of the right-of-way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company in the Section	" 32
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	" 33
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 33
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	" 33
All of Sections	" 34, 35, 36.

C. Township 114 North, Range 30 West (Round Grove)

		$N\frac{1}{2}$	Section	1
	$NE\frac{1}{4}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of	$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
	$N\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
		$N\frac{1}{2}$	"	2
	$N\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	2
		$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	2
		$NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
	$N\frac{1}{2}$ of	$NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
	$N\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
	$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of	$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	3.

D. Township 116 North, Range 29 West (Hassen Valley)

	$S\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	Section	29
		$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	30
	$W\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	30
	$SE\frac{1}{4}$ of	$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	30
All of	Section		"	31
	$SW\frac{1}{4}$ of	$NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	32
		$W\frac{1}{2}$	"	32
		$SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	32
	$W\frac{1}{2}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	33.

E. Township 115 North, Range 29 West (Sumter)

		$NW\frac{1}{4}$	Section	4
	$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of	$SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
All of	Sections		"	5, 6, 7
	$W\frac{1}{2}$ of	$E\frac{1}{2}$	"	8
		$W\frac{1}{2}$	"	8
	$S\frac{1}{2}$ of	$NE\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
		$S\frac{1}{2}$	"	13

E. Township 115 North, Range 29 West (Sumter) (Cont.)

S $\frac{1}{2}$	Section	14
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	15
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	16
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	16

All of Sections " 17 through 36 inclusive.

F. Township 114 North, Range 29 West (Penn)

All of Sections Section 1, 2

N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4

All of Section " 5

N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	6
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	6
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	6

N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	11
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N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	12.
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G. Township 115 North, Range 28 West (Glencoe)

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	1
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	1

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	2
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	2
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	2

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
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G. Township 115 North, Range 28 West (Glencoe) (Cont.)

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	4
	"	9
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9
	"	9
	"	9
All of Sections	"	10 through 16 inclusive
	"	17
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17
	"	17
	"	17
All of Sections	"	18 through 36 inclusive.

H. Township 116 North, Range 27 West (Bergen)

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	13
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
	"	13
	"	14
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	14
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	14
	"	14
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	22
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	22
	"	22
All of Sections	"	23, 24
	"	25
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	25
	"	25
All of Section	"	26
	"	27
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	27
	"	27
	"	27
	"	34
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	34
	"	34
	"	34
All of Section	"	35
	"	36.
	"	36.

I. Township 115 North, Range 27 West (Helen)

All of Sections	Section	1, 2
	"	3
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	3
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	3
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4
S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	5
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	6
S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$	"	6
All of Sections	"	7 through 11 inclusive
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	12
W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	12
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	13
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	13
All of Sections	"	14 through 23 inclusive
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	24
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	24
W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	24
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	24
All of Sections	"	25 through 36 inclusive.

IV. Sibley County 5th Principal Meridian

A. Township 114 North, Range 31 West (Grafton)

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	4
W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	4
E $\frac{1}{2}$	"	5
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$	"	5
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 4	"	6
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	9.

B. Township 114 North, Range 28 West (New Auburn)

All of Sections	Section	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	8
All of Section	"	9
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	10
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	10
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	10
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	11
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	11
SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	11
All of Section	"	12
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	16
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	17.

C. Township 114 North, Range 27 West (Green Isle)

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	Section	1
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	1
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$	"	2
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	4
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	"	5
All of Section	"	6

C. Township 114 North, Range 27 West (Green Isle) (Cont.)

$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$	Section	7
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
$W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	"	7
$N\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$	"	8.

V. Carver County 5th Principal Meridian

A. Township 116 North, Range 26 West (Camden)

$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$	Section	18
$NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$	"	18
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B. Township 115 North, Range 26 West (Young America)

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XIII. The boundary of Buffalo Creek Watershed District is hereby declared to be determined and is defined as the extremity of the whole land area described in Paragraph XII above.

XIV. The Board of Managers of the Buffalo Creek Watershed District shall consist of five managers.

XV. The distribution of the managers among the affected counties is as follows:

1. McLeod County - Two Managers
2. Renville County - Two Managers
3. Sibley County - One Manager

XVI. One year beyond the date of this Order, when the managers will be appointed by the McLeod, Renville and Sibley County Boards of Commissioners, the distribution of the terms of managers shall be as follows:

1. Two Managers' Terms - Each for Three Years - McLeod County
2. Two Managers' Terms - Each for Two Years - Renville County
3. One Manager's Term - For One Year - Sibley County

After the expiration of the above terms of the managers appointed by the County Boards of Commissioners, the succeeding terms of each manager shall be for three years.

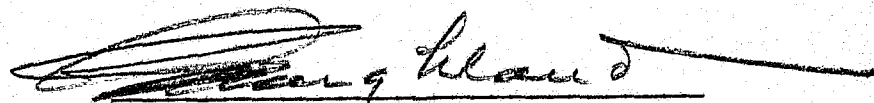
XVII. The first Board of Managers of the Buffalo Creek Watershed District, whose terms shall be for one year effective the date of this Order, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, is as follows:

1. Mr. Milo Ayer, Glencoe, Minnesota, 55336,
Sibley County;
2. Mr. Erwin Koebnick, Buffalo Lake, Minnesota,
55314, Renville County;
3. Mr. Norman Kottke, Stewart, Minnesota, 55385,
Renville County;
4. Mr. Arthur Lindeman, Brownton, Minnesota, 55312,
McLeod County;
5. Mr. Clarence Tonn, Brownton, Minnesota, 55312,
McLeod County.

XVIII. The principal place of business of the Buffalo
Creek Watershed District shall be located at Glencoe,
Minnesota.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 30th day of
January 1969.

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