STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY OF RAMSEY

official custody; and

AFFIDAVIT

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

THAT HE IS the Administrative Secretary for the Minnesota Water Resources Board; that he has compared the attached copy of an Order relating to the Petition for the Establishment of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties). dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the 5th day of November, 1971 , with the original thereof on file in his

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 26th day of 2000, 1970.

LEONA LEWIS

Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn. My Commission Expires June 3, 1975 STATE OF MINNESOTA. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

23030

In The Matter of the Petition for the Establishment of the <u>Yellow</u> Medicine River Watershed <u>District</u> (Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties).

ORDER

The Order of the Minnesota Water Resources Board dated August 27, 1971, entitled "In the Matter of the Petition for the Establishment of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (Lincoln, Lyon and Yellow Medicine Counties)", is amended to recognize the platting of Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 45 West, Lincoln County, by the Government Land Office at the time of the original land survey.

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. Upon examination of said Order by the County Auditor of Lincoln County and by the Board's office of their files and records in the above matter, it appears that the northerly part of Section 6 consists of four government lots, and not of the usual 320 acres evenly distributed between a northeast quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}$) and a northwest quarter ($NW\frac{1}{4}$) in a section.

II. Proper location of the boundary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District would include all land in Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 45 West, Lincoln County, in said watershed district.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

That in the Order of the Minnesota Water Resources III. Board in the above entitled matter, dated August 27, 1971, in Paragraph XIX, A., Item 5, on Page 28, should be and hereby is corrected as follows:

> Delete Α.

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B.

All of Section Section 6

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 55102, this 5th day of November, 1971, and effective immediately.

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Rector H. Putnam

Chairman

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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

Secretary for the THAT HE IS the Executive Minnesota Water Resources Board; that he has compared the attached copy of an Order relating to the Yellow

Medicine River Watershed District

dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the 20th day of July 1976, 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.

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Subscribed and sworm to before me this 37 day of

> DATAMARIAS. Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota My Commission Expires July 25, 1979

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF STATE JUL 2 71976

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In the Matter of the Petition for a Change of the Boundary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (Section 112.39, Subd. 4).

ORDER

Upon notice duly given, the above entitled matter came on for hearing before the appointed Referee of the Minnesota Water Resources Board on March 2, 1976, and April 20, 1976 at Minnesota, Minnesota, 56264, and the said Referee reported the matter to the Board as is in such case made and provided.

The Minnesota Water Resources Board having been duly advised in the premises and having fully considered the matter, now, therefore, does hereby,

ORDER

I. That there be and hereby is <u>excluded</u> from the territory of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District the following described tracts of land:

A. <u>L</u>	incoln Co	unty				5th	Prin	cipal	Meridia	ıΩ
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       Township 111 North, Range 43 West (Island Lake)
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II. That there be and hereby is added to and included in
   the territory of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed
   District the following described tracts of land:
     A. Lyon County
                                       5th Principal Meridian
           Township 113 North, Range 40 West (Lucas)
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     B. Yellow Medicine County
                                      5th Principal Meridian
           Township 115 North, Range 41 West (Friendship)
                     SEX of NEX
                                       Section 32.
III. That there be and hereby is excluded from the territory
   of the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District the
   following described tracts of land:
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1. Township 114 North, Range 38 West (Sioux Agency)

Yellow Medicine County

5th Principal Meridian

A. Yellow Medicine County

1. Township 115 North, Range 44 West (Oshkosh)

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2. Township 115 North, Range 43 West (Omro)

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IV. That there be and hereby is added to and is <u>included</u> in the territory of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District the following described tracts of land:

A. Yellow Medicine County 5th Principal Meridian

1. Township 115 North, Range 44 West (Oshkosh)

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2. Township 115 North, Range 43 West (Omro)

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V. That there be and hereby is <u>excluded</u> from the territory of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District the following described tract of land:

A. Yellow Medicine County 5th Principal Meridian

1. Township 115 North, Range 43 West (Omro)

NE% of NE% Section 21.

VI. That there be and hereby is added to and <u>included</u> in the territory of the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District the following described tract of land:

A. Yellow Medicine County 5th Principal Meridian

1. Township 115 North, Range 43 West (Omro)

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VII. That the Order of the Minnesota Water Resources Board dated August 27, 1971, defining the boundary of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District, and subsequent Board Orders amending the boundary of the said watershed district, be and hereby are amended to conform to the within Order and the boundary is changed accordingly.

- VIII. That the Order of the Minnesota Water Resources Board dated April 19, 1971, defining the boundary of the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District and subsequent Board Orders amending the boundary of the said watershed district, be and hereby are amended to conform to the within Order and the boundary is changed accordingly.
- IX. That the land excluded from the territory of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District and affected by this Order is subject to the requirement of law concerning indebtedness and current tax levies.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55102, this 20th day of July 1976 and effective immediately.

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

F. Robert Starr Vice Chairman

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Secretary of State

STATE OF MINNESOTA) COUNTY OF RAMSEY

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

THAT HE IS the Administrative Secretary for the Minnesota Water Resources Board; that he has compared the attached copy of an Order relating to the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District

dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, on the 27th day of August 1971, 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.

Administrative Segretary

Subscribed and sworp to before me this 3 day of Mot. 197/

GERALDINE R. LANASA Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minn. My Commission Expires, Jan. 24, 1978 #23030

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In the Matter of the Petition for the Establishment of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District (Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine Counties).

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, ORDER

A nominating petition, initiated by the County Boards of Commissioners of Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine Counties, was filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board on November 23, 1970, praying for the establishment of a Watershed District to be known as the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District, and the appointment of a Board of Managers thereto; all pursuant to Chapter 799, Minnesota Laws of 1955, as amended, also known as the Minnesota Watershed Act, Minnesota Statutes 1969, Chapter 112;

For the general purpose to provide an organization to conserve and make provident use of the waters and natural resources of the State within the territory to be included in the proposed district; to control or alleviate damage by flood waters; improve stream channels for drainage and public purposes; provide and conserve water for domestic, industrial, agricultural, recreational, and other public uses; provide for sanitation and public health and regulate the use of streams, ditches, or watercourses for the purpose of disposing of water; improve preventive or remedial measures for the control or alleviation of land and soil erosion and siltation of watercourses or bodies of water affected thereby;

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; regulate the flow of streams and conserving the waters thereof; diverting or changing watercourses in whole or in part; and to repair, improve, relocate, modify, consolidate, and abandon, in whole or in part, drainage systems within the district.

The Board on February 11, 1971, ordered a hearing on said nominating petition to be held on the 12th day of March 1971 at 10:00 A.M., in the American Legion Hall, Minneota, Lyon County, Minnesota, 56264.

Members of the Board appeared in person with the exception of Rector Putnam; with the Board was its Administrative Secretary, Erling Weiberg, and its Attorney, Daniel Farwell, Special Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Lee Doering, Marshall, Minnesota, Attorney, appeared on behalf of the petitioners. There were no appearances in opposition to the nominating petition.

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 nominating petition, and all other data available relating to the matter, now makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- I. A duly executed nominating petition, signed by the County Boards of Commissioners of Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine Counties, was filed with the Minnesota Water Resources Board on November 23, 1970. Filed with the nominating petition were the required Proofs of Service.
- II. On February 11, 1971, having found the nominating petition to be sufficient, the Board ordered a hearing on the matter, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 112.38, with the hearing to be held in the American Legion Hall, Minneota, Minnesota, 56264, at 10:00 A.M., on March 12, 1971. Proper notice of hearing having been given, the Board held said hearing on March 12, 1971.
- III. Due and proper notice was given to owners of all land affected by publication of the Board's Notice of Hearing in appropriate legal newspapers and by filing the same with the County Auditors of Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine Counties.

IV. The Director of the Division of Waters, Soils and Minerals, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, filed a 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.

A. The Watershed of the Yellow Medicine River is situated southwest of the Minnesota River and extends to the west boundary of the State of Minnesota. To the northwest side of the Yellow Medicine Watershed is the watershed of the Lac qui Parle River; the watershed of the Redwood River borders the southeast and south sides of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed. The Big Sioux Watershed is adjacent to the south side of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed in South Dakota and to the southwest portion thereof in Minnesota.

- B. The area in Minnesota within the watershed boundary is approximately 685 square miles. The area of the proposed Watershed District in Lincoln County is 271 square miles; in Lyon County, 155 square miles; and in Yellow Medicine County, 259 square miles.
- C. The extent of the watershed from north to south is 32 miles and from east to west, 50 miles.
- D. There is a small area in South Dakota which is tributary to the North Branch of the Yellow Medicine River.
- VI. The following topographic features and associated situations exist on the land surface of the watershed of the Yellow Medicine River:
 - A. A prominent geological feature of the proposed

 Watershed District is a large valley situated

 between the Big Stone Moraine to the northeast

 and a highland known as the Coteau des Prairies

 which consists of the Altamont-Gary moraine

 capping a bedrock feature lying towards the

 southwest. This valley is now occupied by

several old glacial drainage channels and by the Minnesota River, which lies along the northeast edge of the proposed Watershed District. The Yellow Medicine River and its tributaries flow down the northeast slope of the Altamont-Gary moraine and several lesser glacial moraines in South Dakota and Minnesota southwest of the Minnesota River. The southwest part of the area to be included in the proposed Watershed District lies on the northeast slope of the Coteau des Prairies.

B. Except for a small area near the mouth of the Yellow Medicine River, there is cretaceous shale underlying the glacial drift throughout the watershed. The glacial drift in the watershed in Lincoln County is several hundred feet thick in the Altamont moraine, but it becomes much thinner in the valley floor, being less than 50 feet thick at Ghent in Lyon County and about 100 feet thick at Hanley Falls.

- Medicine River watershed in Minnesota is between 1930 and 1940 feet above sea level.

 A small area along the watershed boundary in Section 30, Township 111 North, Range 46 West, Shaokatan Township, Lincoln County, is in this elevation range. Two areas in Sections 8, 9 and 16, Township 110 North, Range 46 West, Drammen Township, Lincoln County, are between 1970 and 1980 feet above sea level. However, the two areas in Drammen Township are not certainly in the Yellow Medicine River watershed and may be instead, in the Missouri River Basin.
- D. The Yellow Medicine River where it flows into the Minnesota River is between 860 and 870 feet above sea level. The range in elevations within the watershed is at least 1,060 feet and may be as much as 1,120 feet.
- E. The portion of the Yellow Medicine River watershed in South Dakota is between 1,840 and 1,950 feet above sea level.

VII. There are meandered lakes in the watershed, some of which have been drained. The lakes are as follows:

TABLE I				
LAKES IN THE WATERSHED DISTRICT				
	Lakes in Lir	coln Co	unty	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Sections</u>	Town- <u>ship</u>	Range	Meandered Area, Acres
Unnamed	2,3 34,35	110 111	44 44	394.99
Gislason	1	111	44	239.50
Unnamed	SW ¹ / ₄ of 6 E ¹ / ₂ of 6	111 111	44 44	75.10 63.83
Unnamed	19-20-29-30	111	44	60.50
Arco	28-33	111	44	90.10
Stay	29-32	111	44	197.72
West Stay	29-30-31-32	111	44	226.91
Hawks Nest	30-31 25-36	112 112	44 45	319.48
Rush	8-9-16-17	110	45	107.75
Bulowski	2-3-10-11	111	45	93.75
Anderson	6-7	111	45	299.78
Ash	8-17	111	45	258.60

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sections</u>	Town- ship	Range	Meandered Area, Acres
Lubowski	10-11-14-15	111	45	114.00
Curtis	19-30	111	45	232.57
Unnamed	35-36	111	45	272.77
Twin	2-3	112	45	232.10
Bukowski	15-16	112	45	192.62
Perch	16-17	112	45	234.55
Swanson	21-22-28	112	45	320.45
Swanson	22-27	112	45	95.70
Dietz	23-24	112	45	86.35
Lanes	28-29	112	45	245.20
Shaokatan	22-23-24- 26-27-28	111	46	1,249.00
Steep Bank	6 1 31	112 112 113	45 46 46	220.10
	Lakes in Lyc	n Coun	ty.	
Cottonwood	4-5-8-9	113	40	300.60
Lady Shoe	16-17-20-21	113	40	178.82

Lakes in Yellow Medicine County

<u>Name</u>	Sections	Town- ship Range	Meandered Area, Acres
North	13-22	114 41	
Spellemann	22-23	114 41	556.78
Miedd	23-26	114 41	
Unnamed	24-25	114 43	117.30
	TOTAL ME.	ANDERED AREA	7,076.97

VIII. There are the following municipalities and other public improvements on the land of the proposed Watershed District:

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TABLE II

COMMUNITIES IN THE WATERSHED	DISTRICT
Community County	Watershed Area
1. Village of Arco Lincoln	South Fork of Yellow Medicine River
2. Village of Ivanhoe Lincoln	Yellow Medicine River
3. Village of Cottonwood Lyon	A tributary to Yellow Medicine River

	Comm	<u> 1n1</u>	ty	County	Watershed Area
4.	Village	of	Minneota	Lyon	South Fork of Yellow Medicine River
5.	Village	of	Taunton	Lyon	A tributary to North Fork
6.	Village Falls	of	Hanley	Yellow Medicine	Yellow Medicine River
7•	Village	of	Hazel Run	Yellow Medicine	Spring Creek
8.	Village	of	Porter	Yellow Medicine	North Fork of Yellow Medicine
9.	Village	of	St. Leo	Yellow Medicine	Spring Creek

B. A number of public drain systems exist in the proposed Watershed District. An inspection of the map in the Director's Preliminary Report shows the following drain systems:

TABLE III

	PUBLIC DRAINAGE SYSTEMS - WITHIN SUB-WATERSHEDS				
	Number and Location by County				
	Sub-Watershed Area	County	*County Drainage Systems Identification *Includes Lateral and Branches	*Judicial Drainage Systems Identification s **Judicial System Within the County	
1.	South Branch	Lincoln	C-4		
2.	North Branch	Lincoln	C-8		
3.	South Branch	Lincoln	C-10 C-18		
			C-16 C-34 C-35A C-35B C-35C		
4.	Yellow Medicine River Yellow Medicine River	Lincoln	C-36 C-37		
5.	North Branch	Lincoln	0−3 9		
6.	South Branch	Lincoln	C-41		
7.	North Branch	Lincoln	C-45		
8.	South Branch	Lincoln	C-50		
9.	Yellow Medicine River	Lincoln		**J-22	
10.	South Branch	Lincoln		**J~29	

	Sub-Watershed Area	County	Identification	*Judicial Drainage Systems Identification **Judicial System Within the County
11.	Yellow Medicine River	Lyon	C-4 C-11	
12.	South Branch	Lyon	C-34	
13.	Yellow Medicine River	Lyon	C-37 C-38 C-41 C-42 C-55 C-67 C-69	**J-2
14.	Yellow Medicine River	Lyon		**J-7
15.	Yellow Medicine River	Lyon and Yellow Medicine		J-12 J-14 J-16 J-18
16.	Yellow Medicine River	Lyon and Yellow Medicine		J-24
17.	Yellow Medicine River	Yellow Medicine	0-3	
18.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine	C-11 C-13	
19.	Yellow Medicine River	Yellow Medicine	C-14A Main A of 15	

	Sub-Watershed Area	County	*County Drainage Systems <u>Identification</u> *Includes Lateral, and Branches	*Judicial Drainage Systems <u>Identification</u> s **Judicial System Within the County
20.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine	C-20 C-21 C-25 C-26 C-28	
21.	Yellow Medicine River	Yellow Medicine	C-35	**J-7 **J-8
22.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine	C-37 C-40 (Pendir	ıg)
23.	Yellow Medicine River	Yellow Medicine	C-41	**J-9 **J-17
24.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine	С-44 С-45 С-48	
25.	Mud Creek	Yellow Medicine	C-49	
26.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine	C-53	**J-5
27.	Yellow Medicine River	Yellow Medicine Lyon	and	J -3
28.	Spring Creek	Yellow Medicine Lyon	and	J-20

- C. A flood control project for the Village of
 Minneota on the South Branch of the Yellow
 Medicine River was completed in February
 1963, as a cooperative effort of the U.S.
 Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District Office,
 and the Village of Minneota.
- D. A stream gage on the Yellow Medicine River is maintained by the Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey at Granite Falls, Minnesota. A stream gage on the South Branch of the Yellow Medicine River is maintained by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Geological Survey at Minnesota, Minnesota.
- E. There exists an excellent system of federal, state, county, township and private roads in the watershed. U.S. Highway No. 75, oriented north-south, crosses the western portion of the watershed; U.S. Highway No. 59, another north to south arterial, crosses the eastern part of the watershed. State Highway No. 68 traverses the western part of

the watershed on a northwest-southeast axis from the City of Marshall in the Redwood River Watershed to the City of Canby, located in the Lac Qui Parle Watershed and passes through the Villages of Minneota, Taunton, and Porter, in the watershed.

- of Natural Resources has 2,911 acres of land for wetland improvement and it is possible that an additional 3,420 acres could be used for this purpose.
- IX. In the western part of the watershed, along
 a line where the steeper slope to the southwest
 meets the gentler slope to the northeast,
 heavy runoff overflows the banks of the
 watercourses and the shallow divides and
 flows in a southeasterly direction entering
 major streams farther southeast.
 - A. Overflow of runoff from Lac Qui Parle Watershed into Yellow Medicine River Watershed occurs as follows:

- 1. At a point northeast of the City of
 Canby, in Sections 11 and 23, Township
 115 North, Range 44 West, overflow waters
 depart from the Lac qui Parle River
 Watershed into the adjacent Spring Creek
 sub-watershed of the Yellow Medicine
 River Watershed. The flow of the
 overrunning water is southeast.
- 2. To the southeast of the City of Canby, overflow runs southeasterly from the Watershed of the Lac qui Parle River into the sub-watershed of Mud Creek of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed in Section 5, Township 114 North, Range 44 West, and Section 13, Township 114 North, Range 45 West.
- B. There is overflow from the Redwood River into the Yellow Medicine River Watershed at the following location:
 - 1. In Section 7, Township 110 North, Range 45 West.

- C. There is overflow in a southeasterly direction from the Yellow Medicine River Watershed into the Redwood River Watershed at the following locations:
 - 1. Section 23, Township 113 North, Range 42 West;
 - 2. Section 18, Township 112 North, Range 42 West.
- D. The overflow of water out of the Lac Qui Parle Watershed, southeasterly into Mud Creek and Spring Creek, both creeks being tributary to the Yellow Medicine River, as detailed above, permits the escape of water from control and storage behind the Lac Qui Parle Dam (located in Section 13, Township 118 North, Range 42 West).
- E. Within the Yellow Medicine River Watershed, along some watercourses, there are points of overflow into adjacent channels.
- X. Floods of recent times were reported by many witnesses. Photographic evidence was presented to identify some of the flood damages and inconveniences of the 1969 spring flood. In some of the years listed above, floods have

occurred more than once a year. Some land in the lower portion of the watershed has been subject to flooding from precipitation in the upper part of the watershed, though no precipitation fell in the lower part of the watershed.

- XI. The primary land use in the Yellow Medicine River Watershed is agricultural; it has the following problems:
 - A. Major floods have occurred in the Yellow

 Medicine River Watershed as follows:

 April 1951; June 6, 1952; June 17, 1957;

 April 4, 1961; July 7, 1964; April, May

 and June 1965; and 1969. Prior floods

 had occurred in 1919, 1920, 1937 and 1944.

 Floods occur primarily in spring and summer.
 - B. In the upper Yellow Medicine River Watershed above the junction of the North Fork of the Yellow Medicine River with the South Fork, there are approximately 15,580 acres of maximum 50-year flood plain of which 13,710 acres

are flooded at least once every five years. The flood plain is mostly located in the bottom one-fourth of the watershed at the base of the uplands. Total flooded acres is about 54,000, and includes land that has drainage problems.

- C. In the watershed in Lincoln County there are steep slopes and well-defined draws.

 Storm runoff is fast and causes erosion along the watercourses.
- D. In Lyon County most of the flood damage to crops and property is just north of State Highway No. 68.
- E. Most of the flood plain of the Yellow Medicine
 River is in Yellow Medicine County where
 the channel of the Yellow Medicine River
 is clogged with silt and debris. Much
 of the channel in Yellow Medicine County
 meanders.
- F. There is serious flooding in the watersheds of Mud Creek and Spring Creek. Both creeks are tributary to the north side of the Yellow Medicine River.

- G. There are approximately 150 road, private and public ditches, that outlet into the Yellow Medicine River and its tributaries.
- H. In the watershed, from an economic viewpoint, based on estimated average annual values, there is damage from floods of \$143,613 to cropland and pasture; \$21,703 to other farm property; erosion damage to the soil is \$12,031.

 Village property is damaged in the sum of \$1,900 and road and bridge damage is \$28,010.
- I. There are 25,867 acres of land that must be kept as hay and pasture land or for no use at all because of the frequency of floods, which results in an estimated annual dollar cost of \$69,416.
- J. The estimated total average annual damage from flooding in the watershed is \$276,673.
- K. Approximately 115 miles of channel improvement are necessary.
- L. There exist feasible upland water storage sites capable of holding 29,122 acre feet or more of water.

- M. There are 152,000 acres of poorly drained soils in the watershed. It is estimated half of these acres need improvement.
- XII. Other damage caused by flood waters has been:
 - A. Damage to roads and bridges as noted below:
 - 1. Alta Vista Township, Lincoln County \$39,367 1957 through 1970 floods.
 - 2. Burton Township, Lincoln County \$3,899 1965 through 1970 floods.
 - 3. Normania Township, Lincoln County \$4,200 1969 flood.
 - 4. Lyon County (Within the watershed) \$123,000 1957 flood.
 69,000 1969 flood.
 - 5. Yellow Medicine County (County Roads) \$ 70,765.23 1969 flood.
 - 6. Lincoln County (County Roads and Bridges Within the Watershed) \$50,000(over) 1957 flood.
 50,000(over) 1969 flood.
 - B. Damage has occurred to homes, livestock, equipment, and other personal property.

- C. There is sediment and erosion damage to watercourses, roads, bridges and drainage systems from flood waters. The deposition of sediment in watercourses has reduced the capacity of channels to carry normal surface flows.
- D. Flood waters have polluted farm wells and livestock watering pits.
- XIII. An application for assistance in planning and carrying out works of improvement under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 566) for that part of the Yellow Medicine Watershed, above the junction of the South Fork of the Yellow Medicine with the main channel of the Yellow Medicine River, signed and approved by the petitioners herein and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts of the said counties, was filed with the Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Fall of 1967.
- XIV. All persons who appeared, testified for the establishment of the Watershed District; no person testified in opposition thereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- XV. The Minnesota Water Resources Board has jurisdiction in the matter of the establishment of the proposed Watershed District.
- XVI. The public welfare and the public interest will be served by the establishment of the proposed Watershed District, and the purposes of the Minnesota Watershed Act will be subserved by the establishment of the proposed Watershed District.
- XVII. The testimony and exhibits of this proceeding provide data that support the necessity for, as well as the request for, the establishment of the proposed Watershed District.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED

XVIII. That the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District is hereby established and given the corporate name of Yellow Medicine River Watershed

District, by which name it shall hereafter be known and it shall have all authority, powers and duties as provided by law.

XIX. The approximate area of the Yellow Medicine
River Watershed District is 685 square miles.
The territory of the Yellow Medicine River
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 within platted areas. The land
of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed
District is hereby described below:

A. Lincoln County 5th Principal Meridian

- 1. Township 113 North, Range 46 West (Hansonville) $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Section 36.
- 2. Township 113 North, Range 45 West (Marble)

All of Sections Sections 1 through 4, inclusive

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All of Sections Sections 20 through 28, inclusive

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4. Township 112 North, Range 46 West (Hendricks) (Cont.)

All of Sections Sections 24, 25, 26

All of Sections Sections 34, 35, 36.

5. Township 112 North, Range 45 West (Royal)

All of Sections Sections 1 through 5, inclusive

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All of Sections Sections 7 through 36, inclusive.

6. Township 112 North, Range 44 West (Limestone)

All of Sections Sections 1 through 36, inclusive.

7. Township 111 North, Range 47 West

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10. Township 111 North, Range 44 West (Lake Stay)
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B. Lyon County

5th Principal Meridian

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2. Township 113 North, Range 42 West (Westerheim)

All of Sections Sections 1 through 12, inclusive

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 10. Township 114 North, Range 43 West (Burton)
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11. Township 114 North, Range 42 West (Swede Prairie)
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 12. Township 114 North, Range 41 West (Normania)
                  All of Sections Sections 1 through 36,
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13. Township 114 North, Range 40 West (Sandnes)
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- XX. The Boundary of the Yellow Medicine River
 Watershed District is hereby declared to
 be determined, and is defined as the
 extremity of the whole land area described
 in Paragraph XIX above.
- XXI. The Board of Managers of the Yellow Medicine
 River Watershed District shall consist of
 five managers who are residents of the
 Watershed District.
- XXII. The distribution of the power to appoint the managers of the Yellow Medicine River

 Watershed District among the affected counties shall be as follows:
 - A. Lincoln County Two Managers
 - B. Lyon County One Manager
 - C. Yellow Medicine County Two Managers
- XXIII. When the members of the first Board of Managers of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District have served their initial terms, the managers shall be appointed by the Lincoln, Lyon, and Yellow Medicine County Boards of Commissioners for terms as follows:

- A. One Manager's Term One Year Lincoln County;
- B. Two Managers' Terms Each for Two Years One Term by Lincoln County;
 One Term by Yellow Medicine County;
- C. Two Managers' Terms Each for Three Years One Term by Yellow Medicine County;
 One Term by Lyon County.
- XXIV. Upon the expiration of the terms of the managers cited in Paragraph XXIII above, the succeeding terms of each manager shall be for three years.
- XXV. The following nominees are named as the first
 Board of Managers of the Yellow Medicine
 River Watershed District, whose terms of
 office shall be for one year, effective the
 date of this Order, and who shall serve one
 year and until their successors are appointed
 and qualified:
 - 1. Mr. John Boulton, Porter, Minnesota, 56280, Lincoln County.
 - 2. Mr. Kenneth Helgeson, Taunton, Minnesota, 56264, Lyon County.
 - 3. Mr. Raymond Steffes, Hendricks, Minnesota, 56136, Lincoln County.

- 4. Mr. Edward Traen, Cottonwood, Minnesota, 56229, Yellow Medicine County.
- 5. Mr. Norman Varpness, Cottonwood, Minnesota, 56229, Yellow Medicine County.
- The principal place of business of the Yellow XXVI. Medicine River Watershed District shall be situated in Minneota, Minnesota, 56264.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55102, this 27th day of August 1971.

MINNESOTA WATER RESOURCES BOARD

Rector H. Putnam

Chairman

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