

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: Minnewaukan (Benson County), North Dakota

CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 380781-02

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed Streifel Subdivision Water, Sewer, and Roadway Improvements for the City of Minnewaukan in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR Part 6). The NDDEQ has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion and is exempt from further substantive environmental review.

Because the proposed project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion, a full Finding of No Significant Impact and Environmental Assessment will not be required. Following is a description of the proposed project and a brief statement of how the project meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion.

The proposed project will bring utilities to 18-20 industrial and commercial lots in an undeveloped part of a subdivision in the City of Minnewaukan. This portion of the subdivision will have 8-inch watermain, 8-inch sanitary sewer, and storm water control including culverts and ditches for drainage. This project will ensure the new development has adequate water and sewer conveyance.

The City of Minnewaukan plans to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$260,000 to finance the project.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the construction will occur entirely within an area that was previously disturbed. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has concluded that no historic properties will be affected by this project provided it takes place in the location and in the manner described in the document and provided all borrow comes from an approved source (ND SHPO Ref.: 22-5266). It has been determined that exempting the proposed project from further review under the National Environmental Policy Act will not result in adverse impacts to the population or area of Minnewaukan and Benson County.

The documentation to support this decision will be on file and available for public review at the NDDEQ, Division of Municipal Facilities.

Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to Shawn Martin, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324.

Dated the 15th day of November, 2022.

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