

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT OF: North Prairie Rural Water District (NPRWD)
(McHenry County), North Dakota

DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROJECT NUMBER: 5101189-03

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) has conducted a review of the proposed 2019 Anamoose storage project for the North Prairie Rural Water District 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 consists of removal of the 50,000-gallon tank in Anamoose, ND. The water tower was built in 1917 and is showing considerable wear. The water tower center riser pipe sprung a leak in 2015 and the repair crew stated that the tower and riser pipe needed significant repair and painting. NPRWD hired H&H coatings and Maguire Iron to perform inspections of the tower in the fall of 2015. Both reports indicated significant paint peeling, sanitation issues and safety items which would need to be performed on the tank.

The proposed project will provide adequate flow capacity and pressure to the City of Anamoose. The existing water tower will be demolished and replaced with two 500 gallon per minute pumps connected to an existing clear well. A generator capable of operation of one pump will be installed and changes to the SCADA system will be made to operate the new pump system.

North Prairie Rural Water District has applied for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of \$175,000 to finance the project. The District has the legal authority and financial and administrative capability to construct the proposed improvements.

This project is being granted an exclusion because the tower site has already been disturbed where the demolition will take place and the pump system will be in an existing water treatment building. No previously undisturbed areas will be affected by the construction activities. The North Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has requested that a permitted architectural historian completes an architectural site form for

the water tower to be demolished and a small history booklet describing the development of the infrastructure of the City of Anamoose, project (ND SHPO Ref.: 18-0258). 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 Anamoose and McHenry 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 Mitchell Murray, Environmental Engineer, Division of Municipal Facilities, North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, 918 East Divide Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1947.

Dated the 29th day of July 2019.

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