*January, 2014*

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| CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION | EASEMENT # |
| SWCD (and county if different) |  | PRIORITY # | LANDOWNER TELEPHONE NO. |
| LANDOWNER OR ENTITY’S FULL NAME(Print) | SPOUSE      | IN CARE OF |
| ADDRESS (No., Street, RFD, Box No.) | CITY | STATE | ZIP |
| **ACRES** | **TOWNSHIP COMMON NAME** | **TWP. #** | **RANGE** | **SECTION** | **Requests to amend an existing easement only** |
|       |       |       |       |       | **AMENDMENT TYPE:** |
|       |       |       |       |       | [ ]  Extended Duration [ ]  Expand Acres |

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**ELIGIBLE LAND TYPE:**

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| [ ]  **Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM)** | [ ]  **RIPARIAN BUFFERS** | [ ]  **PWP** |
|  [ ]  Sensitive Groundwater |  [ ]  Clean Water Fund (CWF) acres |  |
|  [ ]  Wetland Restoration |  [ ]  OHF Buffer Extension acres acaadcacres | [ ]  **Flowage Easement** |
|  [ ]  Riparian Land |  [ ]  RIM Special Bonding acres |  |
|  [ ]  Marginal Ag. Cropland |  [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  | [ ]  **RIM/WRP** |
|  [ ]  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  acres | [ ]  **Wetland Banking** |

EASEMENT DURATION

[ ]  Perpetual [ ]  Limited (*No* banking, PWP or RIM wetland restorations) Years

**EASEMENT PAYMENT INFORMATION (from the Conservation Easement Financial Worksheet):**

 Total Easement Acres Total Easement Payment Total Conservation Practice Payment

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The purpose of this application is to authorize the collection of the information necessary to make a preliminary determination for the land you are asking to enroll in a conservation easement program. This application is not a binding contract on either party.

By signing this application the landowner(s) agree to grant local soil and water conservation districts (SWCD) representative(s) permission to visit the parcel and to provide other ownership and title documents requested by the SWCD during this determination.

Tennessen Warning Notice – Social Security Numbers

As a condition of receiving monetary compensation from the State of Minnesota, you will need to provide your tax identification numbers or social security number. Your social security number is private data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Private data on individuals is not available to the public, but it is available to other persons or entities authorized by law to receive the data. Your social security number may be given to the commissioner of revenue for purposes of tax administration. The social security number is also provided to the commissioner of finance for the issuance of 1099 tax forms. If the social security number is not provided, the easement application cannot be completed.

I, the landowner, certify that the answers to the questions on the back (page 2) of this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the state cannot enter into a conservation easement on any land containing contaminants, pollutants, or hazardous substances. Further I understand that state law requires that all environmental problems located on the parcel to be enrolled must be properly cleaned up and any abandoned wells must be sealed at my expense before any conservation easements can be secured. Further I have read and understand the Tennessen warning notice.

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Landowner Signature SWCD Signature

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Date Date

**CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATION - PART II**

**LANDOWNER QUESTIONNAIRE**

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| **YES** |  | **NO** |  |  |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 1. | Have you or any blood relative owned this land for at least one year prior to the application date? (not applicable to wetland banking projects) |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 2. | Is the parcel at least five acres, or a whole field as defined by the FSA, or a whole tax I.D. parcel? (Applies to RIM marginal ag. cropland only.) |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 3. | Is the land free from all state and federal conservation programs? |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 4. | Have you received a notice of violation or been considered out of compliance with any local, State, or Federal regulations? *(These regulations include DNR Shoreland Rules part 6120.3300, MN Wetland Conservation Act, USDA Swampbuster/Sodbuster, and MN 103E Ditch buffers)*  |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 5. | For acres compensated at a “land with crop history” payment rate, have the acres been in agricultural crop production two of the past five years? *(Failure to document crop history may result in the state withdrawing or reducing funding for the application)* |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 6. | Are there any active or inactive wells on the parcel?  *(If yes please check* *[ ]* ***active*** *or* *[ ]* ***inactive****)* |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 7. | To the best of your knowledge has the parcel, or an area within 200 ft. of the parcel, been used as a storage or disposal area for hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants, including agricultural chemicals or fertilizer, or been used as a private or public dumpsite? *If yes, please explain the environmental problem:*      |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 8. | Are there abandoned vehicles, junkpiles or other dumpsite materials on or with 200 feet of the parcel? *If yes, explain the environmental problem:*      |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 9. | To the best of your knowledge are there any [ ]  crude oil, [ ]  refined petroleum or [ ]  natural gas pipelines located on, or within 200 feet of the proposed easement? *If yes,* *please check all that apply.* |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 10. | To the best of your knowledge, is any part of the proposed easement area within a platted subdivision registered at the County Recorder’s office? |
|  [ ]  |  |  [ ]  | 11. | To the best of your knowledge, are there any of the following recorded at the courthouse (*please check all that apply, and explain*);[ ]  Judgments [ ]  Liens [ ]  Mortgages [ ]  Assessments  |
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