

RIM - WRP ISSUES
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Work Outside of the Easement:

- Placing fill in wetlands usually on private land or in the road ROW?
- Rerouting public or private tile?

Can we cost share in either of these cases?

What written concurrence is required?

Structure Outlets Outside the Easement:

- Tim Koehler prohibited Area 6 from doing this on a past wetland restoration in Renville County.
- Area 2 has done this in the past.

Should proposed dikes be located on the easement boundary?

Considerations:

- Seepage water on the downstream neighbor.
- Lateral effect of neighbors tile on easement boundary.
- Tile to be removed downstream of dike toe (50' min.)

Recommend that the toe of the dike be at least 50' away from the easement boundary be added to the wetland restoration practice standard.

Water level Criteria in NEM

- Not easily accessible to BWSR staff and may be overlooked. Recommend adding criteria to wetland restoration practice standard.
- WRP allows us to do 30% enhancement and still call the project a restoration. Therefore suggest that the headings be changed from wetland restoration to tile breaks and ditch plugs, and from wetland enhancements to embankments.

The construction certification statement on the BWSR-NRCS wetland restoration standard drawing (MN-ENG-200) does not say that the installation meets NRCS standards and specifications and is in compliance with permits.

NRCS has accepted this statement signed by Tom Wenzel several times for WRP payments without a statement the installation meets NRCS standards.

Suggest that this statement be added to the existing construction certification statement.