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To whom it may concern.

This is a letter in reference to the potential establishment of a drainage system for the North Salt, Middle Salt, Lake watersheds. As a result of the uncontrolled land drainage in this watershed I feel it is the responsibility of local government and water stewardship to resolve this ever worsening issue as there is currently no adequate outlet for the collection of this runoff.

Thank-you.

Byrd Huffat
Jim Huffat

PA^{#1}Oct 17th / 2011

To Council & The Manitoba Government.

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For the past two years we have had extreme flooding in our area and we have endured extreme damage to our land fences, pastures and arable farm lands. We have had to endure erosion to our lands, salt contamination of our haylands loss of crops and damage to our fences and pastures. This has been done due to the excess water spilling out of the Salt Lakes.

It is my contention that we should have some compensation for these damages. If we do not receive these damages, we will have to pursue legal recourse or possibly ask for our lands to be removed from the Province of Manitoba.

I feel we are being treated as people from another province altogether. Winnipeg and Portage area receive damages for all forms of flood loss and we get nothing. I haven't had one person from any Gov. or Manitoba official call or stop in to see what damages are being done to us on a yearly basis.

This new proposal from The R. M. of Strathclair has to my opinion many flaws. The most significant one is that

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There needs to be a plan for the water when it leaves the R.M. of Strathclair's Border and goes into the Oak River. There must be infrastructure put in place as well as ditches need to be cleaned and a compensation package put in place if flooding still occurs.

I wanted ~~and~~ underground pipe system to be installed from the Middle Salt Lake to South Salt Lake with a flow control on it. We are led to believe that this will not be allowed by water stewardship.

I have used underground tile for at least 30 years and it has been perfect. Why would anyone want to tear all that land up when a pipe underground would cost much less and do a far better job. I will never allow the ditch to be dug through my property. If you pursue taking this approach and decide to expropriate my land, then be prepared to use a SWAT team to do it as I will give my life up before I will see that done to us.

I sincerely believe that a great deal of the water could and should be diverted to the Little Saskatchewan River by a ditch that has been surveyed by the R.M. of Strathclair (done by Bob Sheehan). If this water was diverted, which is fresh water, not salt water, there is

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no contamination of salt in any water system in Manitoba's water shed. But if the water is taken from South Salt Lakes it definitely puts salt into The Red River and then ultimately into The Assiniboine River. Fish don't like salt water and there has never been fish surviving in Salt Lake for that very reason. On closing, I think it's time for a lot of us who have been adversely affected to stop paying our taxes. You owe us and until you get someone to make up for our losses, then this will be our first step to try and recover some of the money we have lost.

Yours Truly
Gus W. Winstone

P.S. I could not agree more with Ken's letter in the Mordenosa paper. The Municipality is caught in a very precarious position. They are at least trying to do something to alleviate this problem. The Government of Manitoba has just done nothing and it's their responsibility to help every person within the borders of Manitoba.

Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Tyler Marks [Tyler@caledonpropanemb.com]
Sent: October-17-11 12:22 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) BW
Subject: North Salt Lake Strathclair MB

Bruce,

Just wanted voice my opinion. That being that North salt lake needs to be drained, It is ruining the land in the surrounding area. Only a matter of time before it ruins the #16 highway and the cn rail line, and washes out driveways into farms homes and land.

Thank you,

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October 17, 2011

Mr. Bruce Webb
Environmental Engineer
Manitoba Conservation

With regards to **RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STRATHCLAIR - SALT LAKE WATER LEVEL CONTROL PROJECT**
(FILE: 5538.00)

Dear Mr. Webb

I am a seasonal cottage owner on the West Side of South Salt Lake. I own land and operate a grain farm in the Rural Municipalities of Blanshard and Hamiota. Our farming operation is not directly downstream; however we do share the Oak River watershed.

I have had opportunity to review the Environmental and Hydrological Assessments as prepared by Bob Sheedy. I have a few comments regarding this drainage proposal:

- 1) I could not find any suggestions for the maintenance level of South Salt Lake in the report. The level of this water body should be considered in the decision making process for controlled release.
- 2) The water levels in South Salt Lake have been excessively high in recent memory. Shoreline erosion continues to be a problem with the existing water levels. The culvert at the south end of the lake has now been replaced with a larger diameter tube. However, the elevation of the culvert is still too high to maintain the lake at an acceptable level. I would suggest that the level of this new culvert should be surveyed to ensure it meets the outflow needs for South Salt Lake.
- 3) As the outflow of this drainage project affects the Oak River watershed, I would suggest that the Rural Municipalities of Blanshard and Hamiota have adequate notice and assistance to prepare infrastructure for the change in flows. Also, as the Oak River is part of the Upper Assiniboine River Conservation District, that entity should be made aware of the controlled release.

I am aware of the tremendous issues faced by agricultural producers and local governments in carrying out responsible water management in Western Manitoba. It is my opinion that water control projects are necessary to maintain infrastructure and agricultural production capacity in this region. I believe that this can be done without excessive adverse effect on wildlife habitat, recreational users of South Salt Lake or downstream stakeholders. I would encourage the Rural Municipality of Strathclair to consider all of these interest groups as they move forward with this proposal.

Regards

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Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Marks, Jeremy [MarksJ@Sysmex.com]
Sent: October-17-11 1:24 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON) *Blw*
Subject: North Salt Lake, MB drainage

To Whom this may concern:

I agree with the opening to allow the flow of the water of North Salt Lake to drain.

Kind Regards,

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From: kmaxwell@mymts.net on behalf of kerry [kmaxwell@mts.net]
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To: Webb, Bruce (CON) 
Subject: salt lake

Regarding the submission made by Vicky Henderson and Doug Pastuck : I have had a summer home on salt lake since 1987. I would like to echo my concern for the preservation of the lake. I have followed with great interest all of the correspondence and commentary over the last three years and it would seem that little or no regard has been afforded the residents and producers surrounding south salt. I would agree that alot of the problem has been created by many years of drainage and land reclamation north of highway 16. The solutions put forth by the RM and the consultant they hired are simplistic and not based on any sound science. I would urge the RM to look very closely at the outcome of the decisions they are making. There are very few recreational areas left in southern mb to develop. South Salt lake has provided many decades of outdoor recreation and relaxation. It would be a shame to threaten this resource.

A very concerned resident of Salt Lake. Kerry Maxwell Neepawa

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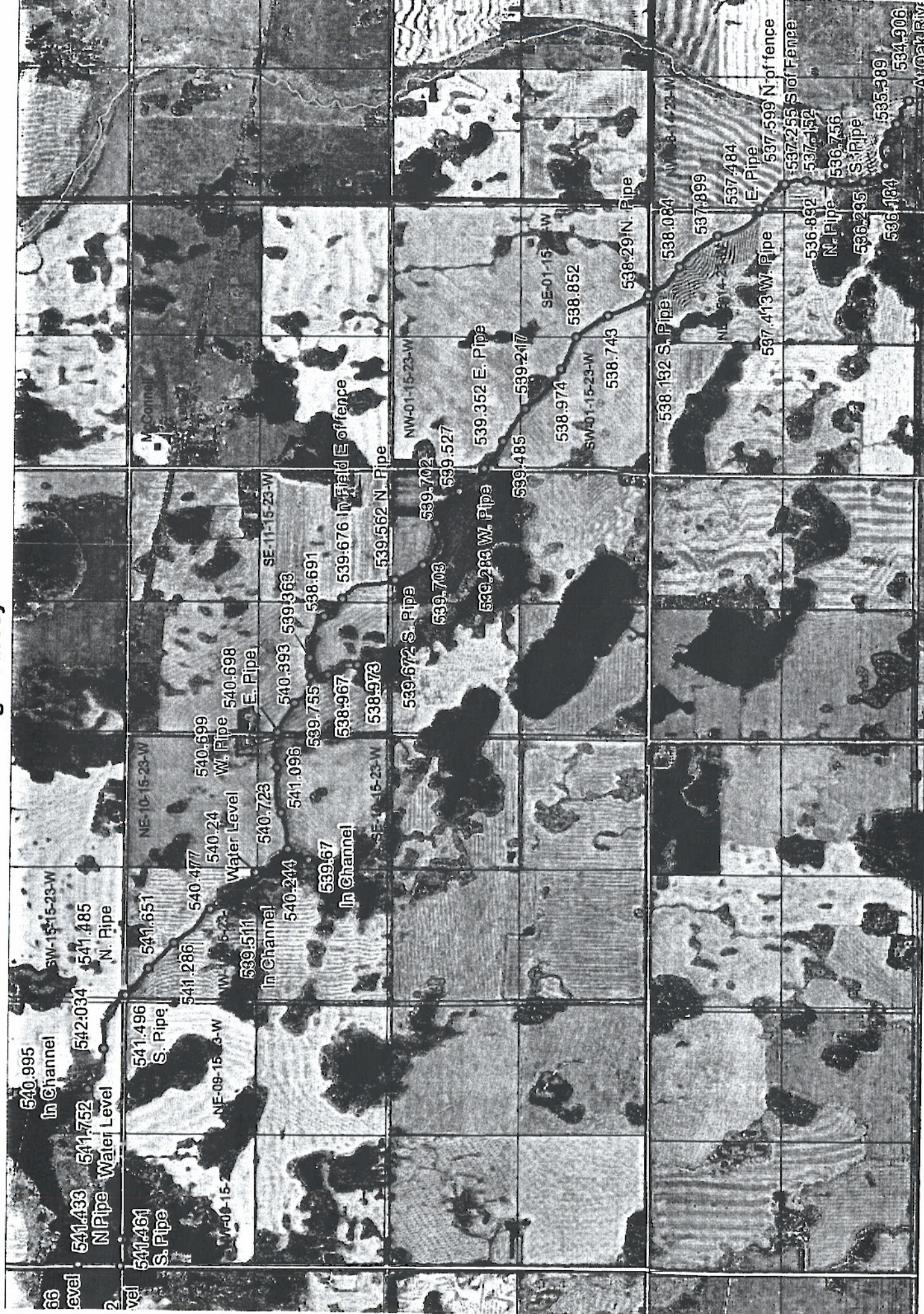
Webb, Bruce (CON)

From: Tom Mollard [cao@hamiota.com] SW
Sent: October-17-11 3:19 PM
To: Webb, Bruce (CON)
Subject: Salt Lakes Environmental Assessment Proposal
Attachments: SixMileSloughSurvey2011labelsSmall.pdf

Good afternoon Bruce,
Imagine my surprise when I saw your name attached to this file. It has been a long time since Gull Lake. The official reason for this e-mail is to make your department aware that the Rural Municipality of Hamiota is dealing with a drainage problem in an area called the Six Mile Slough which is along Highway 21 at SW ¼ 16-15-24 WPM. Council and area landowners are looking at doing some improvements to existing drainage and sending water to the Oak River at SW ¼ 36-15-24 WPM. A profile is attached. Council is not sure that they have a concern with the proposal but we were only made aware of this process today since it was not published in a local newspaper (Crossroads) or sent to our office.

Please let me know if there is anything further you require on this matter Bruce and have a great day!

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ATOKA RIVER

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Upper Assiniboine River
Conservation District
Minota MB, 567-3554
On the web: uarcd.com

Area surveyed Sept 26-28, 2011 using Trimble R8 survey unit.
Elevations are in metres above sea level and
are relative to known geodetic monument 83R392.