

# AITKIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES-PLANNING & ZONING

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October 4, 2016

RE: Permit Application/Wetland Fill

Randall Fett  
88846 State Line Road  
Glenville, MN 56036

Dear Mr. Fett:

This letter discusses the reason the permit for a 44 x 50 cabin to replace Cabin #1 was denied. The main issue is the wetland violation. The ordinance does not allow us to issue permits on a property with an outstanding violation.

There has been fill placed in the wetland area that must be removed. Wetlands, and especially cedar wetlands, are very restrictive regarding impacts, including fill and/or drainage. You have filled two different wetland areas that we discussed on site.

However, there is also a density issue regarding the cabins. Since I don't generally work directly with that issue, please consult with Michelle for further details. Moving Cabin #1 to meet the setbacks doesn't necessarily allow it to be a larger structure, because of the maximum density allowed for a resort. The original proposed expansion of Cabin #1 would have been allowed even though that was over density (because there was an existing travel trailer site).

Because the existence of the wetland behind Cabin #1 creates a hardship, the Board of Adjustments may have a different answer for a variance request. What we are proposing is that you apply for a variance for Cabin #1 in its existing location, and the application fee will be waived. You would still be required to pay the \$46 recording fee.

The fill in the wetland will need to be removed as indicated on the photos enclosed by November 15, 2016. Also, one of the conditions of the variance approval was to obtain a Certificate of Elevation. This will be important, because the fill required to elevate Cabin #1 may influence the placement of it, so that it won't impact any more wetlands than the existing cabin does.

Please contact me at 218-927-7342 with any questions. Michelle and Terry will be available to answer questions regarding the layout, density and operations of the Conditional Use Permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Becky Sovde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Becky Sovde  
Wetland Specialist/Compliance Officer  
Aitkin County

cc: Michelle Leitinger  
Terry Neff



All material to the right of the blue line must be removed. The spoils must be deposited in an approved location.



All material within the blue lines must be removed. The spoils must be deposited in an approved location.