



AGENDA

Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Room 1 – Dakota County Extension and Conservation Center

4100 220th Street Farmington, MN 55024

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audience
Anyone wishing to address the Board regarding an item that is not on the agenda may come forward at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes.
4. Introductions – Jenifer Tonko, Executive Director Clean River Partners
5. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

CONSENT AGENDA

To be adopted under one motion unless a request is made to move an item to Regular Agenda for discussion

6. Approval of February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes
7. Approval of March 9, 2023 Accounts Payable
8. Acceptance of December 2022 Finance Report
9. Acceptance of January 2023 Finance Report
10. Acceptance of February 2023 Finance Report

REGULAR AGENDA

11. Authorization to Execute Contract with City of Burnsville for Installation of Native Prairie with Pollinator Habitat Action
12. Presentation on Wetland Restoration Efforts – Past, Present and Future Information
13. Presentation on Dakota County Groundwater Levels Information
14. Announcements and Reports
 - Natural Resources Conservation Service
 - Dakota County
 - Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board
 - Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Powers Board
 - Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
 - District Managers Report
 - Board of Supervisor Announcements
15. Upcoming Events
 - March 7, 2022 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Legislative Briefing
Radisson St. Paul Downtown, 161 Saint Anthony Avenue, St. Paul – 4:00 p.m.
 - March 8, 2022 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Day at the Capitol
TBD – meetings being scheduled with legislators

- March 9, 2023 Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th Street West, Farmington – 9:00 a.m.
- March 15, 2023 Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Meeting
Chaska City Hall, Once City Hall Plaza 2nd Floor – 7:00 p.m.
- March 22, 2023 Annual Dakota County Crops Day
Dakota Electric Association, 4300 220th Street, Farmington – 8:30 a.m.
- March 23, 2023 Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Board Meeting
Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th Street West, Farmington – 1:00 p.m.
- March 30, 2023 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts – Metro Area Meeting
Ramsey County Public Works, 1411 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills – 9:00 a.m.
- April 12, 2023 Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization Meeting
First Calvary Baptist Church 5495 South Robert Trail, Sunfish Lake – 3:00 p.m.
- April 12, 2023 North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization Meeting
Castle Rock Townhall 2537 240th Street West, Farmington – 7:00 p.m.
- April 13, 2023 Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
Extension and Conservation Center, 4100 220th Street West, Farmington – 9:00 a.m.

16. Adjourn



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Thursday, February 9, 2023

9:00 a.m.

4100 220th Street W, Suite 102
Farmington, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Laura Zanmiller, Chair
Kevin Chamberlain, Vice Chair
Chelsea Skog, Secretary
Bruce Johnson, Information Officer
Jayne Hager Dee, Treasurer

SWCD Staff Present:

Brian Watson
Court Coudron
Todd Matzke
Ashley Gallagher
Diane Schmidtke

Others Present:

Valerie Neppl, Dakota County
Dain Olson, Dakota County Attorney
Elizabeth Dawson, NRCS
Matthew Lundberg, NRCS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Zanmiller called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Zanmiller led the Board of Supervisors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Audience

Chair Zanmiller asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to address the Board on an item that is not on the agenda. Nobody came forward.

4. Approval of Agenda

23.015 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to approve the agenda. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The January 12, 2023 meeting minutes were presented.

6. Approval of February 9, 2023 Accounts Payable

The February 2023 accounts payable was presented.

7. Authorization to enter into Engagement Letter with Peterson Company Ltd for Conducting 2022 Financial Audit.

Engagement Letter with Peterson Company Ltd for 2022 Financial Audit was presented.

23.016 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to approve the consent agenda items. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Authorization to Execute Joint Powers Agreement with the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization for implementing a FY21 Watershed Based Implementation Grant.

A work plan with the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization (LMRWMO) to provide grant administration and project development tasks associated with a Mississippi River Ravine Erosion and Direct Drainage Study was presented. The agreement would include a not to exceed amount of \$22,160.

23.017 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to authorize execution of a Joint Powers Agreement with the LMRWMO for implementing a FY21 Watershed Based Implementation grant. Members voting in favor: Skog, Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, and Zanmiller. Motion carried.

9. Authorization to Execute Joint Powers Agreement with the Lower Mississippi River Watershed Management Organization for Implementing a FY22 Conservation Partners Legacy grant.

A work plan with the LMRWMO to provide grant administration and project development tasks associated with a shoreline restoration at Seidls Lake located in the cities of South St. Paul and Inver Grove Heights was presented. The agreement would include a not to exceed amount of \$25,940. Watson mentioned that Note 2 in the work plan would be removed so current SWCD billable rate could be used rather than a direct cost rate as required by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant.

23.018 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to authorize execution of the Joint Powers Agreement with the LMRWMO for implementing a FY22 Conservation Partners Legacy grant with Note 2 removed from the workplan. Members voting in favor: Johnson, Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller and Skog. Motion carried.

10. Adopt 2023 Cost Share Policies

The 2023 cost share policies were presented. Proposed changes to previous years policy include:

- Increase in-kind labor rate to \$30/hour
- Clarification and formatting policy related to the Landscaping for Clean Water program
- Increase cover crop incentives to \$35/acre for a single-year contract and \$45/acre/year for a multiple-year contract
- Increase harvestable cover incentives to \$25/acre for a single-year contract and \$35/acre/year for a multiple-year contract
- Increase in the number of acres eligible for cover crops and harvestable covers to 160 acres per contract
- Establish a maximum of 3 years per contract on harvestable covers
- Remove the limit on years of eligibility for cover crops and harvestable covers

23.019 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Johnson to adopt the 2023 Cost Share Policies. Members voting in favor: Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller Skog, and Johnson. Motion carried.

11. Consider resolution to support reauthorizing the dedication of state lottery proceeds to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Conservation Minnesota, a nonprofit organization with the mission of protecting our outdoor heritage and solving important conservation issues, has reached out to seek support for reauthorization of lottery proceeds being dedicated to the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund (ENRTF).

A draft resolution was presented in support of this effort. Also included as an attachment is the sign-on letter and informational resources from Conservation Minnesota. Adoption of the resolution would include authorization to sign the electronic letter to Members of the Minnesota State Legislature.

23.020 Motion by Dee, second by Johnson to support reauthorizing the dedication of state lottery proceeds to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Members voting in favor: Dee, Chamberlain, Zanmiller Skog, and Johnson. Motion carried.

12. Announcements and Reports

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Elizabeth Dawson with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provided an update on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Program applications and approval dates. Dawson mentioned that the interest in high tunnels has increased. As urban and small-scale farming is increasing, the NRCS is working with urban partners to address future needs of these farmers. Dawson also mentioned that a Local Work Group meeting will need to be scheduled prior to July 21, 2023.

Dakota County

Valerie Nepl provided an update on the Dakota County Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort (ACRE). Nepl indicated that information from the 15 observation wells installed as part of the ACRE program is now available on the Dakota County web site as well as an overview of results from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture cyanazine testing completed in 2022. Nepl mentioned highlights from 2022 groundwater implementation activities will include SWCD projects.

Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Power Board

There was no report. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22 and Chelsea Skog will attend in place of Laura Zanmiller.

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Laura Zanmiller reported that the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District (MASWCD) met and reviewed upcoming legislation, including the One Minnesota Budget and how SWCD's will fit in to that budget. The MASWCD Board feels SWCDs are the best option to work with the Governor's Climate Action Framework and this will help to raise our profile. Other items included completing staff reviews, National Association of Conservation Districts Farm Bill principles, the Swift County Erosion Control Water Management Program, and a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Roundtable to discuss new legislation.

Cannon River Watershed Joint Powers Board

Kevin Chamberlain attended the February 1, 2023 meeting along with Brian Watson and Ashley Gallagher. Chamberlain reported that in 2023 the Board officers will remain the same as in 2022. Organizational dues will be discussed at the next meeting.

District Managers Report

Brian Watson provided an update on the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capital events being held on March 7 and 8. Watson mentioned that he was invited to speak at a March 1 Farmers Union meeting and has been appointed to the MASWCD 2023-2024 Legislative Committee.

Board of Supervisors Reports

There were no reports provided.

13. Upcoming Events

The upcoming events were reviewed.

14. Adjourn

23.021 Motion by Chamberlain, second by Dee to adjourn. All members voting in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelsea Skog
Secretary

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DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Consent Agenda

Request for Board Action

Roll Call Vote

Meeting Date: 3/9/2023

Prepared by: Brian Watson

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Acceptance of December 31, 2022 Finance Report.

SUMMARY:

Staff has completed financial transactions for calendar year 2022 including invoicing under our charges for service agreements with other local units of government and submitting financial reports under State grant agreements.

For calendar year 2022 we adopted a balanced budget of \$1,758,427. Our year-end finance report includes a \$23,289 surplus. Our fund balance as of December 31, 2022 was \$712,576.02.

The Board has established policy to retain an unrestricted fund balance that would support operations for 6 to 12 months. We began 2022 with a fund balance of 5.3 months. Our fund balance on January 1, 2023 is 5.5 months. The slight increase in our fund balance is largely due to a reduction in liability to pay employees for compensated absences.

Staff continues to evaluate options that will bring our unrestricted fund balance to the Boards established policy of 6-12 months.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:

None at this time.

Supporting Documents:

Income and Expense Summary – December 2022
Balance Sheet – December 2022

Previous Board Action:

N/A

**Dakota County SWCD
Balance Sheet
December 2022**

ASSETS:

Cash in Checking Castle Rock	\$35,632.43	
Cash in Savings Castle Rock	\$630,586.60	
Cash in Checking Vermillion Bank	\$31,380.27	
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,472.05	
Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Total Cash:		\$1,098,171.35

Accounts Receivable:

BWSR	2020 DC DW 10% Request (2020)	\$ 6,040.72	
BWSR	2020 DC DW 10% Request (2021)	\$ 393.68	
BWSR	2020 DC DW 10% Request (2022)	\$ 1,065.60	
BWSR	2018 CWF TB 10% Request (2022)	\$ 11,849.98	
Black Dog WMO	Q3 & Q4 Invoice for Services	\$ 12,417.50	
Cannon River Watershed JPO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 4,314.00	
City of Burnsville	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 3,380.22	
DC Env Resources	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 129,985.13	
DC Parks, Facilities & Fleet	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 24,741.03	
DC Transportation	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 510.00	
Eagan Inver Grove Heights WMO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 7,067.04	
E IGH WMO FY19 CWF WBF Grant	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 219.00	
Lower Mississippi River WMO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 19,185.85	
LMR WMO FY19 CWF WBF Grant	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 4,023.50	
Lower MN WD	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 2,125.00	
MCD JPB	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 7,652.31	
MDA NFMP	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 619.50	
Met Council	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 9,731.18	
MN Dept of Health	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 6,624.25	
North Cannon WMO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 10,496.60	
NCR FY19 WBF	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 9,979.80	
Vermillion River Watershed JPO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 78,513.54	
Total Accounts Receivable:			\$ 350,935.43

Prepaid Items		\$ 350.00
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TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 1,449,456.78
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 5,882.38	
Accrued Salaries Payable	\$ 65,347.86	
Deposits on Sales	\$ 10,333.75	
Due to Other Governments	\$ 8,975.61	
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 1,597.19	
		\$ 92,136.79

Unearned Revenue:

Buffer Law Funds 2022	\$ 11,340.78	
Buffer Law Funds 2023	\$ 17,000.00	
Conservation Delivery 2022	\$ 6,907.97	
Conservation Delivery 2023	\$ 21,240.00	
Local Capacity Services 2022	\$ 23,827.00	
Local Capacity Services 2023	\$ 143,745.00	
DC Drinking Water PP 2022	\$ 58,185.50	
State Cost Share 2022	\$ 10,198.00	
State Cost Share 2023	\$ 22,054.00	
WBIF 2021 Cannon River	\$ 5,410.99	
WBIF 2022 Cannon River	\$ 152,443.00	
WBIF 2021 Miss River East	\$ 16,049.00	
WBIF 2021 MN River South	\$ 9,661.38	
WBIF 2021 Vermillion River	\$ 12,877.35	
WBIF 2022 Vermillion River	\$ 81,000.00	
DC Natural Resources Block Grant	\$ 52,804.00	
Total Unearned Revenue		\$ 644,743.97

Total Liabilities:		\$ 736,880.76
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Fund Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 689,287.45	
YTD Net Income/loss	\$ 23,288.57	
Fund Balance End of Current Period	\$ 712,576.02	

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:		\$ 1,449,456.78
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Dakota County SWCD
Income and Expense Summary
December 2022

	Current Month	Year to Date
Income		
County Revenues	\$180,944.66	\$766,635.98
State Revenues	\$112,185.28	\$455,572.84
Local Revenues	\$135,116.45	\$441,250.36
Interest Earnings	\$1,160.65	\$5,378.58
Charges for Services	\$75.00	\$22,575.00
Tree Program Revenues	\$3,070.74	\$22,287.57
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Total Income	\$426,411.30	\$1,713,700.33
Expense		
County Expenses	\$36,711.56	\$129,887.04
State Expenses	\$918.89	\$98,862.06
Local Expenses	\$43,812.35	\$101,827.23
Operating Expenses	\$12,148.73	\$48,003.15
Payroll/Personnel Expenses	\$180,823.43	\$1,289,975.90
Project Expenses	\$20.79	\$5,897.54
Tree Program Expenses	\$350.00	\$15,958.84
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Total Expense	\$274,044.17	\$1,690,411.76
Net Income	<u>\$152,367.13</u>	<u>\$23,288.57</u>

Dakota County SWCD
Balance Sheet
January 2023

9.0 January, 2023 Finance Report

ASSETS:

Cash in Checking Castle Rock	\$67,510.12	
Cash in Savings Castle Rock	\$589,500.92	
Undeposited Funds	\$9,731.18	
Cash in Checking Vermillion Bank	\$31,395.73	
Certificate of Deposits	\$400,472.05	
Petty Cash	\$100.00	
Total Cash:		\$1,098,710.00

Accounts Receivable:

BWSR	2020 DC DW 10% Request (2020)	\$ 6,040.72	
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North Cannon WMO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 10,496.60	
NCR FY19 WBF	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 9,979.80	
Vermillion River Watershed JPO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ (4,036.31)	
Total Accounts Receivable:			\$ 248,139.93

Prepaid Items

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TOTAL ASSETS:

\$ 1,346,849.93

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 5,882.38	
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 0.07	
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 385.46	
		\$ 6,267.91

Unearned Revenue:

Buffer Law Funds 2022	\$ 11,340.78	
Buffer Law Funds 2023	\$ 17,000.00	
Conservation Delivery 2022	\$ 6,907.97	
Conservation Delivery 2023	\$ 21,240.00	
Local Capacity Services 2022	\$ 23,827.00	
Local Capacity Services 2023	\$ 143,745.00	
DC Drinking Water PP 2022	\$ 54,685.50	
State Cost Share 2022	\$ 10,198.00	
State Cost Share 2023	\$ 22,054.00	
WBIF 2021 Cannon River	\$ 5,410.99	
WBIF 2022 Cannon River	\$ 152,443.00	
WBIF 2021 Miss River East	\$ 16,049.00	
WBIF 2021 MN River South	\$ 9,661.38	
WBIF 2021 Vermillion River	\$ 12,877.35	
WBIF 2022 Vermillion River	\$ 81,000.00	
WBF 2022 Black Dog	\$ 25,000.00	
DC Natural Resources Block Grant	\$ 52,804.00	
DC Operating Allocation	\$ (35,941.83)	
Total Unearned Revenue		\$ 630,302.14

Total Liabilities:

\$ 636,570.05

Fund Balance Beginning of Year

\$ 712,576.02

YTD Net Income/loss

\$ (2,296.14)

Fund Balance End of Current Period

\$ 710,279.88

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

\$ 1,346,849.93

Dakota County SWCD
Income and Expense Summary
January 2023

	Current Month	Year to Date
Income		
County Revenues	\$35,941.83	\$35,941.83
State Revenues		\$0.00
Local Revenues		\$0.00
Interest Earnings	\$18.74	\$18.74
Charges for Services	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00
Tree Program Revenues	\$14,936.98	\$14,936.98
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Total Income	\$52,472.55	\$52,472.55
 Expense		
County Expenses	\$7,680.20	\$7,680.20
State Expenses	\$5,704.25	\$5,704.25
Local Expenses	\$3,670.55	\$3,670.55
Operating Expenses	\$13,677.27	\$13,677.27
Payroll/Personnel Expenses	\$23,422.17	\$23,422.17
Project Expenses	\$264.25	\$264.25
Tree Program Expenses	\$350.00	\$350.00
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Total Expense	\$54,768.69	\$54,768.69
 Net Income	 <u><u>-\$2,296.14</u></u>	 <u><u>-\$2,296.14</u></u>

Dakota County SWCD
Balance Sheet
February 2023

10.0 February, 2023 Finance Report

ASSETS:		
Cash in Checking	Castle Rock	\$ 67,287.58
Cash in Savings	Castle Rock	\$ 565,346.52
Undeposited Funds		\$
Cash in Checking	Vermillion Bank	\$ 31,395.73
Certificate of Deposits		\$ 400,472.05
Petty Cash		\$ 100.00
Total Cash:		\$1,064,601.88
 <u>Accounts Receivable:</u>		
BWSR	2020 DC DW 10% Request (2020)	\$ 7,500.00
BWSR	2018 CWF TB 10% Request (2022)	\$ 11,849.98
Black Dog WMO	Q3 Invoice for Services	\$ 11,412.50
DC Env Resources	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 129,985.13
DC Parks, Facilities & Fleet	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 17,252.49
Eagan Inver Grove Heights WMO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 7,067.04
E IGH WMO FY19 CWF WBF Grant	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 219.00
MDA NFMP	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ 619.50
Vermillion River Watershed JPO	Q4 Invoices for Services	\$ (4,036.31)
Total Accounts Receivable:		\$ 181,869.33
Prepaid Items		\$
TOTAL ASSETS:		\$ 1,246,471.21

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

Current Liabilities

Payroll Liabilities	\$ 0.13
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 729.32
	\$ 729.45

Unearned Revenue:

Buffer Law Funds 2022	\$ 11,340.78
Buffer Law Funds 2023	\$ 17,000.00
Conservation Delivery 2022	\$ 6,907.97
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WBIF 2022 Vermillion River	\$ 81,000.00
WBF 2022 Black Dog	\$ 25,000.00
WBF 2022 Eagan IGH	\$ 37,500.00
DC Natural Resources Block Grant	\$ 52,804.00
DC Operating Allocation	\$ (71,883.66)
Total Unearned Revenue	\$ 625,860.31
	\$ 625,860.31
Total Liabilities:	\$ 626,589.76

Fund Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 712,576.02
YTD Net Income/loss	\$ (82,604.61)
Fund Balance End of Current Period	\$ 629,971.41

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY: \$ 1,256,561.17

**Dakota County SWCD
Income and Expense Summary
February 2023**

	Current Month	Year to Date
Income		
County Revenues	\$35,941.83	\$71,883.66
State Revenues		\$0.00
Local Revenues		\$0.00
Interest Earnings		\$18.74
Charges for Services	\$407.00	\$1,982.00
Tree Program Revenues	<u>\$4,826.14</u>	<u>\$19,763.12</u>
Total Income	\$41,174.97	\$93,647.52
Expense		
County Expenses		\$7,680.20
State Expenses	\$2,764.50	\$8,468.75
Local Expenses		\$3,670.55
Operating Expenses	\$1,775.06	\$15,452.33
Payroll/Personnel Expenses	\$116,677.75	\$140,099.92
Project Expenses	\$239.85	\$504.10
Tree Program Expenses	<u>\$26.28</u>	<u>\$376.28</u>
Total Expense	\$121,483.44	\$176,252.13
Net Income	<u>-\$80,308.47</u>	<u>-\$82,604.61</u>

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Agenda

Request for Board Action

Roll Call Vote

Meeting Date: 3/9/2023

Prepared by: Curt Coudron

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Authorize execution of a contract with the City of Burnsville not to exceed \$2,400 for the installation of a native prairie with pollinator habitat.

SUMMARY:

The City of Burnsville is proposing to install a 0.8 acre native prairie with pollinator habitat in Interlachen Park in the Minnesota River Watershed. Existing non-native vegetation will be removed, and native prairie plants will be seeded. The project will improve infiltration, protect water quality, and provide pollinator habitat.

The total eligible costs of the project are estimated at \$3,500. Projects that install native prairie vegetation with pollinator habitat are eligible for cost share up to \$3,000 per acre. Staff is recommending approval at 85% cost share not to exceed \$2,400.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:

Project funds to install the project are available through our agreement with Dakota County.

Supporting Documents:
23-IPP-01 Burnsville Interlachen Park NPR Factsheet

Previous Board Action:
None



BURNSVILLE INTERLACHEN PARK NATIVE PRAIRIE RESTORATION

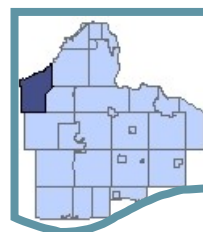


PROJECT: 0.8 acres of turfgrass will be restored to native prairie vegetation. The native prairie will improve infiltration, reduce erosion and provide wildlife habitat, particularly for pollinators.

FUNDING:	Estimated Project Cost:	\$3,500
	Cost Share Amount:	\$2,400
	Landowner Amount	\$1,100



LOCATION:
Burnsville



PRACTICE:

- Restoration of Rare and Declining Native Plant Communities

BENEFITS:

- 0.25 tons of sediment per year prevented from traveling downstream
- Improved wildlife habitat, in particular for pollinators.

PARTNERS:

- Dakota County
- City of Burnsville

WATERSHED:

- Minnesota River

RECEIVING WATERS:

- Sunset Pond

INSTALLATION:

- Fall 2023

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Agenda

Information Item

N/A

Meeting Date: 3/9/2023

Prepared by: Brian Watson

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Presentation on wetland restoration efforts – past, present and future

SUMMARY:

Restoring wetlands is a strategy to reduce impacts from flooding and is identified as a primary objective in our comprehensive plan. Staff continue to evaluate opportunities to restore wetland hydrology and hold water on the landscape.

There are multiple programs available to landowners for restoring wetland hydrology and wildlife habitat. The USDA implements the Conservation Reserve Program and a Wetlands Reserve Easement program. The State of Minnesota implements Reinvest in Minnesota and Wetland Bank easement programs. Additionally, Dakota County has a local easement option for restoring wetlands. Each program has varying conditions and methods for compensating landowners.

Over the past several years, wetland bank easements have been the most desirable option to landowners as it generates the highest payment option and Minnesota Conservation Act requirements continually drive the need for compensatory mitigation. Information will be provided at the meeting to evaluate measurable outcomes achieved over the past several years, wetland restoration projects currently underway, and what we can expect with wetland restorations in the future.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:

None

Supporting Documents:

Previous Board Action:

DAKOTA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Agenda

Information Item

N/A

Meeting Date: 3/9/2023

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PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED:

Presentation on Dakota County groundwater levels

SUMMARY:

Valerie Nepl with the Dakota County groundwater unit will be providing information on shallow groundwater levels and observed trends. The SWCD conducts groundwater level monitoring for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and recently Dakota County has installed observation wells through the Agricultural Chemical Reduction Effort. These two data sources are used to evaluate shallow groundwater trends.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACT:

None

Supporting Documents:

Previous Board Action: