

FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

PRAP

Performance Review and Assistance Program
2009 Level II Review:
Lincoln SWCD (*Lincoln County*)

Why BWSR did this review
BWSR conducts Level II performance reviews to help local government water management entities to be the best they can be in plan implementation and overall operational effectiveness. In 2009 BWSR has conducted Level II performance reviews for nine different local water management entities.

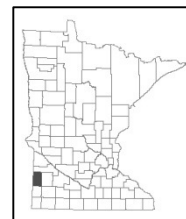
BWSR has conducted a routine Level II performance review of the **Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District** because they are near the midpoint in implementing their 10-year local water management plan.

This document includes findings and recommendations to enhance the overall operation and effectiveness of the district. The board of supervisors is responsible for taking any actions they deem necessary in response to this report.

Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District Summary of Performance Review Results

What BWSR Found

The Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is a successful and effective conservation organization. The Lincoln SWCD has shown progress in accomplishing their stated goals and objectives that exceeds BWSR's expectations for a SWCD at the midpoint of their plan implementation cycle. The district has made excellent progress on implementing those plan elements for which they have sole or shared primary responsibility. Following the lead of a capable staff the organization is on the road to truly superior performance. Their recent reporting of five years of accomplishments in the preface to the 5-year management plan update provides a detailed account of how the district has used its human and financial resources since 2004.



BWSR's only significant concern with the Lincoln SWCD's performance is the district's relatively large fund balance. The amount is significantly higher than the state guideline for operating reserves. The district needs to address this issue.

The district has met all of the basic SWCD performance standards and the following high performance standards:

- ★ Annual plan priorities based on natural resource quality trend data
- ★ Website contains content beyond minimum required
- ★ Obtained stakeholder input within last 5 years
- ★ Partnerships cooperative projects done with neighboring organizations
- ★ Coordination with County Board by supervisors/staff.

BWSR makes two recommendations for the district to consider: address their operating fund reserve balance, and modify their annual report format to track better with long range plan goals and objectives.

The district submitted comments on the draft of this report expressing their intent to implement the recommendation regarding annual report format and explaining the management of their operating fund balance.