

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of the review of the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Shell Rock River & Winnebago River Watershed Partnership, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 and 103B.801.

**ORDER
APPROVING
COMPREHENSIVE
WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Whereas the Policy Committee of the Shell Rock River & Winnebago River Watershed Partnership submitted a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Plan) to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on February 17, 2022, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17, and

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan.

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Partnership Establishment.** The Partnership was established in 2018 through adoption of a Memorandum of Agreement for the purposes of developing a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The membership of the Partnership includes: the County of Freeborn, by and through its Board of Commissioners; the Freeborn County Soil and Water Conservation District, by and through its Board of Supervisors; the Shell Rock River Watershed District, by and through its Board of Managers; and the City of Albert Lea, by and through its City Council.
- Authority to Plan.** Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subdivision 14 allows the Board to adopt resolutions, policies or orders that allow a comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D to serve as substitutes for one another or be replaced with a comprehensive watershed management plan. Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.801 established the Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; also known as One Watershed, One Plan. And Board Resolution #16-17 adopted the One Watershed, One Plan Operating Procedures and Plan Content Requirements policies.
- Nature of the Watershed.** The Shell Rock River and Winnebago River Watershed Planning Area is a 317 square mile area located almost entirely in Freeborn County, with a very small area of approximately 454 acres in Faribault County. The Shell Rock River watershed covers 246 square miles, while the Winnebago River watershed covers the remaining 71 square miles. The Iowa border defines the southern boundary of the planning area. The Shell Rock River begins at the outlet of Albert Lea Lake in the City of Albert Lea and flows for roughly 12 miles to the Iowa border. While a portion of the Winnebago watershed is in Minnesota, the Winnebago River itself starts in Iowa. The planning area is predominantly comprised of productive ag land with mostly row crops and some pasture. Corn and soybeans are the predominant crop rotation. There is a variety of livestock operations with swine production being the biggest. Topography includes moraine ridges, gently to steeply rolling hills, and level plains. Artificial drainage via both public and private drainage systems is predominant in the planning area. There are 10 lakes in the planning area, with Fountain Lake, Albert Lea Lake, and Pickerel Lake being the three predominant waterbodies. The Shell Rock River Watershed District, which operates under MN Chapter 103E statutes, lies within the planning area.

4. **Plan Development.** The Partnership initiated the Plan development process for the One Watershed, One Plan on April 23, 2019, by notifying the designated State Plan review agencies, local government units, and other identified stakeholders that it was starting the planning process and soliciting each Plan review agency's priority issues, summaries of relevant water management goals, and water resource information. The Shell Rock River and Winnebago River Watershed Planning Partnership held a kick-off event to solicit stakeholder and public input and garner involvement on August 21, 2019, in Albert Lea at the Edgewater Bay Pavilion. Citizens, stakeholders, elected and appointed officials, and staff were given the opportunity to share information, communicate their priority concerns, and provide comments for the planning process. This input was used in the development and prioritization of resource issues, as well as strategies and actions to address these issues and achieve measurability. Numerical measurable goals of the project were based on Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies (WRAPS) for the Shell Rock River and Winnebago River watersheds as well as TMDLs and local water plans. HSPF-SAM model inputs were based in part on a spreadsheet targeting tool that the firm RESPEC had developed for the watersheds for MPCA as a part of the WRAPS and TMDL development. The reduction estimates from the targeted implementation schedule, along with the measurable goals established for the watershed, provided an estimated pace of progress that can be expected through the ten-year planning period. Implementation categories and initiatives were then detailed to identify where funds will be utilized to accomplish the strategies and actions from the targeted implementation schedule. Goals for the Plan where action strategies included structural and management implementation methods were tailored for each of the four planning regions in the Plan and implementation schedules reflect the differing targeting methods for each region. The draft Plan was approved by the Policy Committee and then distributed to individuals, communities, Plan Review Authorities, and other stakeholders on November 1, 2021, for the required 60-day review and comment period. Written comments were received, considered, and responded to by the Partnership and approved by the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee held a public hearing in Albert Lea on January 20, 2022. No additional comments were brought forth by the public. The final draft Plan and all required materials were submitted and officially received by the BWSR Board Conservationist (Board) on February 17, 2022.
5. **Plan Review.** On February 17, 2022, the Board received the Plan, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Plan for final State review pursuant to Board #16-17. State agency representatives attended and provided input at advisory committee meetings during development of the Plan. The following State review comments were received during the comment period.
- A. Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA): During the 60-day review and comment period the MDA provided comments which included requesting additional information and references to the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) and the State Groundwater Protection Rule. MDA confirmed receipt of the Plan at the final formal review and responded that they did not have additional comments. *MDA recommends approval.*
- B. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH): MDH provided input throughout the planning process and participated consistently in Advisory Committee meetings. During the 60-day review and comment period, MDH submitted three specific comments on the Plan. They were in reference to a cost associated with well sealings, an incorrect GRAPS reference, and a question on practices associated with groundwater protection efforts. These were addressed in the final Plan. MDH confirmed receipt of the Plan and stated via email they were satisfied with responses to their comments. *MDH recommends approval.*
- C. Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR): DNR provided input throughout the planning process and participated in Advisory Committee meetings. Responses to the 60-day review and comment period by DNR included in several places replacing the term "rough fish" with "carp" for accuracy. DNR also commented on the impacts that lake dredging can/will have on lake habitat. DNR encouraged the consideration of natural approaches for streambank and lakeshore stabilization efforts and stressed the importance of including nutrient management BMPs to help address nutrient loading from upland areas. DNR confirmed receipt of the Plan and stated "DNR remains committed to provide the necessary technical support and science-based recommendation to protect and improve the Shell Rock-Winnebago Watersheds". *DNR recommends approval.*

- D. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA): MPCA provided input throughout the planning process and participated in Advisory Committee meetings. Responses to the 60-day review and comment period by MPCA included clarifying drainage water management practices as part of the implementation strategy, comments and questions about Table 3-2 which shows load estimates and estimated reductions at outlets to priority lakes in the Planning area, updating several impairments to reflect new data, and asking to be sure that the estimated pollution reductions align with the HSPF-SAM outputs. MPCA also requested the 2017 HSPF-SAM inputs used for some of the pollution reduction estimates be cited in the Plan, but this request was turned down by the Partnership. It was felt that “the relevant studies and work used to develop the outcomes are adequately referenced in the plan as it currently stands.” MPCA is satisfied with the responses. MPCA recommends approval.
- E. Minnesota Environmental Quality Board: No comments were received.
- F. Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources regional staff: BWSR staff provided input to the planning process, participated in the Advisory Committee meetings, and aided the Planning Work Group during the Plan development process. During the 60-day review period, BWSR staff provided a total of 92 comments. Staff comments ranged from simple editorial comments and questions about clarification on some of the technical aspects, to requesting changes to the Plan to both ensure consistency throughout the Plan and ensure Plan Content Requirements were met. The most significant of those was: 1) the need to have more detailed information on projects that the Partnership may consider to be capital improvement projects. BWSR Plan Content Requirements state “Capital Improvement Programs (CIP) for Watershed Districts. CIPs are required in the plan when a watershed district is included, consistent with the requirements of Minnesota statutes 103B and 103D.” 2) BWSR Plan Content Requirements call for establishing “procedures for engaging state agencies and describe the ongoing roles and commitments of the state agencies for plan implementation”. BWSR requested the Plan include language that clearly defines the State water quality agencies involvement through membership on the Technical Advisory Committee during implementation. 3) BWSR requested some language change in the Plan to clearly state that the Shell Rock River Watershed District, while serving as a fiscal agent for future grants, would not be solely approving activities on land that lies outside its jurisdictional boundaries. These and other comments were adequately addressed. BWSR staff recommends approval of the Plan.
- G. Local Review: The partnership sought input from local units of government and local associations dealing with soil and water resources and habitat. No comments were officially received from these entities during the 60- or 90-day period.
6. **Plan Summary and Highlights.** The highlights of the Plan include:
- The Plan includes an Executive Summary which includes a summary of resource concerns and issues, introduces the reader to the Planning Management Zones, roles and responsibilities of the three committees involved in Plan development, the method of establishing measurable goals, and an easy-to-read Table (0-3) of implementation actions and resource issues the actions address.
 - The Plan places a high priority on both restoring and protecting the water quality of the priority lakes in the Plan area, which was communicated consistently by stakeholders both during the kick-off meeting and throughout the planning process.
 - The Plan includes a thorough identification of the targeted areas with the use of HSPF-SAM and a targeting spreadsheet tool. An extensive series of maps known as Appendix E break down the planning area into sub-watersheds for targeting specific practices and the best locations for both pollution reduction and cost effectiveness.
 - A total of 10 resource issues were identified. These were placed into categories A-E, with A being the highest priority and E being the lowest. Category A priorities include Surface Water Quantity and Surface Water Quality; Category B are Erosion and Sediment Control and Protecting Soil Health; Category C priorities are Restoring Wetland and Upland Habitat and Groundwater Quantity and Quality; Category D priorities are Improve Degraded Aquatic Habitat and Invasive Species; and Category E is Groundwater Protection.
 - The implementation Table has implementation actions and Measurable Goals for each of the four Planning Management Zones, as well as a Table for watershed-wide actions.

- Approximately \$23.8 million is needed to fully fund the Plan over its ten-year lifespan for the Tier A actions and costs, i.e., those funding sources and implementation actions the partnership feels “fit within the expected staffing capacity and funding”. With anticipated \$25.7 million in funding expected, the partnership believes there will be adequate funding to support the implementation actions. This is in large measure to the past success and anticipated future success the Shell Rock River Watershed District has had in securing Lessard-Sam Outdoor Heritage Council and State bonding funds as well as locally generated revenues from a local sales tax the Watershed District has secured.
7. **South Regional Committee.** On March 30, 2022, the Southern Regional Committee met to review and discuss the Plan. Those in attendance from the Board’s Committee were Committee Chair Ted Winter, Eunice Biel, Jeffrey Berg, Steve Robertson and Scott Roemhildt. Board staff in attendance were Southern Region Manager Ed Lenz, Clean Water Specialist Shaina Keseley, and Board Conservationist David Copeland. The representative from the Partnership was Courtney Phillips with the Shell Rock River Watershed District. Board regional staff provided its recommendation of Plan approval to the Committee. After discussion, the Committee’s decision was to present a recommendation of approval of the Plan to the full Board.
 8. This Plan will be in effect for a ten-year period until April 27, 2032.

CONCLUSIONS

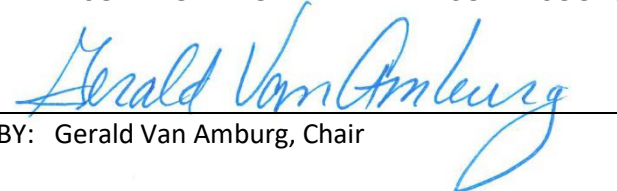
1. All relevant substantive and procedural requirements of law have been fulfilled.
2. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving a Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan for the Shell Rock River and Winnebago River Watershed Partnership pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17.
3. The Shell Rock River and Winnebago River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan attached to this Order states water and water-related problems within the planning area; priority resource issues and possible solutions thereto; goals, objectives, and actions of the Partnership; and an implementation program.
4. The attached Plan is in conformance with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.101, Subd. 14 and 103B.801 and Board Resolution #16-17.
5. The attached Plan when adopted through local resolution by the members of the Partnership will serve as a replacement for the comprehensive plan, local water management plan, or watershed management plan, developed or amended, approved and adopted, according to Chapter 103B, 103C, or 103D, but only to the geographic area of the Plan and consistent with the One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan of the Shell Rock River and Winnebago River Watershed Partnership, dated February 17, 2022.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 27th of April 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


BY: Gerald Van Amburg, Chair

BOARD ORDER

Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Grant Awards

PURPOSE

Authorize the grant awards for the Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot.

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 5, Section 2, Subd. 8(b) appropriated \$750,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the Board for building a new initiative to strategically restore and enhance approximately 1,000 acres of diverse native habitat to benefit multiple insects through grants, cost-share, and outreach.
2. In December 2021 by Board Order #21-56, the Board authorized staff to complete and open the Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot (HELP) RFP to provide grants through a competitive process.
3. The HELP RFP opened on January 3, 2022 and applications were accepted through February 23, 2022.
4. A total of 11 applications requesting \$400,760 were received.
5. Board staff reviewed applications for eligibility for this Program. Based on this review, 11 applications were determined to be eligible.
6. An inter-agency review team ranked the eligible applications on March 24, 2022 and recommended applications for funding.
7. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their March 28, 2022 meeting, reviewed the proposed grant awards and recommended approval to the Board.

ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Approves the allocation of funds to each eligible applicant in the amounts listed in the attached table *Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot Funding Recommendation*.
2. Authorizes staff to enter into individual grant agreements for these funds.
3. Authorizes staff to develop and distribute subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) for remaining funds similar to the initial RFP with a maximum request amount not to exceed \$60,000, include counties as eligible applicants, allow landscape conversion to native plant communities to be an eligible activity (in addition to pollinator plots and landscape enhancement), and allow pollinator plots and landscape conversions to be up to ten acres in size.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this April 27, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair

Date: April 27, 2022

Board of Water and Soil Resources

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT LANDSCAPE PILOT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION	
Grantee	Funding Amount
Aitkin Soil and Water Conservation District	\$20,000
Anoka Conservation District	\$40,000
Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District	\$30,760
Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District	\$40,000
Martin Soil and Water Conservation District	\$30,000
Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District	\$40,000
Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District	\$40,000
Root River Soil and Water Conservation District	\$40,000
Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District	\$40,000
Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District	\$40,000
Washington Conservation District	\$40,000
Total	\$400,760

BOARD ORDER

Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant Awards

PURPOSE

Authorize the grant awards for fiscal year 2022 and 2023 General Fund Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) grants to selected Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs).

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 4d(1), appropriated \$100,000 each year for fiscal year 2022 and 2023 for county cooperative weed management cost-share programs.
2. The CWMA program provides financial assistance to SWCDs to develop and sustain Cooperative Weed Management Areas that control emerging weed threats and manage natural areas and conservation lands through an integrated pest management and ecosystem approach.
3. On December 16, 2021, by Board Order #21-57, the Board authorized a CWMA Grant Program for FY2022 and FY2023 to provide funds to existing, and newly establishing CWMA’s through a competitive process.
4. Applicants were accepted from new and existing CWMA’s and evaluated based on the following criteria:

Table 1: Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
<u>Newly Establishing Organizations:</u> The funding will be used to assist the development of a newly establishing Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) or Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA).	10
<u>Anticipated Outcomes:</u> The outcomes expected upon completion of the project initiatives are identified, consistent with project goals, and it is clear how these outcomes will be obtained.	25
<u>Relationship to CWMA and Conservation Plans:</u> The proposal and species of focus are based on priority actions listed in or derived from CWMA/CISMA plans, and other local, state and federal conservation and invasive species plans.	10
<u>Weed Prioritization:</u> Weed threats are prioritized and are consistent with Minnesota’s Noxious Weed Law, as well as local needs.	15
<u>Strength of Partnerships:</u> : Partnerships are clearly defined and will lead to effective management and operation.	15
<u>Management Approach:</u> An approach is defined to plan and manage invasive species through partnership coordination and using integrated pest management, and a focus on restoring native vegetation and/or native plant communities where practicable.	15
<u>Information Management:</u> An approach is defined for the management of information about weed locations (using EDDMapS), as well as management approaches used.	10
Total Points Available	100

5. The inter-agency CWMA Advisory Team reviewed and ranked the applications on March 30, 2022 and recommended 13 of 21 applications be funded.
6. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their April 11, 2022 meeting, reviewed the proposed grant awards and recommended approval to the Board.

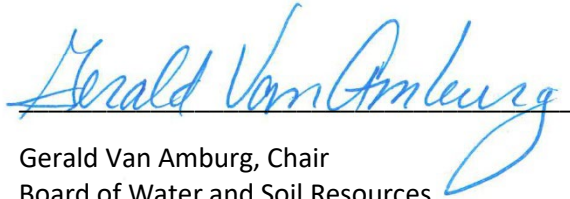
ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Approves the allocation of funds to each eligible applicant in the amounts listed in the attached table *FY2022 & FY2023 Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Funding Recommendation*, totaling \$200,000.
2. Authorizes staff to enter into individual grant agreements for these funds.
3. Establishes that the grants awarded pursuant to this order will conform to the BWSR Erosion Control and Water Management Program Policy.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this April 27, 2022

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: April 27, 2022

Attachments: *FY2022 & FY2023 Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Funding Recommendation*

FY2022 & FY2023 Cooperative Weed Management Area Program Funding Recommendation	
Soil and Water Conservation District	Recommended Award
Becker Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Washington Conservation District	\$15,000
Anoka Conservation District	\$15,000
Brown Soil and Water Conservation District	\$20,000
Stearns Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Winona Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District	\$20,000
Ramsey County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Red Lake Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Koochiching Soil and Water Conservation District	\$15,000
Pennington Soil and Water Conservation District	\$10,000
Total	\$200,000

BOARD ORDER

Fiscal Year 2023 SWCD Capacity Grants Program

PURPOSE

Provide Fiscal Year 2023 Clean Water Fund Capacity Grant Funds to Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

1. The Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Capacity Program supports implementation of the various duties and responsibilities of SWCDs as provided for in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103C.
2. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Sec. 6(q), appropriated \$12 million in Fiscal Year 2023 SWCD Capacity Program funds.
3. This appropriation limits funds for the Board's administration of the program to two percent.
4. The appropriation includes language that requires providing an increase in the base amount of \$100,000 per year, and for remaining funds to be distributed to each SWCD based on county allocations to SWCDs and on the amount of private land and public waters.
5. The allocation includes a) a \$107,500 per SWCD base amount, b) 10% of the funds to the land and water portion using a distribution of 75% based on private land and a distribution of 25% based on the amount of public waters, c) the remaining amount apportioned based on the 2021 county allocation to the SWCD and d) an attenuation cap of $\pm 7.5\%$ as compared to a SWCD's FY22 Capacity grant.
6. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their April 11, 2022 meeting, reviewed the proposed allocations and recommended approval to the Board.

ORDER

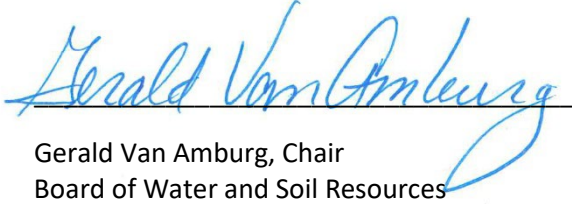
The Board hereby:

1. Approves the allocations which includes: a) a \$107,500 base amount per eligible SWCD and Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, b) 10% of the funds to the land and water portion using a distribution of 75% based on the amount of private land and 25% based on the amount of public waters per each eligible SWCD and Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, c) the remaining amount apportioned based on the 2021 county allocation to the SWCD, and d) an attenuation cap of $\pm 7.5\%$ as compared to a SWCD's FY22 Capacity grant
2. Establishes that the 2023 Capacity Grants awarded pursuant to this resolution will conform to the most recent SWCD Conservation Delivery and Capacity Grants Policy.
3. Acknowledges the two percent limit prescribed in statute for agency costs.
4. Authorizes staff to enter into grant agreements for these purposes.

5. Authorizes staff to allocate unobligated funds, including those that have been returned from previous years' Clean Water Fund SWCD Local Capacity grant programs, to the FY23 amount per eligible SWCD on an equal basis.

Dated this April 27, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: April 27, 2022

Draft FY2023 Clean Water Fund Soil and Water Conservation District Local Capacity Funding Allocations

SWCD	FY23 Base Allocation	FY23 Land & Water Allocation	FY23 County Contribution Allocation	FY 23 Total Allocation
AITKIN	\$107,500	\$17,892	\$7,471	\$132,863
ANOKA	\$107,500	\$9,312	\$19,913	\$136,725
BECKER	\$107,500	\$23,429	\$13,011	\$143,940
BELTRAMI	\$107,500	\$20,074	\$11,678	\$139,252
BENTON	\$107,500	\$7,056	\$15,043	\$129,599
BIG STONE	\$107,500	\$9,533	\$5,639	\$122,672
BLUE EARTH	\$107,500	\$13,502	\$6,677	\$127,679
BROWN	\$107,500	\$10,541	\$6,303	\$124,344
CARLTON	\$107,500	\$12,036	\$9,568	\$129,104
CARVER	\$107,500	\$7,339	\$24,216	\$139,055
CASS	\$107,500	\$22,766	\$4,482	\$134,748
CHIPPEWA	\$107,500	\$9,974	\$5,507	\$122,981
CHISAGO	\$107,500	\$7,886	\$11,077	\$126,463
CLAY	\$107,500	\$17,897	\$13,348	\$138,745
CLEARWATER	\$107,500	\$12,458	\$4,345	\$124,303
COOK	\$107,500	\$14,424	\$2,190	\$124,114
COTTONWOOD	\$107,500	\$11,299	\$10,410	\$129,209
CROW WING	\$107,500	\$18,571	\$3,026	\$129,097
DAKOTA	\$107,500	\$10,368	\$25,877	\$143,745
DODGE	\$107,500	\$7,476	\$5,923	\$120,899
DOUGLAS	\$107,500	\$13,711	\$15,433	\$136,644
FARIBAULT	\$107,500	\$12,382	\$5,058	\$124,940
FILLMORE	\$107,500	\$14,806	\$11,364	\$133,670
FREEBORN	\$107,500	\$11,671	\$11,465	\$130,636
GOODHUE	\$107,500	\$13,548	\$25,687	\$146,735
GRANT	\$107,500	\$10,529	\$7,777	\$125,806
HENNEPIN	\$107,500	\$13,145	\$ -	\$120,645
HUBBARD	\$107,500	\$12,984	\$1,880	\$122,364
ISANTI	\$107,500	\$8,146	\$23,588	\$139,234
ITASCA	\$107,500	\$30,986	\$10,651	\$149,137
JACKSON	\$107,500	\$12,034	\$10,514	\$130,048
KANABEC	\$107,500	\$8,782	\$1,902	\$118,184
KANDIYOHI	\$107,500	\$15,125	\$9,567	\$132,192

SWCD	FY23 Base Allocation	FY23 Land & Water Allocation	FY23 County Contribution Allocation	FY 23 Total Allocation
KITTSON	\$107,500	\$16,790	\$2,306	\$126,596
KOOCHICHING	\$107,500	\$17,477	\$3,967	\$128,944
LAC QUI PARLE	\$107,500	\$13,226	\$7,355	\$128,081
LAKE	\$107,500	\$21,120	\$4,536	\$133,156
LAKE OF THE WOODS	\$107,500	\$7,603	\$5,032	\$120,135
LE SUEUR	\$107,500	\$8,606	\$14,740	\$130,846
LINCOLN	\$107,500	\$9,960	\$8,145	\$125,605
LYON	\$107,500	\$12,202	\$8,977	\$128,679
MAHNOMEN	\$107,500	\$9,746	\$3,083	\$120,329
MARSHALL	\$107,500	\$27,178	\$8,301	\$142,979
MARTIN	\$107,500	\$12,617	\$6,328	\$126,445
MC LEOD	\$107,500	\$8,904	\$10,685	\$127,089
MEEKER	\$107,500	\$11,772	\$8,694	\$127,966
MILLE LACS	\$107,500	\$8,642	\$8,008	\$124,150
MORRISON	\$107,500	\$18,163	\$7,769	\$133,432
MOWER	\$107,500	\$12,074	\$11,830	\$131,404
MURRAY	\$107,500	\$12,845	\$12,297	\$132,642
NICOLLET	\$107,500	\$7,658	\$15,224	\$130,382
NOBLES	\$107,500	\$12,895	\$6,655	\$127,050
NORMAN	\$107,500	\$16,109	\$4,085	\$127,694
OLMSTED	\$107,500	\$11,352	\$22,527	\$141,379
OTTERTAIL EAST	\$107,500	\$19,418	\$11,477	\$138,395
OTTERTAIL WEST	\$107,500	\$20,738	\$7,959	\$136,197
PENNINGTON	\$107,500	\$9,905	\$7,981	\$125,386
PINE	\$107,500	\$19,447	\$4,971	\$131,918
PIPESTONE	\$107,500	\$8,309	\$9,272	\$125,081
POLK EAST	\$107,500	\$13,903	\$2,701	\$124,104
POLK WEST	\$107,500	\$20,388	\$2,701	\$130,589
POPE	\$107,500	\$13,634	\$6,315	\$127,449
RAMSEY	\$107,500	\$3,434	\$ -	\$110,934
RED LAKE	\$107,500	\$7,639	\$4,086	\$119,225
REDWOOD	\$107,500	\$14,870	\$10,821	\$133,191
RENVILLE	\$107,500	\$16,015	\$7,963	\$131,478
RICE	\$107,500	\$9,185	\$14,262	\$130,947
ROCK	\$107,500	\$8,472	\$6,873	\$122,845
ROOT RIVER	\$107,500	\$9,922	\$8,082	\$125,504
ROSEAU	\$107,500	\$20,878	\$4,949	\$133,327
SCOTT	\$107,500	\$7,262	\$49,028	\$163,790
SHERBURNE	\$107,500	\$7,673	\$18,945	\$134,118

SWCD	FY23 Base Allocation	FY23 Land & Water Allocation	FY23 County Contribution Allocation	FY 23 Total Allocation
SIBLEY	\$107,500	\$10,157	\$9,502	\$127,159
ST. LOUIS N.	\$107,500	\$48,257	\$3,759	\$159,516
ST. LOUIS S.	\$107,500	\$18,091	\$3,759	\$129,350
STEARNS	\$107,500	\$25,195	\$21,424	\$154,119
STEELE	\$107,500	\$6,895	\$9,841	\$124,236
STEVENS	\$107,500	\$10,178	\$9,335	\$127,013
SWIFT	\$107,500	\$12,739	\$4,072	\$124,311
TODD	\$107,500	\$17,146	\$10,400	\$135,046
TRAVERSE	\$107,500	\$9,890	\$6,437	\$123,827
WABASHA	\$107,500	\$9,235	\$7,831	\$124,566
WADENA	\$107,500	\$8,614	\$6,453	\$122,567
WASECA	\$107,500	\$7,502	\$7,518	\$122,520
WASHINGTON	\$107,500	\$8,316	\$21,609	\$137,425
WATONWAN	\$107,500	\$7,874	\$13,710	\$129,084
WILKIN	\$107,500	\$11,962	\$7,675	\$127,137
WINONA	\$107,500	\$10,927	\$9,398	\$127,825
WRIGHT	\$107,500	\$13,464	\$25,350	\$146,314
YELLOW MEDICINE	\$107,500	\$13,838	\$7,205	\$128,543
ALLOCATED TOTALS	\$9,675,000	\$1,199,993	\$884,798	\$11,759,791

BOARD ORDER

**Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 Lower Minnesota River Watershed District
Dredge Management Grants Approval**

PURPOSE

Approval of the fiscal year 2022 and 2023 Dredge Management grants to Lower Minnesota River Watershed District.

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

1. The Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 4(i), appropriated \$240,000 for each fiscal year 2022 and 2023 for Minnesota River channel management.
2. This grant is available for the cost of operating and maintaining sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state, national, and international commercial and recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota River.
3. The Lower Minnesota Watershed District will develop and submit a work plan to BWSR to cover activities for fiscal year 2022 and 2023.
4. The Grants Program and Policy Committee, at their April 11, 2022 meeting, discussed and reviewed the Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Dredge Management grant allocation and recommended approval to the Board.

ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Authorizes staff to enter into a grant agreement for the FY 2022 and 2023 Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Dredge Management Grants consistent with the provisions of the appropriation, recognizing that funds for the fiscal year 2023 grants will not be available until the start of that fiscal year and will be processed only after July 1, 2022.
2. Authorizes staff to review and approve the work plans for 2022 and 2023 prior to payment of grant funds.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this April 27, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: April 27, 2022



BOARD ORDER

Authorizing Revised Minnesota Wetland Professional Certification Program (MWPCP) Program Plan

PURPOSE

To authorize revisions to the MWPCP Program Plan approved on 9/25/2019.

FINDINGS OF FACT / RECITALS

1. On September 25, 2019, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) via Decision #19-53 authorized staff to implement the MWPCP Program Plan (Plan) dated August 27, 2019 and beginning on January 1, 2020.
2. Staff implemented the Plan in calendar years 2020 and 2021, including measures associated with the transfer of membership from the University of Minnesota's Wetland Delineator Certification Program and internal staff processes to establish the program.
3. The Plan dated August 27, 2019 limits online training hours eligible for continuing education credit renewal to four credit hours in a three-year renewal period.
4. Since 2020 regulatory training has been added and online training has expanded and become more effective for the continuing education of program participants.
5. Staff have modified the Plan to remove actions that have been completed associated with program start-up, and to increase the amount of online training hours eligible for continuing education credit from four to six credit hours.
6. The Wetland Conservation Committee, at their April 21, 2022 meeting, reviewed this proposal and recommended the Board approve this order.

ORDER

The Board hereby:

1. Authorizes staff to implement the revised and attached MWPCP Program Plan dated April 27, 2022.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this April 27, 2022.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES


Gerald Van Amburg, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Date: April 27, 2022