

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting

March 21, 2024

4:30-6:30 PM



Location: Mille Lacs County Courthouse, lower level, Conf rm D, 635 2nd St SE, Milaca, MN 56353

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Vision Statement

- Clean, abundant water for consumption, recreation, and habitat
- Collaborative partnership among communities, working together towards a common goal
- Community members and decision makers understand the challenges and opportunities facing the watershed
- Innovative strategies to meet our goals

Primary representatives:

Aitkin County- Laurie Westerlund

Aitkin SWCD- Bob Janzen

Anoka CD- Colleen Werdien

Benton County-Ed Popp

Benton SWCD- Wade Bastian

Isanti County- Alan Duff

Isanti SWCD- Al Koczur

Kanabec SWCD- Kim Johnson

Mille Lacs SWCD- Jake Janski

Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Kelly Applegate

Morrison SWCD- Dale Scholl

Morrison County- Bobby Kasper

Sherburne County- Andrew Hulse

Sherburne SWCD- Chris Jurek

CCd: member staff representatives, others requested to be on cc list

Topic	Purpose	Lead
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Approve agenda	DECIDE	Chair
3. Public Hearing for ISWCD amendment to the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (will begin at 4:30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the public wishing to speak will be limited to 3-minutes per person. 	DISCUSS/ DECIDE	Chair
4. Approve January 25, 2024 minutes	DECIDE	Chair
5. Administrative reports/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financials (see stand alone PDFs) Progress updates (to be sent separately) 2024 Party-Funded Plans (included in packet) 	INFO	Chair
6. Education/Outreach Updates	INFO	Outreach Staff
7. Implementation Tracking Report	INFO	Cibulka
8. WBIF Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well Sealing- NEW Soil Health-Revised Deed Restriction-added language 	DECIDE	Chair
9. Approve 1st Q 2024 Funding Requests and Statement of Work Amendments	DECIDE	Chair
10. FY23 WBIF Supplemental Budget Update	DECIDE	Chair
11. DRAFT FY25 WBIF Budget	DECIDE	Determan
12. Open forum/member updates	INFO	All
13. Next Meeting Date: June 27th	DECIDE	Chair
14. Adjourn	DECIDE	Chair

MEMO

Request For Action

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 3: **Public Hearing for ISWCD's amendment to the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**

Meeting Date: **March 21, 2024**

Prepared by: **Tiffany Determan**

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

If no negative comments are received, Adopt the minor plan amendment and direct staff to incorporate the minor amendment into the RRCWMP, post it on the website, and distribute to all parties who received the initial notification.

Summary

At the January 25th RRWP JPE meeting the board approved a Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan amendment as requested by Isanti SWCD.

The amendment adds to actions in the Surface Water Protection Issue within the Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge) management Zone. These actions are consistent with those in other management zones.

On January 31st, 2024, ISWCD sent Plan review authorities the proposed amendment, for a 30 day comment period. Comments were due March 1st. ISWCD received no negative comments. Only "no-comment" comments or supportive comments were received.

The next step will be for staff to incorporate the amendment into the RRCWMP, post it on the website, and distribute it to all parties who received the initial notification.

BWSR Criteria for a minor amendment is described here:

Minor Amendment. If the proposed amendment meets the criteria below, a minor amendment procedure can be used.

1. Minor Amendment Criteria. An amendment can proceed as a minor amendment if the BWSR board conservationist and the regional manager agree that the following criteria are met:

- (i) The amendment does not create a new funding mechanism (e.g., water management district) or a new program that would have significant implications for local funding or taxing; and
- (ii) The amendment does not change overall plan priorities or goals

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

January 25th, 2024 4:30PM – 6:00PM

In-Person Meeting MLC
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Milaca, MN 56353



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Note taker: Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD

Voting Members

Present:

Colleen Werdien - Anoka Conservation District
Laurie Westerlund – Aitkin County
Ed Popp – Benton County
Wade Bastian – Benton SWCD
Alan Duff – Isanti County
Al Koczur – Isanti SWCD
Kim Johnson – Kanabec SWCD
Jake Janski – Mille Lacs SWCD
Dale Scholl – Morrison SWCD
Bobby Kasper – Morrison County
Kelly Applegate-Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (*virtual attendance*)
Chris Jurek – Sherburne SWCD
Andrew Hulse- Sherburne County (*virtual attendance*)

Alternates Present:

Mike Winkelman- Benton SWCD

Partners and Staff

Present:

Jamie Schurbon – Anoka Conservation District
Tiffany Determan – Isanti SWCD
Susan Shaw – Mille Lacs SWCD
Molly Clyne – Mille Lacs SWCD
Dan Cibulka – Sherburne SWCD - (*virtual attendance*)
Barb Peichel – BWSR
Michelle Jordan – BWSR
Emily Forbord– Benton SWCD - (*virtual attendance*)
Gerry Maciej- Benton SWCD

Voting Members

Absent:

Bob Janzen – Aitkin SWCD

1. Meeting called to order by Janski at 4:32 pm. Introductions led by Janski. Only members present in-person may vote.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Duff to approve the agenda; second by Kasper. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

3. Elections of Officers: Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Popp to nominate Janski for Chair; second by Kasper. Affirmative; All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Motion by Koczur to nominate Johnson for Vice Chair. Johnson delinked by stating he feels someone with more stake in the watershed should be nominated.

Motion by Duff to nominate Al Koczur; second by Kasper. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

4. Approval of September 28th, 2023 Rum River Watershed Partnership Board meeting minutes

Motion by Westerlund to approve the September 28th, 2024 outcomes as presented; second by Werdien. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

5. Administrative reports/updates

Schurbon provided a financial update. The partnership needs an audit conducted on 2023 finances. He was reached out to by Peterson Companies with a price of \$4k to conduct an audit for 2023. He asked them to reconsider this price, but asked the board to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of engagement when they are comfortable with pricing. The partnership currently has \$3k budgeted for the audit in the work plan. They have underused attorney services which could be used to make up the difference. Peterson Companies wants to start no later than April.

Motion by Johnson to authorize the Chair to engage Peterson Companies after negotiations, but up to \$4k; second by Bastian. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

Cibulka provided a progress update on implementation tracking for the partnership. He is working on an ArcGIS-based tracking program. He is hoping to have something to share with the staff soon. He mentioned the need to track other projects from non-WBIF funds. This will give a comprehensive view of progress towards goals.

Discussion

Bastian mentioned how the reporting required by Cibulka looked very intensive and asked if anyone else has looked into the report. There is a concern about the amount of staff time it will take to get the data for the report together. Cibulka replied that most of

the information is data the staff are tracking already, so hopefully it's ready to be copy and pasted.

6. Education and Outreach Updates

Janski introduced Clyne as the new Watershed Coordinator at Mille Lacs SWCD. Clyne described how she has been working to understand the role, the goals of the Rum River Watershed Partnership, and is looking into how to organize community buy-in.

Determan described how Type A Outreach Coordinator, L. Godfrey, has two watershed wide events coming up. The first is a workshop for people looking to buy lake shore property, taking place on March 19th from 6-7:30pm. The location is to be determined, but will be within the southern part of the watershed. The other event is Conservation Coffee where people can come in and ask staff members their conservation questions at the Princeton Coffee Corner on January 27th. Janski suggested that the partners attend L. Godfrey's Outreach Hours.

7. Approve 2024 Budget

Johnson asked if there are any issues thin the budget currently where we are over the allocated funds, or close to being over. Determan said they are sitting great, but noted that there may be a need to move money around in the future. In that case, it will come to the board. A work plan amendment will only be needed if the amount to be moved is over \$50,000. Schurbon noted that the partnership has only used approximately 15% of the three-year grant so far, so there is a lot of money to spend down.

Discussion

Duff questioned if the partnership could transfer \$1k from the legal funds of the work plan to the audit during this approval of the budget, which would cover the last \$1k of the audit needed for Peterson Companies. Schurbon agreed with this idea and pointed out that it's unlikely that Peterson Companies will change their price.

Motion by Duff to approve the 2024 budget as presented with the exception of transferring \$1k from legal to audit; second by Bastian. Affirmative: All.

Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

8. 2024 Meeting Schedule and Location

The proposed dates were March 28th, June 27th, September 26th, and December 26th.

Discussion

Janski cannot make the March 28th date in person, but could attend virtually. Determan pointed out that this would be fine as long as he makes his location available to the public prior to the meeting. Partners suggested moving this date, as well as the December 26th meeting to avoid the holidays.

Motion by Kasper to approve the dates as March 21st, June 27th, September 26th, and December 19th and to have the meetings in the Milaca Courthouse,

except for the September 26th meeting which will have project tours in Isanti; second by Westerlund. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

9. Approve Q4 Funding Requests and Statement of Work Amendments

Determan described how two statements of works are being proposed to have revised scopes of work only. The first is the Mille Lacs SWCD Outreach and Education Scope of Work. This is proposed to be revised since the Watershed Coordinator, Clyne, was hired later than intended and therefore it is proposed to amend the end date of the WBIF Type B Outreach funds from December 2024 to December 2025. The second is the Isanti SWCD Scope of Work for Rural BMPs for Wetland Restoration. Revisions on the design were done which decreased the size but increased nutrient reduction. The proposed amendment is merely reflecting this change.

Determan then described the three proposed amended statements of work with additions and some edits. The first is the Mille Lacs SWCD Project Development statement of work, in which it was proposed to add funding for additional shoreland stewardship and soil health practices. Next was the Mille Lacs SWCD Technical Engineering statement of work, in which it was proposed cancelling some planned funding for a technical engineering project with Wahkon and instead adding funds for shoreline work. Lastly, there was a proposed new scope of work for the Mille Lacs SWCD soil health practices for \$18k for 200 acres of soil health practices.

Motion by Westerlund to approve the changes and amendments; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

10. Approve Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Amendment and Set Public Hearing

Determan described how the Isanti SWCD requested a minor plan amendment in which they would be adding two actions. The proposed amendment adds to actions in the Surface Water Protection Issue within the Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge) management zone. To make this change, they'd need to set a public hearing date (probably March 21st) and if this was approved to move forward today, Determan would send an email to partners and state review to get comments on the minor plan amendment within the required 30-day comment period. If there are no comments, they can move forward with the public hearing date, get the plan updated, and post it on the website.

Motion by Popp to approve the minor amendment as proposed and to authorize the staff to admit it for the 30-day comment period, with a public hearing date on March 19th at 4:30pm; second by Kasper. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

11. FY25 WBIF Supplemental Funding Request

Determan described how the IPC submitted a request from BWSR's supplemental funds. Over 7M was left over from other watersheds. The IPC decided they wanted to submit for additional funding. An email was sent out letting the board know since the due dates for requesting the funds was January 8th and was before the next board meeting. Determan described how the partnership is indeed eligible to receive the full amount requested, which was \$268,721. Today, they needed a motion so that the Chair can sign the BWSR grant agreement amendment and update the eLink work plan.

Discussion

Partners asked what the money would be used for. Determan described how \$30k would be used for the sealing of up to 20 wells within the watershed. Partnership will have to come up with cost-share rules. The IPC will draft the policies and then they will be presented to the board. Outreach for the well sealing will be \$20k. The remaining \$218,721 will be used for the hiring or contracting of a land protection person for conservation easements, forestry, and some wetland restoration in Isanti and Mille Lacs counties. Determan described how there is a huge lack of capacity to implement programs where there's a lot of money coming in, like conservation easements and forestry, but there just hasn't been enough staff capacity. This money would fund a little over a year and a half of a staff person. The funding will hopefully bring in more money to fund this staff person in the future as this position helps meet long-term goals. An example of another place of funding would be from future WBIF. Determan and Shaw describe how they want to hire someone with experience in forestry so they can hit the ground running. This position also relates to LCCMR, which is a pilot for planting trees on permanently protected lands. Johnson asked if this would be a permanent position, to which Shaw responded that it would depend on sourcing funds in the future.

Motion by Scholl to approve the Chair to sign the BWSR grant agreement for supplemental funds; second by Werdien. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion carried.**

12. 2024 Work Plan: non-Watershed Based Implementation Funding

Determan described how there is an obligation to have an annual work plan and section that describes the work that partners are doing to accomplish goals with funds other than from WBIF. Determan describes how partners are leveraging a lot of money to accomplish plan goals, and that partners are very busy. She will send out a draft of non-WBIF funded projects to the board to be approved at the March meeting. With just what the members reported to her there's over 4.5 million dollars funded to implement plan goals in 2024. Determan described how there are a number of state-led initiatives for this watershed, one of which is the LCCMR grant. There is also considerable conservation easement money dedicated to the Rum River Watershed. She described how the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is kicking off their intensive watershed monitoring that happens every 10 years to see conditions of surface water. Locals are able to leverage a grant to do the monitoring on their own. Other examples of funds the

partners are utilizing are Outdoor Heritage Funds, Department of Health, US Fish and Wildlife, MN Ag Quality Certification, BWSR Soil Health, and Federal 319 grants.

13. Liaison: March 11th IPC Meeting, 12:30-2:30pm

The next IPC meeting will be March 11th from 12:30-2:30pm at the Mille Lacs Courthouse.

14. Next Steps

The FY2025 WBIF Work Plan draft will be presented during the March 11th IPC meeting.

15.Next Meeting Date

March 21st, 2024 starting 4:30pm at the Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse.

16.Janski called the meeting to adjourn at 5:54pm.



2024 Party- Funded Plans

This document is an obligation of our Joint Powers agreement and approved Bylaws. This information provides a general overview of the work partners are doing to implement the plan with money other than the WBIF or other funding administered by the RRWP; clarifies the overall effort going into the plan implementation; helps keep members informed of watershed-wide initiatives; and helps determine which actions need additional WBIF funds.

The estimated cost to implement all Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan activities is \$34,947,325 over ten years; this equates to roughly \$3.5 million annually. Watershed Based Implementation Funds (WBIF) will not cover all costs of implementing the plan; thus, partners will also opt to individually leverage private, local, state, or federal funding to ensure progress toward plan goals.

The summary provided here includes planned efforts reported by members. Implementation tracking at the end of the year will give a more accurate reflection of progress toward plan goals.

Collectively, our members have dedicated \$4,685,000 from various sources to implement the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed management plan in 2024! Planned actions and accomplishments can be found on page 2.

Several State-led initiatives are occurring in the watershed:

- Watershed and Forest Restoration: What a Match! This program, funded via a Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund grant, is led by the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The grant targets the reforestation of permanently protected land. Mille Lacs SWCD is the fiscal agent.
- Reinvest In Minnesota Conservation Easements: Several pots of money, primarily from the Clean Water Fund, are available for use in the watershed. The effort targets land protection via permanent conservation easements in target areas, including the Rum River and its tributaries.
- Intensive Watershed Monitoring: The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is leading the effort to complete monitoring to assess the condition of lakes and streams in the watershed. Monitoring occurs every ten years as part of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Process.

2024 Funding sources include:

Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund	BWSR Metropolitan WBIF (Anoka County Portion)
MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant	Outdoor Heritage Fund
MPCA Federal 319 Small Watersheds Grants	MN Department of Health Well Water Testing Grant
BWSR Clean Water Funds	United States Fish and Wildlife
MPCA Watershed Pollutant Load Monitoring Network	MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program
BWSR Soil Health Grants	Federal Environmental Quality Incentives Program
SWCD State Aid	BWSR SWCD Capacity Grants

Priority Management Zone	Target Water	Plan Action #*	Strategy	2024 Planned Accomplishments
Watershed-Wide	All Priority Waters (see plan)			Establish a Farmer Led Group (Isanti), Host Ag Lunch N Learn (Isanti), 2 articles in newsletters in 9 cities (to address stormwater, SSTS maintenance, shoreline management, etc.), 1 public officials tour, promotion of "When Development Comes to Town" video, host student biomonitoring event for ~100 students (Anoka).
		O1.1	Outreach	
		SW-R.6 & SW-P.3	Soil Health	~200 acres of soil health practices
		SW-R.8; GW1.5, NRU.8	Compare regulatory approaches across LGUs & recommend updates for watershed level consistency	Promotion of "When Development Comes to Town" to 12 planning authorities
		SW-R.10 & SWP.4	Water Quality Monitoring	Monitor locations identified in Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Report as part of MPCA Intensive Watershed Monitoring Program. 13 lakes & ~9 streams/rivers.
		SW-P.1, SW-Q.1, NRA.1	Wetland restorations/Banks	200 acers of wetland banks, 40 acres of wetland restorations
		SWP.2	SSTS Fix-ups:	1 Septic System updated
		SW-P.6	Increase Conservation Easements for shorelands, wetland and forested lands:	Use of existing BWSR funding targets to priority areas
		SWQ.3	Private Forest Management	Implement BWSR LCCMR forestry grant
		SWQ.7	Urban Storage BMPs:	1 rain garden installed
		GWQ.2	Seal unused or abandoned wells	5+ Wells Sealed
		GWKD.2	Evaluate recharge areas and potential risk	Participating in Met Council subregional water supply planning workshops, 1 regional water supply plan
		GWKD.3	Increase LGU staff knowledge of groundwater issues and surface water - groundwater connectivity	provide test kits to target area people with vulnerable wells and discuss results with them. Create GIS map of results and do outreach regarding risk. 150 wells tested
		NRIS.5	Develop early detection and rapid response plans for new terrestrial invasive species	ID and treatment of invasive spp
		NRA.2	Create new habitat and increase habitat connectivity	Implement BWSR Easement Programs
NRA.6	Create new habitat and increase habitat connectivity	7 acres wile rice, 2 acres wetland restorations in Rum River corridor, 3 acres restored riparian habitat, 400 lf streambank restoration, 230 lf in-stream habitat created		
Rum River (Princeton Cambridge)	Green Lake	SWR.28	Install BMPs from scientific and prioritizing studies	1 near shore stormwater reduction project (2 lbs. Phosphorus reduction)
		SWR.29	Drainage system management	1 agricultural project (2 lbs. Phosphorus reduction)
	Blue Lake Francis Lake Little Stanchfield Lake	SWP.37	Reduce internal loading	2nd dose Alum Treatment, 590 lb. top reduction
		SWP.38	Private forest management	Reforestation, Windbreaks, Understory planting. 13.4 acres reforestation, 885 feet windbreak, 4.6 acres understory planting. DNR, private funds
		NRU.11	Protect shoreline habitat	baseline shoreline inventory of Little stanch field during monitoring
Rum River (St. Francis Subwatershed)	Ford Brook & Rum River	SWP.49	Complete scientific and prioritizing studies	2 Studies Completed: Ford Brook, Rum R
		SWP.50	Install BMPs from scientific and prioritizing studies	1 rain garden, hopefully more, 221st Ave Rum Riverbank stab, and likely additional sites, 300 lf at Woodbury House site
		NRA.14	Study feasibility of and implement projects that improve fish	City of Anoka is doing a feasibility study of modification/update of the Rum River Anoka Dam. Study includes fish passage options.
Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs Lake, Borden Lake, Round Lake	NRA.9	Install BMPs from assessment and prioritizing studies	Funding provided to MLBO and DNR for wild rice restorations (See NRA.6)

* *These numbers refer to the unique action ID in the CWMP implementation table which can be found here: <https://www.millelacswwcd.org/rum-river-one-watershed-one-plan/>

MEMO

Request For Action

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 8: WBIF Policy Updates

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve WBIF Policy Updates as presented.

Summary

WBIF Policy Updates are recommended by the IPC are described below. Once the RRWP board approves these policies they will be incorporated into [Section 2 & 3 of the WBIF Projects Policy](#) document.

1. **Well Sealing:** A well sealing policy is needed because the RRWP did not previously have a policy for this activity.

Policy:

Wells will be cost shared at 60% of the total cost to seal the well. If well sealing funds are received from another state agency, the landowner must report this to the member organization, and the member organization will withdraw its cost-share contribution such that the total state funds do not exceed 60%.

Each local partner administering well sealing funds will decide whether to make payments on a reimbursement basis or directly pay the contractor the grant funded portion. No payments shall be made until the contractor has produced and submitted to the MN Department of Health a Well Sealing Boring Record.

Work needs to be completed by a contractor who is licensed by the State of Minnesota to seal wells.

Well sealing is a *priority throughout the watershed per Rum River Comprehensive Plan page 128: "As unsealed wells can be a contamination risk to any groundwater supply, well sealing is a watershed wide activity that does not require additional screening criteria"*.

First-come, first-serve. If insufficient funds exist to fund all requests submitted, the local partner board administering the funds shall make prioritization decisions.

2. **Non-structural:** The current non-structural policy does not allow for prevent plant acres to be incentivized for cover crops. The IPC would like to strike this language.
 - **Cover Crops** - Must follow NRCS Practice Standard 340
 - 1-2 species \$50/acre/year
 - 3+ species \$60/acre/year
 - ~~Prevent plant acres are not eligible for this program~~

- Implementation can occur on different acres within the three-year contract or on the same acres consecutively.

3. Deed Restriction added language: The IPC would like to add the following language to Section 2. Under Contracts:

Contracts

Upon approval of a funding request by a Member, the Member will execute an agreement and statement of work with the RRWP. The Board may choose to authorize the Chair or Coordinator to execute the agreement.

The Member must execute a cost share contract with landowner for any structural or non-structural best management practices. That agreement must contain ownership and maintenance provisions throughout the duration of the project's anticipated life. Such agreements must contain a deed restriction and easement agreement for projects with a cost greater than \$5,000 and with a 10-year or longer anticipated life to compel the current and future landowners to maintain the project. **Members may adopt a more restrictive minimum for deed restrictions.** Such deed restrictions shall expire at completion of the anticipated project life, as specified in the landowner agreement. Deed restrictions and easement agreements are not required for publicly or tribally owned land, permanently protected land, or fee to trust land.

MEMO

Request For Action

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 9: **Approve 1st Quarter 2024 Funding requests and statements of work amendments.**

Meeting Date: **March 21, 2024**

Prepared by: **Tiffany Determan**

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve 1st Quarter project funding request and Statement of Works (SOWs) as provided.

Summary

This agenda item includes 1) two amended SOWs which incorporate newly recommended projects and 2) two new SOWs for new projects. The IPC is recommending funding the requests.

Amended Statements with project additions and changes:

2023-ASWCD-F1 & 2023-ASWCD-PAS-2: The purpose of this amendment is to add \$6,400 of funding to the Aitkin SWCD SOW for forest stewardship plans on ~413 acres.

2023-BWSCD-3: The purpose of this amendment is to add \$25,000 of funding to Benton SWCD SOW for rural BMPs. The cost, size and nutrient reduction for a previously approved water and sediment control basin has increased.

New Scope of Work:

2023-ISWCD-TE, Well Sealing & Groundwater PD : new SOW for Isanti SWCD for \$243,721. The funding comes from the FY23 WBIF Supplemental Funding request and is dedicated to hiring a Land Protection Technician to work primarily in Isanti and Mille Lacs County's as well as funding to administer a well sealing program and seal up to 10 wells.

2023-MLSWCD Well Sealing & Groundwater PD : new SOW for Mille Lacs SWCD for \$25,000. The funding comes from the FY23 WBIF Supplemental Funding request and is dedicated to administer a well sealing program and seal up to 10 wells in Mille Lacs County.

The project ranking sheet is included here for more information on the new project funding requests.

Total Points	Funding Recommended Based on Score?	Project Summary			Project Deliverables and Description	Funding Request			Priority Benefitting Waterbody (Table 4.5 or 4.8)	Cost:Benefit (\$/lb TP)	IPC Funding Recommendation
		Project Lead	CWMP Implementation Plan Activity #	WBIF Grant Activity Type		WBIF Funding Request (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	% Match Proposed			
74	Yes	Aitkin SWCD	SW-P.11	Forestry Practices	5 stewardship plans	\$6,400.00	\$1,600.00	25.00%	P-Mille Lacs Lake	N/A	\$6,400.00
48	Yes	Isanti SWCD	GWQ.2	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	N/A	\$15,000.00
43	Yes	Isanti SWCD	GWQ.2	Groundwater-PD	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	10.00%	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	N/A	\$10,000.00
53	Yes	Isanti SWCD	SWP .6, .7, .11, .13, .19, .25, .29, .38, .42 etc	Tech/Engineering	Hire 1 FTE to implement portions of the Rum River Comprehensive Watershed Management-Plan (CWMP) and/or Landscape Stewardship Plan (LSP) by connecting with 50 landowners for land protection or enhancement programs including	\$218,721.00	\$12,872.10	5.89%	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	N/A	\$218,721.00
51	Yes	Benton SWCD	SWP.26	Structural Rural BMPs	This request is for additional funds for a previously-approved project (Schafer WASCOD). We will be increasing the size or number of BMPs such that TP reduction is >2x the original project. Previous project description: Construction of a WASCOD or equivalent practice that will be treating 118 acres, in the direct drainage to the W. Branch Rum. The drainage area is predominantly ag, with a ~500 ft buffer area of grass. We anticipate the the designs to be completed by TSA. The implementation planning committee determined through consensus that this project was a priority in part due to the severity of the erosion, its location in a priority watershed, and the limited number of erosion control projects available.	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	25.00%	R-West Branch Rum River	<\$500/lb TP	\$25,000.00
48	Yes	Mille Lacs SWCD	GWQ.2	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	40.00%	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	N/A	\$15,000.00
48	Yes	Mille Lacs SWCD	GWQ.2	Groundwater-PD	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	10.00%	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	N/A	\$10,000.00

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Agenda Item 10: FY23 WBIF Supplemental Budget Update

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve FY23 WBIF Supplemental Budget

Summary

With the adoption of a 60% cost share Policy for Well Sealing the match component of the FY23 Supplemental funding has changed. Previously, the match coming from the Technical Assistance activity was \$14,872.10 and the match for Well sealing was \$10,000 (\$2,000 shift). This change has no impact on the RRWP as match will come from landowners and districts.

BWSR requires the RRWP board to approve the budget.

Plan Priority Issue	Implementation Action (from CWMP)	Brief Description	BWSR eLink Activity Category	Grant Dollars Requested For Your Org.	Match Provided	Total
Surface Water Protect	Acquire Conservation Easements/Forestry	NEW shared staff person to Promote and Implement Land Protection Programs targeted to water quality. Programs include conservation Easements, forest management practices, and wetland restorations. 2024-2025 Likely focused at Isanti and Mille Lacs County's due to lack of capacity. Isanti SWCD staff Could also Consider contracting out position	Technical Assistance	\$218,721	\$12,872.10	\$231,593.10
Groundwater & Drinking Water Quality	Well Sealing, priority near Priority surface waters and wells on parcels not getting sold.	20 wells sealed. Grant request includes Admin time for each participating organization. Total request is 50-50 split of admin vs cost share (estimated at \$2,700/well from plan). Rates to be determined.	Groundwater	\$30,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$42,000.00
Groundwater & Drinking Water Quality	Well Sealing, priority near Priority surface waters and wells on parcels not getting sold.	Staff time for administration of well sealing program-heavy on outreach	Project Development	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$22,000.00
	TOTAL			\$268,721.00	\$26,872.10	\$295,593.10

MEMO

Request For Action

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 11: DRAFT FY25 WBIF Budget

Meeting Date: March 21, 2024

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve Draft FY25 WBIF budget and give staff the authority to make changes based on new information prior to the June JPE meeting.

Summary

The RRWP IPC Staff submitted planned projects/programs and wish lists to the Watershed Coordinator. This information was used to create the framework of the FY25 WBIF budget and work plan. A detailed framework ins included in this packet.

The budget and work plan will be discussed at the JPE meeting.

The goal for the March 21st meeting is for consensus of the current framework of the budget such that members can take the budget to their boards for review between April-May per the JPE agreement. Advisory members will also be offered the opportunity to comment. The IPC will refine the budget over the next two months and develop a written work plan to be approved by the RRWP JPE on June 27th.

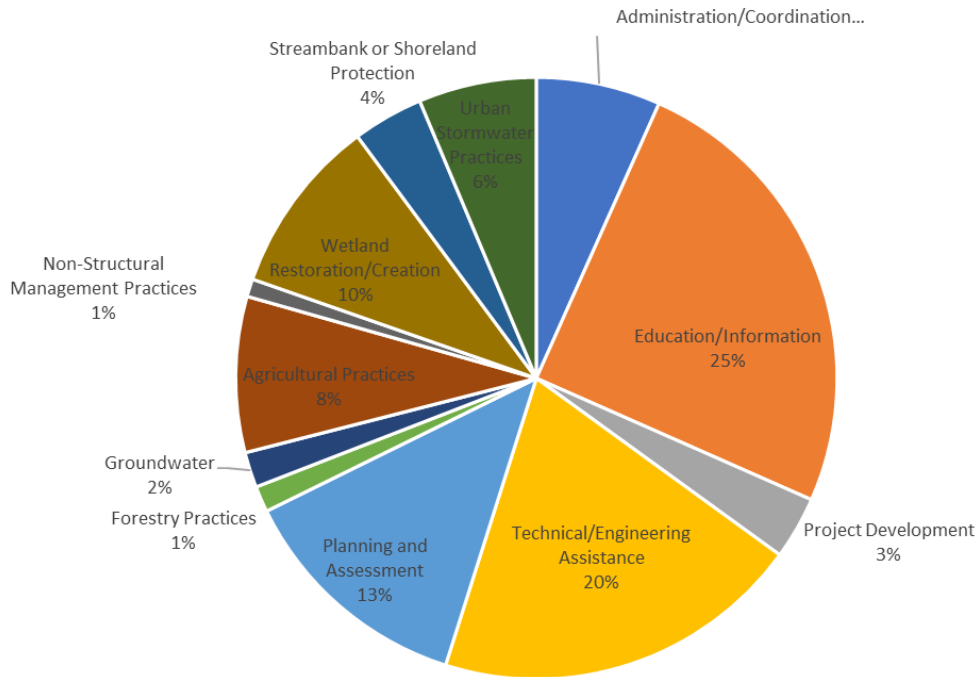
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Row Labels	IPC Refined Budget	non-State Match
Administration/Coordination	\$106,600.00	\$0.00
Anoka CD-Fiscal agent services	\$31,000.00	\$0.00
Anoka CD-Insurance, attorney, & audit	\$19,000.00	\$0.00
Isanti SWCD-Administration/Coordination	\$38,700.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Coordination	\$12,600.00	
Sherburne SWCD-Implementation Tracking	\$5,300.00	
Education/Information	\$322,400.00	\$12,960.00
Isanti SWCD-Based on 2025-2026 EO plan	\$50,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Groundwater events/workshops	\$5,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Improve irrigation water mgmt. through smart technology & other strategies.	\$0.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Type B outreach	\$267,400.00	\$12,960.00
Project Development	\$27,200.00	\$0.00
Mille Lacs SWCD-Incentivize and enhance ditch buffers	\$5,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Maintain naturally functioning floodplains	\$10,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-MDM planning	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mille Lacs SWCD-Mille Lacs county geologic atlas	\$3,200.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Soil Health PD	\$5,000.00	
Multiple-Staff time for admin for well sealing	\$4,000.00	
Technical/Engineering Assistance	\$308,859.00	\$0.00
Aitkin SWCD-Install BMP's and Shoreland Restorations targeted through SWP.9	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Isanti SWCD-Design/Construction oversight Projects identified by SWAs: urban/residential projects on tier 1-3 waters	\$10,000.00	
Isanti SWCD-Land Protection Technician	\$202,500.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Install BMP practices or shoreline restorations identified through targeting and prioritization process (SWAs or other)	\$60,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Intern for Mille Lacs county geologic atlas	\$26,359.00	
Planning and Assessment	\$119,500.00	\$22,250.00
Aitkin SWCD-Complete Scientific and Prioritizing Study	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
Isanti SWCD-MDM-CD 18	\$20,000.00	
Isanti SWCD-Subwatershed Assessment	\$0.00	
Isanti SWCD-SWA to identify and prioritized erosion in direct watershed of Rum	\$3,500.00	
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Complete targeted assessment to prioritize enhancement/protection of wild rice	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe-Complete targeted assessment to prioritize restoration of wild rice	\$75,000.00	\$10,000.00
Aitkin SWCD- Forest Stewardship Plans	\$12,000.00	\$2,250.00
Forestry Practices	\$10,000.00	\$2,250.00
Aitkin SWCD-Woodland stewardship plans and tree and shrub establishment	\$10,000.00	\$2,250.00
Groundwater	\$5,000.00	\$12,000.00
Multiple-Cost share for well sealing program	\$5,000.00	\$12,000.00
Agricultural Practices	\$132,000.00	\$43,750.00
Isanti SWCD-Livestock Stream Crossing	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00
Isanti SWCD-WASCOB in direct drainage of Rum. Survey in progress	\$15,000.00	\$3,750.00
Mille Lacs SWCD-Project development, TE and Install BMPs from prioritization studies	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00
Multiple-To be available to all areas: Incentivize establishment of Buffers on private ditches and buffer enhancements on public and private ditches.	\$7,000.00	
Non-Structural Management Practices	\$15,000.00	
Mille Lacs SWCD-Soil Health Implementation	\$15,000.00	
Wetland Restoration/Creation	\$125,000.00	\$175,000.00
Isanti SWCD-Wetland Restorations within SWA and MDM area	\$125,000.00	\$175,000.00
Streambank or Shoreland Protection	\$60,000.00	\$17,500.00
Aitkin SWCD-Install BMP's and Shoreland Restorations targeted through SWP.9	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00
Mille Lacs SWCD-River shoreline	\$30,000.00	\$7,500.00
Mille Lacs SWCD-Stream/ditch culvert crossing erosion/connectivity design		\$0.00
Urban Stormwater Practices	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00
Isanti SWCD-Projects identified by SWAs: urban/residential projects on tier 1-3 waters	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00
Grand Total	\$1,331,559.00	\$310,710.00
FY25 WBIF Allocated	\$1,331,559.00	
Match Required		\$133,155.90