

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting

June 26, 2025

4:30-6:30 PM



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

Members and public may join remotely using Zoom:

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Coming together to identify shared goals.

Planning together to leverage unique capacity.

Working together to achieve results.

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- Danielle Holder

Benton County-Ed Popp

Benton SWCD- Mike Winkelman

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. Approve March 27, 2025 minutes	DECIDE	Chair
4. Administrative reports/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financials • Progress updates 	INFO	Chair
5. Education/Outreach	INFO	Outreach Staff
6. Approve 2nd Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s):	DECIDE	Determan
7. FY23 WBIF 1-year extension request	DECIDE	Determan
8. Proposed Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End-of-grant decisions 	DECIDE	Determan
9. Proposed Policy Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forest practice changes 	DECIDE	Clyne
10. Board Training: Conservation Easement programs and accomplishments	INFO	Land Protection Specialist, Doug Page
11. Communication & announcements	INFO	Chair
12. Next Meeting Date:	DECIDE	Chair
13. Adjourn	DECIDE	Chair

Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

March 27th, 2025 4:30PM – 6:30PM

In-Person & Virtual Meeting

Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse
Lower Level, Conference Room D



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Note taker: Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD

Voting Members Present:

Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD
Brad Schmacher, Sherburne County
Bob Janzen, Aitkin SWCD
Danielle Holder, Anoka Conservation District
Alan Duff, Isanti County
Dale Scholl, Morrison SWCD
Chris Jurek, Sherburne SWCD
Al Koczur, Isanti SWCD
Mike Winkelman, Benton SWCD

Alternates Present:

Bruce Brenny, Benton SWCD
Tim Braun, Mille Lacs SWCD

Partners and Staff Present:

Sam Seybold, Aitkin SWCD
Jamie Schurbon, Anoka CD
Emily Forbord, Benton SWCD (virtual)
Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD
Lydia Godfrey, Isanti SWCD
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD
Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD
Perry Bunting, MLBO (virtual)
Dan Cibulka, Sherburne SWCD

Voting Members Absent:

Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin SWCD
Ed Popp, Benton County
Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD

Bobby Kasper, Morrison County

Others:

Zach Guttormson, BWSR

1. Meeting called to order by Koczur 4:31pm.
2. Approve Agenda

Request by Johnson for additional discussion of the online tool's privacy, CoCoRaHS, and the waste/fraud/abuse order.

Motion by Duff to approve the agenda with the requested additions; second by Scholl. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

3. Approve January 23rd, 2025 minutes

Motion by Holder to approve the January 23rd, 2025 minutes; second by Janzen. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

4. Administrative reports/updates

Financials: Schurbon noted that the financial report in the meeting packet assumes that the funding requests from this agenda are approved. Otherwise, he noted there's not a lot of changes since the last meeting because quarter 1 reimbursements have not been requested yet. For FY23, we are still overmatched and fully encumbered. For FY25, we are 15.9% encumbered which brings in 7.2% of the required match. No money has been spent out of FY25 yet.

Progress updates: The meeting packet included existing SOW updates. No comments or questions were raised.

5. Education/Outreach

Project sign design/tag line: Godfrey presented the final project sign design, based off previous discussions with the board and staff. She additionally created a partner sign template to go along with the watershed project sign. It is up to the partners whether or not to use the signs or if they want to put additional information on the partner sign.

Motion by Winkleman to approve the project and partner signs as presented; second by Johnson. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

Type A outreach: Godfrey described the recent selecting the right trees webinar hosted by the partnership. Though attendance was low, it is continuing to be promoted by partners and is collecting views on YouTube. Godfrey also noted that there will be an upcoming nitrate testing clinic from April 7-11th, with Benton, Sherburne, Isanti, and Mille Lacs SWCDs participating.

Type B outreach: Clyne noted that discussions are being had with the Local Forestry Team on policy changes, which will be described in a later agenda item. Also updated the group on the request to add photos to the Resources Page on the RRWP webpage by mentioning that local government websites must be in ADA compliance by 2027. So, until she looks into what is required for photos, she will not upload photos so as not to double up on work.

6. Approve 1st Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s)

Determan presented 1st quarter project funding requests and amended SOWs, all of which were recommended to fund by the IPC.

FY23 WBIF MLSWCD 2023-UBMP-3: This SOW amendment reduces required match commitments for projects planned.

WBIF FY25-Morrison SWCD: This SOW dedicates funds from the Forest practices activity for tree and shrub establishment in Morrison County along a ditch that drains to the West Branch of the Rum River.

WBIF FY25-Isanti SWCD: This SOW dedicates funding for an inventory of erosion locations along the Rum River in Isanti County. The study will be utilized to identify and prioritize projects to apply for future WBIF funding.

WBIF FY25-Benton SWCD: This SOW dedicates funding for the development of a conservation plan for a feedlot in the West Branch of the Rum River in Benton County. The intent of the plan is to identify projects for future funding requests

Motion by Holder to approve the 1st quarter project funding requests and amended SOWs as presented; second by Winkleman. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

7. 2025 Budget and Party-funded work plan.

The budget reflects what the board has been seeing through Schurbon's previous financial reports, but this provides another way of looking at it. FY23 expires at the end of this year, and Determan explained that we can assume that will be all revenue at the end. The provided revenue for 2025 is a rough estimate.

Discussion ensued about reserve money. Partners clarified that this is a state grant, so it is not considered a reserve—what we grow in CDs would be the reserve. Guttormson reminded the group that the grant is dispersed in increments of 50, 40, 10.

Partners also discussed the outreach budget and how we can expect the allocated amount to shift during the progression of the plan. Determan explained that the outreach money covers staff positions and would not expect the outreach budget to drop as it is a necessary component of the plan's sustainability. Shaw echoed this sentiment and noted that it is important to continuously evaluate outreach efforts.

Motion by Scholl to approve the budget as presented; second by Holder. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

8. Proposed Forest Practice Policy Updates.

Clyne provided an overview of the forestry policy update that is being worked on. At the previous IPC meeting, Morrison SWCD submitted a request for tree planting support. Their initial proposal was based on their SWCD's standard practice of offering 75% cost coverage for the landowner. However, according to the current forestry practices policy, their request was significantly reduced. While Morrison SWCD will cover the remaining costs for the landowner, the compensation they receive from the partnership only accounts for a small portion of the time spent preparing the request, attending the meeting, and engaging in discussions. This prompted a discussion among forestry technicians regarding potential improvements to the policy, with the aim of better aligning it with the overall plan goals. The primary objective is to establish a 75% cost-share, like other practices, and to revise individual project requests into lump-sum requests for forestry best management practices (BMPs). Following IPC approval, the proposal will be brought to the JPE meeting in June for consideration.

9. 2024 Review

Implementation tracking tool: Cibulka showcased the Implementation tracking tool, which is accessible to both staff and the general public. The tool provides an overview of the partnership's activities while ensuring sensitive information is not exposed. It was developed using data submitted through a form and ArcGIS. Cibulka guided the group through the tool, highlighting key features such as action IDs, completed tasks, pollutant reductions, and other relevant data. He also mentioned that while the tool is not yet optimized for mobile devices or smaller screens, this update is planned for the near future.

Discussion:

Johnson raised a concern about certain projects containing landowner names. Cibulka clarified that if a landowner's name appears, it is because the respective SWCD included it when submitting the data, but that the map itself does a good job at not revealing identifiable land or road features.

Annual report: Godfrey presented the annual report, which is a physical document designed for partners to bring to meetings and discussions. The report consolidates much of the data from the online tracker but focuses specifically on the progress made in 2024, providing a high-level overview of the current status. Godfrey walked the group through the contents of the report, detailing the information included on each page.

10. Mille Lacs Drone Survey: Aitkin SWCD

Seybold provided an update on the Mille Lacs Drone Survey. Given the size of Mille Lacs Lake, the traditional method of using boats and photos is slow and inefficient. To expedite the process, drones were introduced, with two different models being used: the Mavic 2 Pro and the Phantom. The goal of the project is to identify areas of concern for outreach and project prioritization. The software used maps the locations on the lake, allowing for better targeting. The survey focuses on several metrics, including erosion, mowing, woody vegetation, rock status, impervious surfaces, sand, and landings, with each metric rated on a scale of 1-3, three being highest improvement potential. The next steps include engaging with the prioritized landowners, finalizing project plans, offering cost-share opportunities, providing continued assistance, and conducting site checks as the project progresses. In the past two weeks, 16 landowners have expressed interest in participating. The data was entered manually in the spreadsheet, with each timestamp and parcel being recorded for accuracy and review ability.

11. Communication & announcements

The group revisited Johnson's request to discuss additional items of the online tool's privacy, CoCoRaHS, and the waste/fraud/abuse order. Johnson felt the privacy part was adequately explained earlier. On the topic of CoCoRaHS, he explained that it is a organization that collects rain water data through volunteer rain monitoring. He mentioned that they are looking for more volunteers. Next, he discussed the waste/fraud/abuse order and said that Kanabec SWCD put together a statement defending the efficiency of their use of funds, asking for people who have questions to come in and see what they do. This statement was published to a local paper, and he is happy to share the statement with anyone else who may want to do the same.

12. Next Meeting Date:

June 26th from 4:30 -6:30pm at the Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse, lower level conference room D.

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Winkleman to adjourn; second by Holder. Affirmative: All. Opposed: none. **The Motion carried.** The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Financial Report - Rum River Watershed Partnership

6/16/2025

Bank Account Update

1/1/2025	Starting balance	\$315,849.42
	Debits - regular	\$186,253.42
	Debits - cd's purchased	\$0.00
	Deposits	\$75,000.00
	Interest & Dividends	\$8,738.19
5/31/2025	Ending balance	\$213,334.19



Funds On-Hand by Type

In bank acct - WBIF grants	\$188,192.89
In bank acct - Unrestricted (interest earned)	\$25,141.30
In CDs - WBIF grants	\$389,000.00

FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Expires 12/31/2025

Activity	Grant Funds					Match Funds				
	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining
Admin	\$101,133.00	\$101,595.84	-\$462.84	\$99,911.86	\$1,221.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Practices	\$13,152.00	\$13,152.00	\$0.00	\$11,146.10	\$2,005.90	\$3,133.00	\$3,139.00	-\$6.00	\$3,210.90	-\$77.90
Outreach	\$221,219.00	\$221,219.00	\$0.00	\$122,250.06	\$98,968.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prioritizing Studies	\$66,000.00	\$67,897.05	-\$1,897.05	\$52,103.32	\$13,896.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Devel	\$116,225.00	\$114,472.81	\$1,752.19	\$74,006.12	\$42,218.88	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Rural BMPs	\$242,522.78	\$242,522.78	\$0.00	\$108,385.79	\$134,136.99	\$18,000.00	\$101,318.00	-\$83,318.00	\$70,162.30	-\$52,162.30
Soil Health	\$50,000.00	\$46,300.00	\$3,700.00	\$28,300.00	\$21,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tech/Eng	\$307,111.27	\$325,111.27	-\$18,000.00	\$168,441.67	\$138,669.60	\$14,872.10	\$12,872.10	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,872.10
Residential & Urban BMPs	\$132,684.95	\$108,554.50	\$24,130.45	\$26,678.26	\$106,006.69	\$80,000.00	\$32,701.13	\$47,298.87	\$16,754.91	\$63,245.09
Groundwater	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,236.00	\$25,764.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,574.00	\$6,426.00
Match - General	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,762.47	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$1,280,048.00	\$1,270,825.25	\$9,222.75	\$695,459.18	\$584,588.82	\$130,005.10	\$164,030.23	-\$34,025.13	\$95,702.11	\$34,302.99
		99.3%	0.7%	54.3%	45.7%		126.2%	over matched	73.6%	26.4%

FY25 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Expires 12/31/2027

Activity	Grant Funds					Match Funds				
	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining
Admin	\$126,600.00	\$104,000.00	\$22,600.00	\$10,383.59	\$116,216.41	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Agriculture-Structural	\$127,000.00	\$0.00	\$127,000.00	\$0.00	\$127,000.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00
Outreach	\$322,400.00	\$50,000.00	\$272,400.00	\$19,725.84	\$302,674.16	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90
Forestry Practices	\$10,000.00	\$1,740.00	\$8,260.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$628.85	\$1,371.15	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Well Sealing	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Non-Structural Ag	\$15,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prioritizing Studies & Forest Stewardship	\$109,500.00	\$21,100.00	\$88,400.00	\$3,042.50	\$106,457.50	\$2,400.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Project Devel (Type C Outreach)	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Streambank & Shoreline Protection	\$90,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$22,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$22,500.00
Tech Assist. & Eng.	\$308,859.00	\$202,500.00	\$106,359.00	\$0.00	\$308,859.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Urban Stormwater	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00
Wetland Restoration	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$31,250.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,331,559.00	\$422,840.00	\$908,719.00	\$33,151.93	\$1,298,407.07	\$133,155.90	\$10,028.85	\$123,127.05	\$0.00	\$133,155.90
		31.8%	68.2%	2.5%	97.5%		7.5%	92.5%	0.0%	100.0%

*Negative numbers indicate over-spending which is allowed as long as offset by underspending another activity and with 10% of the grant amount.

Negative match means more match is provided than required.

MEMO



Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 6: 2nd Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s)

Meeting Date: June 26, 2025

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve 2nd quarter project funding requests and Amended Statement of Works (SOWs) as provided.

Summary

For more details, refer to the Statement of Work packet found online [here](#).

Partner	Grant	Description
Morrison SWCD	FY23	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover crop projects \$8,000 grant/\$0 match
Morrison SWCD	FY25	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forest stewardship plans \$1,500 grant/\$500 match Cover crop projects \$7,500 grant/\$0 match
Isanti SWCD	FY25	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tech/engineering for land protection staffing \$202,500 grant/\$0 match
Aitkin SWCD	FY23	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tech/engineering for Mille Lacs Lake shoreline projects \$10,000 grant/\$0 match Installation of Mille Lacs Lake shoreline projects \$4,500 grant/\$1,500 match Prioritizing studies \$1,897.05 grant/match – this one was previously approved but inadvertently left off the SOW and is now being included.
Sherburne SWCD	FY23	Unencumbering/returning funds that will not be used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soil health projects \$3,560 grant/\$0 match Project development \$299.19 grant/\$0 match Admin \$3.16 grant/\$0 match
Mille Lacs SWCD	FY23	New SOW to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schafer rural project \$60,000 grant/\$15,000 match. Project was previously to be led by Benton SWCD, so this is not a new project. Amended existing SOW to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unencumber/return \$28,195.50 urban BMP funds for Rodriguez gully project (\$18,299), Kuelbs Mille Lacs shoreline project (\$4,875.99), and \$5,020.51 other that will not be completed. Reduce match commitment by \$7,048.87 which is proportionate to grant funds reduction.
Benton SWCD	FY23	Unencumbering/returning funds for a planned project. Construction will be funded by Mille Lacs SWCD instead of Benton SWCD. Not a new funding request; simply moving money from one partner to another. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schafer rural project \$75,000 grant/\$18,750 match

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board



Agenda Item 7: **FY23 WBIF 1-year extension request**

Meeting Date: **June 26, 2025**

Prepared by: **Tiffany Determan**

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the Coordinator submit a 1-year grant extension request to BWSR and authorize the Chair to sign the amended grant agreement.

Summary

The FY23 WBIF grant expires December 31, 2025. Most of the funding has been encumbered. However, we would like to request a one-year extension due to construction timing delays and discrepancies between estimated and actual project costs. Additionally, this is the partnership's first watershed grant and there is a learning curve for administering a grant for multiple partners! This extension will enable the partnership to allocate the entire grant to priority, cost-effective projects.

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 8: Proposed Policy updates-End of Grant decision making

Meeting Date: June 26, 2027

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan



ACTION REQUESTED

Approve policy updates effective the final 6 months of a grant for 1) new funding requests during the (Option 1 or 2) AND for >10% changes to Statements of Work as proposed below.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

As we approach the final six months of the FY23 grant cycle, we anticipate that members will adjust Statements of Work due to circumstantial and budgetary changes. Changes may result in adjustments to statements of work, both in scope and budget, and add to the available budget for other members to request.

Here's what we are doing to ensure the FY23 funding is spent on time and good projects:

1. Requesting a 1-year grant extension
2. Revising the language in new statements of work to allow funding to be paid from either FY23 or FY25.

Regardless of these actions, we anticipate a need to make significant changes to existing statements of work and to approve new funding requests. The JPE's quarterly board meetings are not conducive to acting quickly, which is needed to meet deadlines.

Here's what we propose:

New Project Funding Requests: There are two options for solutions. Both have been approved as viable by our attorney. We want the board to select one of these options. Both would be effective during the final 6 months of a grant. Option 1 or 2 would be inserted on Page 4 of the existing policies.

Option 1) Delegate Implementation Planning Committee the authority to approve new funding Requests. Authorize the Fiscal Agent and Watershed Coordinator staff make grant work plan revisions. Text as follows:

During the final six months of a grant, the Fiscal Agent and the Watershed Coordinator may approve new statements of work following the process as follows: for projects that are eligible and scoring above the threshold, the Coordinator will send a notice to the Implementation Planning Committee (IPC) for electronic review. Each IPC member shall reply within the specified timeframe with the recommendation to "fund", "do not fund", or "schedule a meeting to discuss". If two or more of those

replying recommended a meeting, the coordinator will schedule a meeting to discuss. At any such meeting, a project will be approved if a majority of the IPC votes in favor.

If a grant work plan revision with the grantor becomes necessary, the Fiscal Agent and Watershed Coordinator may collectively request a revision and make the changes in Elink.

Option 2) Authorize the establishment of a subcommittee to meet as needed to approve new funding requests and budget revisions. This committee will be subject to Open Meeting Law. Text is under development-drafted as follows:

During the final six months of a grant, the Joint Powers Board will establish an Implementation Subcommittee (IS) to decide upon new funding requests from the expiring grant between board meetings. The IS will include five members of the board. The IS is authorized to approve new statements of work following the process as follows: for projects that are eligible and scoring above the threshold, the Coordinator will send a notice to the Implementation Planning Committee (IPC) for electronic review. Each IPC member shall reply within the specified timeframe with the recommendation to “fund”, “do not fund”, or “schedule a meeting to discuss”. If two or more of those replying recommended a meeting, the coordinator will schedule an IPC meeting to discuss. At any such meeting, a project will be recommended to the IS for approval if a majority of the IPC members present vote in favor. Following IPC recommendations, the Watershed Coordinator will call for an IS meeting. A majority vote by the IS will constitute approval.

If a budget revision becomes necessary, the IS can direct the Watershed Coordinator to request a revision and make the changes in Elink. Such revisions will be reported to the Joint Powers Board.

>10% changes to Statements of Work: Our project policy (page 6 & 7) requires JPE board approval for >10% funding change or if the change of scope is not proportional to the original agreement. Larger changes would therefore need to be made at quarterly board meetings.

Option) Add verbiage to the Projects Policy on page 6.

During the final six months of the grant, >10% changes to Statements of Work will follow the same procedure as is used for new requests during that period.

Other

In the event that a grant funding source’s expiration is extended, the Fiscal Agent staff may extend statement of work expiration dates by email notice to the Partner.

[Projects Policy Found here](#)

MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 8: Proposed Policy updates-Forestry

Meeting Date: June 26, 2027

Prepared by: Molly Clyne



ACTION REQUESTED

Approve policy updates as presented for forestry related practices.

PURPOSE/SUMMARY

At the March IPC meeting, a tree planting project put forth by Morrison SWCD started a broader conversation about our current forestry policy. It became clear that the current structure—using itemized flat rates for each individual forestry practice—results in lower payments to landowners than other available programs. Combined with the time-intensive process of creating proposals and bringing them to multiple meetings for sometimes smaller-scale projects, this has made the policy less attractive and harder for partners to use.

To address these issues, we're proposing a shift to a 75% cost-share model and allowing districts to request lump-sum allocations for forestry work, rather than submitting each project individually for approval. This would reduce administrative burden, improve participation by offering more competitive rates, and ultimately help us get more forestry projects on the ground. A similar model is already working well for our soil health and shoreline practices and aligns with our overall goal of improving water quality in the watershed.

Proposed changes can be found in the Projects Policy Document using the link below. The changes are in Section 3 and have been tracked.

[Projects Policy Found here](#)



3350 Bridge St.
St. Francis, MN 55070

Statement Ending 04/30/2025


ANOKA SOIL & WATER

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Customer Number:XXXXXXXX8559

ANOKA SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
1318 MCKAY DR NE UNIT 300
HAM LAKE MN 55304-6155

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET	XXXXXXXX8559	\$259,885.26

ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$312,498.62
	2 Credit(s) This Period	\$496.33
	4 Debit(s) This Period	\$53,109.69
04/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$259,885.26

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 04/01/2025 Through 04/30/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.20%
Interest Days	30
Interest Earned	\$50.32
Interest Paid This Period	\$50.32
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$215.28



IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS:

If you think your statement or receipt is incorrect or if you need more information about an electronic transfer on the statement or receipt, contact us by telephone at the number listed on the statement face, or in writing at 3350 Bridge Street NW, St. Francis, MN 55070 as soon as possible.

- 1. Your name and account number.
2. The dollar amount of the error or electronic transfer in question.
3. A description of the error and a detailed explanation of why you believe there is an error.

We will tell you the results of our investigation within 10 business days and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, we may take up to 45 days (90 days if the transfer involved a point-of-sale transaction or foreign initiated transfer) to investigate your complaint.

What To Do If You Think You Find A Mistake On Your Statement

If you think there is an error on your statement, write to us at:

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3350 Bridge Street NW
St. Francis, MN 55070

In your letter, give us the following information:

- Account Information: Your name and account number.
Dollar Amount: The dollar amount of the suspected error.
Description of Problem: If you think there is an error on your bill, describe what you believe is wrong and why you believe it is a mistake.

You must contact us within 60 days after the error appeared on your statement. You must notify us of any potential errors in writing. You may call us at 763-753-3007, but if you do we are not required to investigate any potential errors and you may have to pay the amount in question.

While we investigate whether or not there has been an error, the following are true:

- We cannot try to collect the amount in question, or report you as delinquent on that amount.
The charge in question may remain on your statement, and we may continue to charge you interest on that amount.
While you do not have to pay the amount in question, you are responsible for the remainder of your balance.
We can apply any unpaid amount against your credit limit.

The guidelines for the investigation process do not apply to commercial credit.

Your Rights If You Are Dissatisfied With Your Credit Card Purchases

If you are dissatisfied with the goods or services that you have purchased with your credit card, and you have tried in good faith to correct the problem with the merchant, you may have the right not to pay the remaining amount due on the purchase.

To use this right, all of the following must be true:

- The purchase must have been made in your home state or within 100 miles of your current mailing address, and the purchase price must have been more than \$50.
You must have used your credit card for the purchase.
You must not yet have fully paid for the purchase.

If all of the criteria above are met and you are still dissatisfied with the purchase, contact us in writing at:

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While we investigate, the same rules apply to the disputed amount as discussed above. After we finish our investigation, we will tell you our decision. At that point, if we think you owe an amount and you do not pay we may report you as delinquent. The guidelines for the investigation process do not apply to commercial credit.

HOW YOUR INTEREST CHARGE IS CALCULATED:

- We will begin to earn INTEREST CHARGES when we make a loan to you.
The ACCRUED INTEREST CHARGE is calculated by multiplying the DAILY PERIODIC RATE by the PRINCIPAL BALANCE each day.
Then, we add up the ACCRUED INTEREST CHARGE for each day of the billing cycle.
The DAILY PERIODIC RATE is the ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE divided by 365.
To compute the PRINCIPAL BALANCE, we take the beginning balance of your account each day, add any new advances or loans, and subtract any payments or credits and unpaid INTEREST CHARGES.
If you have a variable rate plan, your DAILY PERIODIC RATE may vary.

PAYMENTS:

The minimum periodic payment required is shown on the front of this statement. Payments shall be applied first to any unpaid INTEREST CHARGES, and second, to the principal loan balance outstanding in your loan account.

TO HELP BALANCE YOUR STATEMENT:

- PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE ENTERED IN YOUR REGISTER ALL AUTOMATIC TRANSACTIONS SHOWN ON THE FRONT OF YOUR STATEMENT SUCH AS:
YOU SHOULD HAVE ADDED IF ANY OCCURRED: Loan advances, Credit memos, Other automatic deposits, Interest paid.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SUBTRACTED IF ANY OCCURRED: Automatic loan payments, Automatic savings transfers, Service charges, Debit memos, Other automatic deductions and payments.
Mark (X) your register after each transaction that is listed on the front of this statement.
Complete the form below.

Table with columns for BALANCE SHOWN ON THIS STATEMENT, ADD: DEPOSITS NOT SHOWN ON THIS STATEMENT, SUBTOTAL, CHECKS/WITHDRAWALS NOT SHOWN ON THIS OR PREVIOUS STATEMENT(S), and TOTAL CHECKS/WITHDRAWALS OUTSTANDING. Includes a section for HOW YOUR INTEREST CHARGE IS CALCULATED and a final instruction: THIS SHOULD AGREE WITH YOUR CHECK REGISTER BALANCE.

Please examine this account statement immediately and report if incorrect. If no reply is received within 30 days, the account will be considered correct.

ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559 (continued)

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$312,498.62
04/02/2025	PERSHING BROKERAGE RMB-020447-1PCD		\$446.01 ✓	\$312,944.63
04/25/2025	CHECK # 1058	\$3,045.35 ✓		\$309,899.28
04/25/2025	CHECK # 1059	\$5,584.74 ✓		\$304,314.54
04/25/2025	CHECK # 1054	\$6,518.56 ✓		\$297,795.98
04/28/2025	CHECK # 1057	\$37,961.04 ✓		\$259,834.94
04/30/2025	INTEREST		\$50.32 ✓	\$259,885.26
04/30/2025	Ending Balance			\$259,885.26

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
1054	04/25/2025	\$6,518.56	1058	04/25/2025	\$3,045.35
1057*	04/28/2025	\$37,961.04	1059	04/25/2025	\$5,584.74

* Indicates skipped check number

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
04/02/2025	\$312,944.63	04/28/2025	\$259,834.94
04/25/2025	\$297,795.98	04/30/2025	\$259,885.26

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

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1054
4/21/2025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: Ash SWCD \$ 6,518.56

Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and 00/100 DOLLARS

Ash SWCD

MEMO: 2026 RIWSP Grant Activities FY23

#001054# 00919057450 6308559#

#1054 04/25/2025 \$6,518.56

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1057
4/21/2025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: Mills Lake SWCD \$ 37,961.01

Thirty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-One and 04/100 DOLLARS

Mills Lake SWCD

MEMO: 2026 RIWSP Activities FY23

#001057# 00919057450 6308559#

#1057 04/28/2025 \$37,961.04

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1058
4/21/2025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: Sherburne SWCD \$ 3,045.35

Three Thousand Forty-Five and 30/100 DOLLARS

Sherburne SWCD

MEMO: 2026 RIWSP Activities FY23 & FY24

#001058# 00919057450 6308559#

#1058 04/25/2025 \$3,045.35

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1059
4/21/2025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF: Anoka Conservation District \$ 5,584.74

Five Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and 74/100 DOLLARS

Anoka Conservation District

MEMO: RIWSP 03-2024 Expenses

#001059# 00919057450 6308559#

#1059 04/25/2025 \$5,584.74



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ANOKA SOIL & WATER
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1318 MCKAY DR NE UNIT 300
HAM LAKE MN 55304-6155

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	Branch	Blaine
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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
Village Business Checking	XXXXXXXX6746	\$5,000.00

Village Business Checking - XXXXXXXX6746

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
04/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$5,000.00

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$5,000.00
	No activity this statement period			
04/30/2025	Ending Balance			\$5,000.00



Village Business Checking - XXXXXXXX6746 (continued)

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET	XXXXXXXX8559	\$208,334.19

ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$259,885.26
	4 Credit(s) This Period	\$80,779.68
	1 Debit(s) This Period	\$132,330.75
05/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$208,334.19

Interest Summary

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 05/01/2025 Through 05/30/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	0.20%
Interest Days	30
Interest Earned	\$32.49
Interest Paid This Period	\$32.49
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$247.77



ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559 (continued)

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$259,885.26
05/01/2025	PERSHING BROKERAGE RMB-020447-1PCD		\$493.79	\$260,379.05 ✓
05/15/2025	CHECK # 1056	\$132,330.75		\$128,048.30 ✓
05/28/2025	PERSHING BROKERAGE RMB-020447-1PCD		\$75,000.00	\$203,048.30 ✓
05/29/2025	PERSHING BROKERAGE RMB-020447-1PCD		\$5,253.40	\$208,301.70 ✓
05/30/2025	INTEREST		\$32.49	\$208,334.19 ✓
05/30/2025	Ending Balance			\$208,334.19

Checks Cleared

Check Nbr	Date	Amount
1056	05/15/2025	\$132,330.75

* Indicates skipped check number

Daily Balances

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
05/01/2025	\$260,379.05	05/28/2025	\$203,048.30	05/30/2025	\$208,334.19
05/15/2025	\$128,048.30	05/29/2025	\$208,301.70		

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

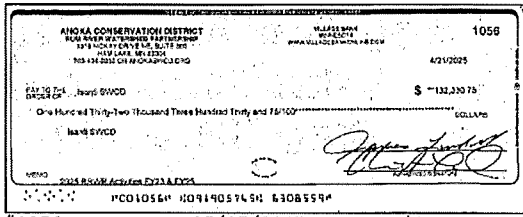
	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

ANOKA SOIL & WATER

XXXXXXXX8559

Statement Ending 05/30/2025

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Rum River Watershed Partnership
Reconciliation Summary
Money Market, Period Ending 05/31/2025

	<u>May 31, 25</u>
Beginning Balance	259,885.26
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	-132,330.75
Deposits and Credits - 5 items	80,779.68
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-51,551.07</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>208,334.19</u>
Register Balance as of 05/31/2025	208,334.19
Ending Balance	208,334.19

Rum River Watershed Partnership
Reconciliation Detail
Money Market, Period Ending 05/31/2025

Type	Date	Num	Name	Clr	Amount	Balance
Beginning Balance						259,885.26
Cleared Transactions						
Checks and Payments - 1 item						
Bill Pmt -Check	04/21/2025	1056	Isanti SWCD	X	-132,330.75	-132,330.75
Total Checks and Payments					-132,330.75	-132,330.75
Deposits and Credits - 5 items						
Bill Pmt -Check	04/21/2025	1055	Anoka Conservation...	X	0.00	0.00
General Journal	05/01/2025	Interest		X	493.79	493.79
General Journal	05/28/2025	Interest		X	75,000.00	75,493.79
General Journal	05/29/2025	Interest		X	5,253.40	80,747.19
General Journal	05/31/2025	Interest		X	32.49	80,779.68
Total Deposits and Credits					80,779.68	80,779.68
Total Cleared Transactions					-51,551.07	-51,551.07
Cleared Balance					-51,551.07	208,334.19
Register Balance as of 05/31/2025					-51,551.07	208,334.19
Ending Balance					-51,551.07	208,334.19



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Village Business Checking	XXXXXXXX6746	\$5,000.00

Village Business Checking - XXXXXXXX6746

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
05/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$5,000.00

Account Activity

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
05/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$5,000.00
	No activity this statement period			
05/30/2025	Ending Balance			\$5,000.00



Village Business Checking - XXXXXXXX6746 (continued)

Overdraft and Returned Item Fees

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Returned Item Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

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On Track
Slow Progress
On Hold/significant setbacks
CANCELLED

Project Summary			Funding Awarded				Costs:Benefits to Water Quality			IPC to use for progress updates		
Partner	Activity	Project	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
Anoka CD	Education/Information	2023-ASWCD-E-1	Type A outreach based on E&O Work Plan. Work plan tasks to be coordinated amongst Isanti SWCD & Anoka CD.	2023-2024	\$36,600.00	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	On track, with 2 big video projects upcoming
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	This project will leverage existing landowner relationships to meet neighboring property owners who will be willing to convert from mowed turf grass to no-mow shoreline buffers. If successful, this project will establish approximately 400 linear feet of no-mow shoreline buffer on Mille Lacs Lake. We will also meet with new landowners who are interested in working to develop no-mow buffers in additional lakeside neighborhoods.	2023-2024	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Site visits with landowners have resulted in development of shoreline restoration on ML lake Met intersted landowners at Healthy Land Healthy Lake event in Wahkon MN wher SWCD hosted a table.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Education/Information	2023-MLSWCD-EI-4	Type B outreach based on E&O Work Plan	2023-2024	\$142,894.00	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Maintained momentum in relationship-building across the watershed, with continued coordination of internal teams and ongoing conversations around forestry policy, soil health practices, and connecting with shoreline owners.
Mille Lacs SWCD	g, Assessment, & Special	2023-MLSWCD-PAS-5	Inventory animal operations including but not limited to registered feedlots, and possible land application of manure approx 1000 ft from Bogus Brk or a ditch of trib of the stream that could be contributing to the impairment. Will utilize aerial review, owner/producer reuelw/survey, develop list of recommended BMPs for each site and rank by cost effectiveness and landowner readiness. Identified in the work plan within the tier 1 priority stream Bogus Brook, Milaca GMZ	2023	\$22,600.00	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Desktop inventory of parcels w/feedlot permits, livestock in general, or fields where manure may be spread is complete. Next step is further refining of contacts and outreach via postcard and through community contacts. Working on developing knowledge of BMPs and suitability of such. Outreach to happen winter 2024-25.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	Project Development to get landowners on the list to implement soil health practices, targeting West Branch and Bogus Brook tier 1 priority waters	2023-2024	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Projects identified and currently in the planning and
Mille Lacs SWCD	Admin/Coord	2023-MLSWCD-AC-6	Communications: Activities may include meeting facilitation, note taking, and website maintenance.	2023-2024	\$12,717.41	\$0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Continued to take notes for meetings and do website updates as needed.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1	Motivate establishment and installation of buffers on private ditches and buffer enhancements on public and private ditches	2023-2024	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Bogus Brk drainage mgmt progress: Contacted landowners along Bogus Brook or
Benton SWCD	Tech/Engineering	2023-BSWCD-3	Conservation planning and design of WASCOD or equivalent.	2023-2024	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	\$8,300 has been used of the \$10,000 for TSA and staff time.
Benton SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	2023-BSWCD-3	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 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.	2023-2024	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00	R-West Branch Rum River	43.40	12.07	10	On Track	Final plans for 4/4 WASCOD basins are complete. Hoping to be done in the spring of 2025, if it is too wet it will happen in fall of 2025.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	2023-MLSWCD-UPMP-3	320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 foot shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY project from previous WBIF request. Additional projects may include establishment of native plant buffers in place of turfgrass and restoration of eroding shoreline that may be identified from Aitkin SWCD drone survey of Mille Lacs shoreline.	2023-2025	\$0.00	\$15,250.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	24.79	25.00	10	On Track	Design complete for 150 shoreline restoration. Price quote packets have been sent to contractors. First draft of plans for Onamia stormwater control project complete. Changes are being negotiated.Gully restoration has been cancelled. 20 foot shoreline restoration will likely change to 20 foot buffer due to landowner preference.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1 AMENDMENT	Project development to connect with landowners willing to install shoreline protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake.	2023-2025	\$14,625.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Hosted a table at Healthy Land Helthy Lake event in Wahkon sponsored by Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group. Conected with many landowners interested in shoreline planting. Connected with a homeowner in the Mille Lacs Watrshed interested in a stormwater control project.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Tech/Engineering	2023-MLSWCD-TE-2	Tech/engineering to install 320 linear feet of shoreline protection projects on Mille Lacs Lake.	2023-2025	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Working on planting plans, working with TSA and landowner on project design and issues caused by vegetation removal on neighboring property. Two more project surveys have been completed. Expecting bid packets this month (March).
Mille Lacs SWCD	Ag Non-Structural Health	2023-MLSWCD-Soil Health	200 acres of soil health practices as approved with set rates per Rum WBIF Project Policies.	2024-2025	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	um River (Princeton-Cambri	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	On track with interests cover crops for the coming fall and a nutrient management plan in the works.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	2023-MLSWCD-PD-1 AMENDMENT	PD to respond to respond to interest in soil health practices	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	um River (Princeton-Cambri	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Farmer led soil health group started for dedicated conversations regarding BMPs. Investigated specific soil health interests for producers
Aitkin SWCD	Forestry Practices	2023-ASWCD-F-1	5 stewardship plans	2024-2025	\$6,400.00	\$1,600.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	10	On Track	5 stewardship plans done, working on 3 more. On track.
Isanti SWCD	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	25	Slow Progress	1 completed, 2 in progress.
Isanti SWCD	Project Development	PD Well Sealing	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Outreach to Cities of Cambridge, Isanti and Braham. Articles in SWCD Newsletter, local paper, and social media.

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Project Summary			Funding Awarded				Costs:Benefits to Water Quality			IPC to use for progress updates		
Partner	Activity	Project	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
Isanti SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Land Protection Assistance	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 Forest Stewardship planning, conservation easements, wetland restoration/banking, or others. Implementation areas, in priority order, will be (a) parcels in proximity to those identified in the interim prioritization on pages 132-133 of the CWMP and any subsequent prioritization, (b) those with highest RAQ scores in the LSP or subsequent analyses, and (c) any other location in the watershed. Emphasis will be on the Mille Lacs and Isanti County areas. We are targeting a minimum of 5 completed or in-progress conservation easements and 5 enhancement or management plans Forest Stewardship Plans (contracted or completed by FTE). RAQ scoring or similar GIS analysis, Forest Stewardship Plans, and legal work may be completed by a contractor.	2024-2025	\$188,721.00	\$12,872.10	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	LPS Started June 24th. Outreach completed to 250+ in priority watersheds; 6+ CE easements + 3 forestry plans in progress + 3 Woodland Stewardship Plans in progress
Benton SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	2023-BSWCD-3	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 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.	2023-2024	\$25,000.00	\$6,250.00	R-West Branch Rum River	125.40	13.40	10	Slow Progress	Will be going in fall of 2025. This funding will be moving to Mille Lacs SWCD so that they can put a deed restriction on the property since it is in their county. Project won't likely cost as much as expected.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Groundwater-Well Sealing	Well Sealing	Up to 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$15,000.00	\$6,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	25	On Track	Sealed 3 wells
Mille Lacs SWCD	Project Development	PD Well Sealing	Staff time to administer and promote Well Sealing with a goal of 10 wells sealed	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	Watershed-Wide (Wells only)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	working on outreach with 3 landowner with wells to seal.
Isanti SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	Tier 1 and 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction	3 Projects with designs and contracts ready to go and additional project development in progress for additional projects. There is a significant amount of interest. Projects are identified or prioritized within a subwatershed assessment. Projects will include shoreline/hillside restorations, bioretention basins and or projects to capture and treat stormwater runoff and prevent erosion. Annual TP reduction is estimated at 6.1 lbs	2024-2025	\$50,000.00	\$12,500.00	P-Blue Lake	6.10	0.50	10	On Track	1 project installed, others in design phase.
Isanti SWCD	Project Development	Tier 1 and Tier 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction PD	Completed projects under the Tier 1 and 2 Lakes, Near Shore Stormwater Reduction Project.	2024-2025	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	P-Blue Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Complete after 2nd Q 2025
Isanti SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Green Lake, Engineering Olsen and Smith Wetland	Final wetland restoration design and construction oversight assistance (funding request for construction below) for 2.3 acres of wetland restoration along CD23 draining to Green Lake	Winter 2024/25	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	R-Green Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	2 designs completed, additional 2 underway (partially funded by this grant)
Isanti SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	Green Lake, Construction Olsen and Smith Wetland	Total 2.3 Acres of Wetland Restorations along CD 23 draining to Green Lake: project ID'd in MDM for CD23 and directly adjacent to Green Lake	Winter 2024/25	\$116,562.00	\$38,854.00	R-Green Lake	97.20	11255.00	10	On Track	2 wetland restorations completed, 1 additional underway-exceeding goals
Mille Lacs SWCD	Planning, Assessment, & Special Studies	Bogus Brk-Milaca GMZ, feedlot ID	Inventory animal operations including but not limited to registered feedlots, and possible land application of manure approx 1000 ft 4,000 ft from Bogus Brk or a ditch of trib of the stream that could be contributing to the impairment. Will utilize aerial review, owner/producer review/survey, develop list of recommended BMPs for each site and rank by cost effectiveness and landowner readiness. Identified in the work plan within the tier 1 priority stream Bogus Brook, Milaca GMZ <u>Amended timeline is needed due to departure of key staff and re-hiring the position. Amended scope of work is needed due to lack of feedlots within close proximity to the waterway.</u>	2023-2025	Extension only	\$0.00	R-Bogus Brook	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Inventory via mapping in progress
Aitkin SWCD	Tech/Engineering	Mille Lacs Lake Shoreland Protection /Restorations	Planning and Technical Assistance for 6 lake shore projects on Mille Lacs Lake prioritized by the Mille Lacs Lake Prioritizing Study	2024-2025	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	Planning and technical assistance taking place with landowners. On track
Benton SWCD	Tech/Engineering	W. Branch Rum River, Schafer gully stabilization	Conservation planning and design of WASCOD or equivalent. An amendment is needed for additional tech/engineering, some of which has already occurred on the WASCOD or equivalent project beginning 6/26/2023 and anticipated to go through 11/30/2024.	2023-2024	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	0.00	0.00	0	Slow Progress	Benton SWCD will keep the TA funds and help with the project.

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Project Summary			Funding Awarded			Costs:Benefits to Water Quality			IPC to use for progress updates			
Partner	Activity	Project	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefitting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	Rodriguez gully repair, Mille Lakes Lakeshores, Onamia stormwater project	<p>Deliverables will include the below projects as funding allows, with benefits (pollution reductions, linear ft, etc) proportionate to the amount of funding spent on each of the below projects:</p> <p>Rodriguez Gully Repair - Runoff from surrounding area and township road flows through culvert and down a steep hill, causing a 6 foot gully over 50 feet long. Project will stabilize gully and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches lake, saving 13.6 tons of sediment per year and 13.6 pounds of Phosphorus per year.</p> <p>Mille Lacs Lake Shorelines - up to 320 linear feet of shoreline restoration and/or protection on Mille Lacs Lake. These projects will include a 20 ft shoreline restoration for a landowner identified during Project Development for DIY No-Mow Buffer project from previous WBIF request. Additional projects may include establishment of native plant buffers in place of turfgrass and restoration of eroding shorelines. Projects may be identified from Aitkin SWCD drone survey of Mille Lacs Lake shoreline. All projects must be selected from a targeting and prioritization process to identify the most cost effective. Pollutant reductions of 25 ton TSS and 24.79 lb TP.</p> <p>Onamia Stormwater Project - Install a practice to treat urban stormwater runoff at the Mille Lacs County Ericksonville Building in Onamia that otherwise discharges directly to the Rum River. This project treats runoff from approx one urban acres and will reduce approximately 0.37 lbs/yr of phosphorus and 67 lbs /yr sediment. Cost benefit for this stormwater project is \$8,372 per pound Phosphorus and \$46 per pound TSS.</p>	By 12-31-2025	\$34,054.50	\$15,562.50	P-Mille Lacs Lake	0.37	67lb/yr	10	on track	Design plans complete for 150 foot shoreline restoration. Quote packets have been sent to contractors. Installation likely in Aug or Sept. Gully project has been cancelled. First draft of plans complete for Onamia Stormwater Control Project. Changes to design are being negotiated between TSA and Mille Lacs County. Landowner on Mille Lacs lake will be installing a buffer above a rock retaining wall. This landowner had a cost-share contract for assistance but the contract has been cancelled. Landowner chose a retaining wall vs native plant restoration but he will install a native buffer on his own.
Benton SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	W. Branch Rum River, Schafer gully stabilization	This is an amendment reducing funding. Funding to be moved to Mille Lacs SWCD for the same project (Schafer WASCOD or similar).	2023-2024	-\$75,000.00	-\$18,750.00	R-West Branch Rum River	43.40	12.07	10	Slow Progress	Working on planting plans, working with TSA and landowner on project design and issues caused by vegetation removal on neighboring property. Two more project surveys have been completed. Expecting bid packets this month (March).
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	W. Branch Rum River, Schafer gully stabilization	<p>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 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.</p> <p>This project funding was previously awarded to Benton SWCD who is coordinating construction. Because the project is in Mille Lacs Co, the construction money is shifted to MLSWCD.</p>	2025	\$75,000.00	\$18,750.00	R-West Branch Rum River	43.40	12.07	10	on track	Working on planting plans, working with TSA and landowner on project design and issues caused by vegetation removal on neighboring property. Two more project surveys have been completed. Expecting bid packets this month (March).

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Project Summary				Project Detail			Funding Awarded		Costs:Benefits to Water Quality			IPC to use for progress updates		
Funding Round	Partner	Activity	Project(s)	Conservation Practice	Project Deliverables and Description	Timeline	WBIF Funding Award (\$)	WBIF Grant Match Commitment (\$)	Priority Benefiting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
2024-4	Anoka CD	Administration	ACD - Fiscal Agent 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Fiscal agent services.	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$31,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ASWCD FY25 - Round Lake Study	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Prioritizing Study Round Lake (Aitkin)	2025-2026	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	P-Round Lake (Aitkin)	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ASWCD FY25 - Woodland Stew Plans	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	2 Forest Stewardship plans	2025-2026	\$2,000.00	\$400.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Aitkin SWCD	Streambank or Shoreland Protection	ASWCD FY25 - Mille Lacs Lake Shoreland Projects	Streambank & Shoreline Protection	Construction labor and materials for 6 shoreland projects on Mille Lacs Lake identified in Prioritizing Study	2025-2026	\$36,000.00	\$9,000.00	P-Mille Lacs Lake	TBD	TBD	TBD	On Track	
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Administration	ISWCD - Watershed Coordinator 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Watershed Coordination services	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$48,700.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Outreach	ISWCD - Type A Outreach 2025-2026	Education/Information	Type A outreach based on E&O Work Plan	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2024-4	Sherburne SWCD	Administration	SSWCD - Implementation Tracking 2025-2026	Admin/Coord	Implementation Tracking Services	FY25 WBIF grant execution thru 12/31/2026.	\$5,300.00	\$0.00	N/A	NA	NA	NA	On Track	Online tracking system completed in early 2025. Will be refined and improved over coming months. Continued support and maintenance of system and entries will be ongoing.
2024-4	Isanti SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25 - MDM & feasibility study - Co Ditch 1 and City of Braham	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	MDM identifying project location, feasibility and effectiveness in Judicial Ditch 1, City of Braham in Isanti County - Judicial Ditch 1 drains to lower stanchfield brook, a direct tributary to the Rum River.	Winter 2024/25	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	NA	NA	NA	COMPLETED	
2025-1	Morrison SWCD	Forestry Practices	MSWCD -Monson Tree/Shrub Establishment	Planting, Assessment or Special Study	Conifer planting of 200 Black Hills Spruce. Trees will be planted in 2 staggered rows across 1 acre. There will be a 10' spacing between trees and 20' between the rows. Trees will be fro 18-24" tall. Planting location borders a type 3 wetland and a protected county ditch. Project will provide stormwater runoff protection as well as groundwater nutrient uptake and will prevent wind erosion which also protects adjacent surface waters. Data for reduced TP can be provided if requested. TP data is for mature trees. Payment rates may be adjusted if needed, however, we have other funding options that pay a better rate which we may need to use to subsidize.	Spring 2025	\$240.00	\$128.85	R-West Branch Rum River	0.10	0.00	10	COMPLETED	
2025-1	Benton SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	BSWCD FY25 - Zulawski Conservation Planning	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Conservation plan evaluating feedlot/manure storage, soil health (tillage), pasture management, and nutrient management. The completed plan will propose water quality improvement projects for the Zulawski farm.	2025	\$5,600.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	NA	NA	1	On Track	
2025-1	Isanti SWCD	Prioritizing Studies	ISWCD FY25-Erosion Inventory-Rum River	Planning, Assessment or Special Study	Identification of erosion from upland (primarily agriculture) adjacent to the Rum River in Princeton-Cambridge and St. Francis management areas (within Isanti County). Process will be completed using aerial photos and lidar. Field verification if necessary. Product will be a shapefile. Erosion locations will be prioritized and used for future implementation funding requests.	2025	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	P-Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	NA	NA	NA	On Track	
2025-1	0	Administration	0	Admin/Coord	MCIT, Attorney, Audit	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	