

# Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting

September 25th, 2025

4:30-6:30 PM



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

## Members and public may join remotely using Zoom:

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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- 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 County- Dan Whitcomb

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

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead</b>
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Introductions</b>		Chair
<b>2. Approve agenda</b>	DECIDE	Chair
<b>3. Approve June 26, 2025, minutes</b>	DECIDE	Chair
<b>4. Administrative reports/updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financials</li> <li>• Progress updates</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	INFO/DECIDE	Chair
<b>5. Education/Outreach</b>	INFO	Outreach Staff
<b>6. Partner Master Agreement Renewals</b>	DECIDE	Chair
<b>7. 3rd Quarter Statements of Work(s):</b>	DECIDE	Chair
<b>8. Proposed Project Policy Updates</b>	DECIDE	Determan
<b>9. Board Training: Isanti SWCD Project Highlights</b>	INFO	Determan
<b>10. Communication &amp; announcements</b>	INFO	Chair
<b>11. Next Meeting Date: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025</b>	DECIDE	Chair
<b>12. Adjourn</b>	DECIDE	Chair

# Financial Report - Rum River Watershed Partnership

9/12/2025

## Bank Account Update

1/1/2025	Starting balance	\$315,849.42
	Debits - regular	\$334,350.53
	Debits - cd's purchased	\$225,000.00
	Deposits	\$680,019.20
	Interest & Dividends	\$15,425.53
8/31/2025	Ending balance	\$451,943.62
	bank statement	\$456,244.93



## Funds On-Hand by Type

*Difference between bank statement & ledger is ledger includes \$4,301.31 of checks written but not yet cashed.*

In bank acct or 4M Fund - WBIF grants		\$419,998.19
In bank acct - Unrestricted (interest earned)		\$31,945.43
In CDs - WBIF grants		\$521,000.00

## FY23 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Grant

Expires 12/31/20252026

Activity	Grant Funds					Match Funds				
	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining	Beginning	Encumbered	Not Encumbered	Spent	Remaining
Admin	\$101,133.00	\$101,862.05	-\$729.05	\$100,602.55	\$530.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Forest Practices	\$13,152.00	\$13,152.00	\$0.00	\$13,152.00	\$0.00	\$3,133.00	\$3,139.00	-\$6.00	\$3,872.90	-\$739.90
Outreach	\$221,219.00	\$221,219.00	\$0.00	\$145,736.55	\$75,482.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prioritizing Studies	\$66,000.00	\$67,897.05	-\$1,897.05	\$54,576.03	\$11,423.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Project Devel	\$116,225.00	\$114,472.09	\$1,752.91	\$89,395.34	\$26,829.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Rural BMPs	\$242,522.78	\$242,522.78	\$0.00	\$137,390.97	\$105,131.81	\$18,000.00	\$101,318.00	-\$83,318.00	\$82,662.28	-\$64,662.28
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	\$331,111.27	-\$24,000.00	\$227,192.27	\$79,919.00	\$14,872.10	\$12,872.10	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,872.10
Residential & Urban BMPs	\$132,684.95	\$111,511.76	\$21,173.19	\$26,678.26	\$106,006.69	\$80,000.00	\$21,535.19	\$58,464.81	\$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
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$1,280,048.00	\$1,280,048.00	\$0.00	\$827,259.97	\$452,788.03	\$130,005.10	\$152,864.29	-\$22,859.19	\$108,864.09	\$21,141.01
		100.0%	0.0%	64.6%	35.4%		117.6%	over matched	83.7%	16.3%

# 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	\$116,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$18,992.15	\$107,607.85	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00
Agriculture-Structural	\$127,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$112,000.00	\$0.00	\$127,000.00	\$32,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00
Outreach	\$322,400.00	\$322,400.00	\$0.00	\$26,072.00	\$296,328.00	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90	\$0.00	\$11,005.90
Forestry Practices	\$10,000.00	\$240.00	\$9,760.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$128.85	\$1,871.15	\$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	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$4,384.10	\$105,115.90	\$2,400.00	\$400.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,383.00	-\$4,983.00
Project Devel (Type C Outreach)	\$22,200.00	\$5,000.00	\$17,200.00	\$0.00	\$22,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Streambank & Shoreline Protection	\$90,000.00	\$9,128.99	\$80,871.01	\$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	\$145,000.00	-\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$31,250.00	\$85,000.00	-\$53,750.00	\$0.00	\$31,250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,331,559.00</b>	<b>\$851,968.99</b>	<b>\$479,590.01</b>	<b>\$49,448.25</b>	<b>\$1,282,110.75</b>	<b>\$133,155.90</b>	<b>\$109,528.85</b>	<b>\$23,627.05</b>	<b>\$7,383.00</b>	<b>\$125,772.90</b>
		64.0%	36.0%	3.7%	96.3%		82.3%	17.7%	5.5%	94.5%

\*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

**To:** Rum River Watershed Partnership Board  
**From:** Jamie Schurbon  
**Date:** September 25, 2025  
**Re:** 4M Investments

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### Summary

The Anoka Conservation District, as fiscal agent for the RRWP, is investing RRWP funds in a MN Municipal Money Market (4M) account. 4M is a League of Minnesota Cities investment fund. Previously, RRWP funds are either in a bank account earning ~3% interest (was <0.25% until recently) or in CDs earning around 3.75-4.5%. The 4M funds currently have an approximately 4% interest rate and we can select options that keep the funds liquid. This option will allow us to keep more funds invested and cut the time spent on cash flow analyses for purchasing CDs. In short, we'll earn more money and spend less time.

### Why Invest in a 4M fund?

- Interest rates comparable to CDs and better than a bank account.
- Keeps funds liquid, allowing us to keep more funds invested. Currently we are revolving funds amongst 2-4 CDs and doing regular cash flow analyses to make sure we keep enough funds liquid to pay for projects.
- The money market class funds can be linked to the RRWP's bank account through an online portal, allowing easy movement of money.
- 4M is limited to what MN Statute 118A allows public entities to invest in.
- 4M has never lost money.

### What are the risks?

- 4M is not a bank account and is not FDIC insured.
- While fixed rate products are available, we are more likely to use variable rate funds because those keep the funds liquid.

### About the 4M Fund

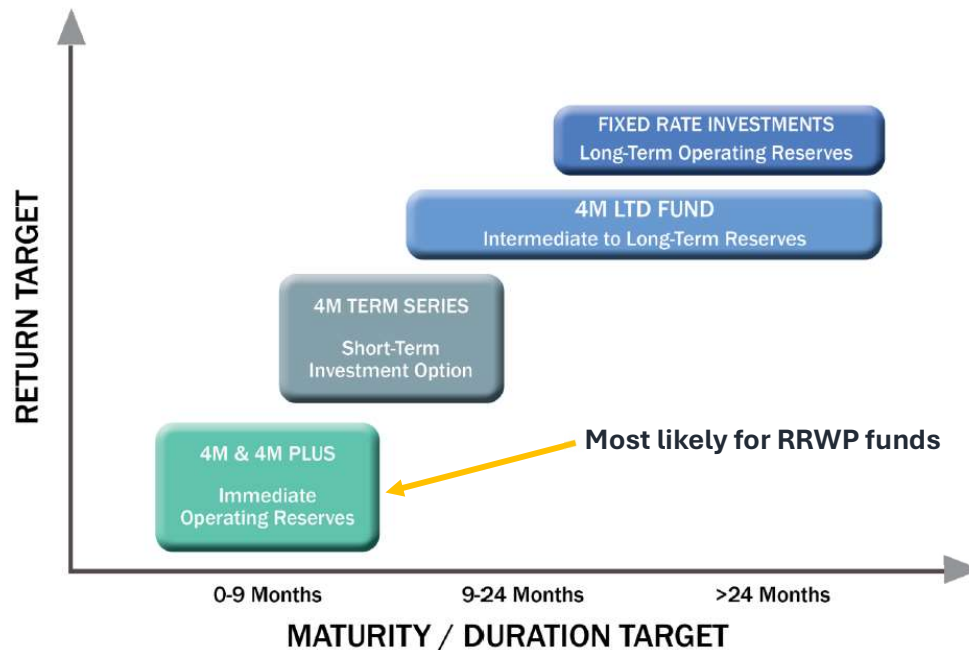
- 4M = MN Municipal Money Market.
- See 4Mfund.com.
- Owned by League of MN Cities. They are the fund trustee.

- Administered by a firm called PTMA. There have two staff (Corey Boyer and Matt Heslin) that do only 4M throughout MN and are officed in St. Louis Park.
- Banking custodian is US Bank.
- 38 yrs old.
- Has never lost money.
- Limited to what MN Statute 118A allows public entities to invest in.
- AAAM rated by S&P Global Ratings. This is their top rating.
- 400 municipal entities involved.
- Monthly statements are generated.

**Types of Investments Available**

- **Multi-class.** *This is the one anticipated to be used for RRWP funds.* There are two multi-class funds that are very similar. Both keep funds liquid. We can access funds on a daily basis. Current interest rate is about ~4.2% and changes daily. Rates will go down in Fed lowers interest rates. Can access funds daily.
  - **4M liquid class** – Offers certain banking services but comes with a higher fee. Funds are immediately liquid on day one.
  - **4M Plus class** – Funds are liquid after invested for 14 days.
- **Term Series Investment Pool.** Locks a rate to a certain term, like a CD. Fixed maturity date. Right now rates are a little lower than multi-class.
- **Limited Term Duration Fund.** For longer term dollars. Similar to bond mutual fund. Buy in at one price, earnings are reinvested, you only get money out when you sell. Try to buy low, sell high. You can access money monthly, but not daily. 13 mo is max term.
- **Fixed Rate Programs** - Most of these are longer term like 2 +yrs. CDs, treasury security, municipal bonds.

**Which Funds are Right for Short vs Long Term?**



**Will this Be a RRWP 4M Account?**

No. The RRWP does not have a tax identification number, so it cannot directly own the account. The ACD would have a sub-account for only RRRWP funds. In the event that ACD were no longer the RRWP fiscal agent, the account would need to be closed and the funds transferred to the new fiscal agent.

**Other**

ACD has not previously used 4M for its own funds, but anticipates doing so now.

**Recommended Motion**

Approve the fiscal agent to invest RRWP funds in the 4M investment fund.



# Rum River Watershed Partnership Board Meeting Minutes

**June 26th, 2025 4:30PM – 6:30PM**

In-Person & Virtual Meeting

Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse  
Lower Level, Conference Room D



**Coming together** to identify shared goals.  
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**Note taker:** Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD

**Voting Members Present:**  
Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County  
Bob Janzen, Aitkin SWCD  
Danielle Holder, Anoka CD  
Ed Popp, Benton County  
Mike Winkleman, Benton SWCD (*virtual*)  
Al Koczur, Isanti SWCD  
Kim Johnson, Kanabec SWCD  
Jake Janski, Mille Lacs SWCD  
Bobby Kasper, Morrison County  
Dale Scholl, Morrison SWCD  
Brad Schmacher, Sherburne County  
Chris Jurek, Sherburne SWCD

**Alternates Present:**

**Partners and Staff Present:**  
Jamie Schurbon, Anoka CD  
Emily Forbord, Benton SWCD (*virtual*)  
Tiffany Determan, Isanti SWCD  
Lydia Godfrey, Isanti SWCD  
Doug Page, Isanti SWCD  
Molly Clyne, Mille Lacs SWCD  
Susan Shaw, Mille Lacs SWCD  
Francine Larson, Sherburne SWCD (*virtual*)

**Voting Members Absent:**  
Alan Duff, Isanti County

Zach Guttormson, BWSR

**Others:**

1. Meeting called to order by Janski 4:30pm.
2. Approve Agenda

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

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

3. Approve March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes

**Motion by Johnson to approve the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes;** second by Janzen. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

4. Administrative reports/updates

*Financials:* The partnership's bank account currently holds approximately \$180,000 in grant funds and \$25,000 in unrestricted funds (from CDs and interest earnings).

FY23 grant: We recently completed the reconciliation process for the initial 50% payout with BWSR, which was approved. We've now requested the next 40% disbursement. This grant is nearing its end and is set to expire on December 31, 2025. With tonight's proposed project amendments included, the partnership has about \$584,000 remaining to be spent. Our match commitments are in good standing and currently overcommitted.

FY25 grant: Activity on this grant has been minimal so far. 32% of the funds are encumbered, primarily for staff time, but only 2.5% has been spent to date.

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

5. Education/Outreach

*Type A outreach:* In April, we held a nitrate clinic where offices across the watershed hosted nitrate testing for water samples. A total of 131 people participated, with only 4 results reaching a level of concern. Staff provided individualized recommendations to those with elevated levels, and some data was shared with the Department of Agriculture. Looking ahead, a Forestry Open House is scheduled for July 10th at Sunken Ship Brewery in Princeton. The event will focus on tree care, species selection, forest management, and landowner Q&A. We are also in the early

planning stages for a county-level event aimed at local officials, focusing on groundwater education and decision-making. The event is tentatively planned for 2026. We're seeking feedback on what topics, timing, or formats would be most useful—feel free to share your ideas or bring this back to your boards. This was Godfrey's final meeting with us, as she is leaving her position. The position has been posted.

Discussion: Johnson asked whether any nitrate trends were observed. Staff noted that this was the first coordinated, watershed-wide effort, though some partners have previously done more localized work. This effort provides a baseline moving forward.

*Type B outreach:* We recently hosted a Local Forestry Team meeting to revisit our shared goals and explore how we can collaborate more effectively on forestry across the watershed. Topics included policy alignment, funding opportunities, and buckthorn management. In addition, Agriculture Technical Team meetings were held to discuss grazing cover crops and nutrient management. We've been finalizing the budget for project signage and should be ready to move forward with purchasing signs soon.

## 6. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Agreements and Statements of Work(s)

All of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter agreements and SOWs were recommended by the IPC.

### FY23 WBIF – Morrison SWCD

Amendment to add cover crop projects: \$8,000 grant / \$0 match.

### FY25 WBIF – Morrison SWCD

Amendment to add:

- Forest Stewardship Plans: \$1,500 grant / \$500 match
- Cover crop projects: \$7,500 grant / \$0 match

### FY25 WBIF – Isanti SWCD

Amendment to add technical/engineering assistance for land protection staff:  
\$202,500 grant / \$0 match

### FY23 WBIF – Aitkin SWCD

Amendment to add:

- Technical/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 (*previously approved, but inadvertently left off the original SOW*)

FY23 WBIF – Sherburne SWCD

Amendment to unencumber/return unused funds:

- Soil health projects: \$3,560 grant / \$0 match
- Project development: \$299.19 grant / \$0 match
- Administration: \$3.16 grant / \$0 match

FY23 WBIF – Mille Lacs SWCD

- New SOW to add the Schafer rural project: \$60,000 grant / \$15,000 match  
*(Note: This project was previously assigned to Benton SWCD; not a new funding request)*
- Amendment to unencumber/return the following unused funds:
  - Rodriguez gully project: \$18,299
  - Kuelbs Mille Lacs shoreline project: \$4,875.99
  - Other incomplete projects: \$5,020.51
  - Total returned: \$28,195.00

FY23 WBIF – Benton SWCD

Amendment to unencumber/return funds for the Schafer rural project:

\$75,000 grant / \$18,750 match

*(Project implementation is being shifted to Mille Lacs SWCD; no new funding requested.)*

Motion by Kasper to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter project funding requests and amended SOWs as presented; second by Duff. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

7. FY23 WBIF 1-year extension request

Determan requested authorization to submit a one-year grant extension request to BWSR for the FY23 WBIF grant. She also requested approval for the Chair (Janski) to sign the amended grant agreement, if the extension is approved.

Discussion: Janski asked whether other boards have submitted similar extension requests. Determan noted that it's not uncommon and would be beneficial to have the extension available as the partnership continues to build momentum and capacity.

Motion by Duff to approve the FY23 WBIF 1-year extension request being submitted by the Coordinator and subsequent approval and signature upon approval by the Chair; second by Schmacher. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

## 8. Proposed Policy Updates

- a. **New Project Funding Requests:** Determan explained that the proposed updates are intended to give the partnership greater flexibility in the final six months of the FY23 WBIF grant, and could serve as a model for future grants as well. If the requested one-year extension is approved, these policies would be postponed and only apply during the final six months of the revised grant timeline. Because the board meets quarterly and the grant currently expires in December, waiting until the September meeting could leave partners with insufficient time to implement projects. There are proactive steps being taken so that we do not need to use this policy. We are 1. Submitting a one year extension request to BWSR and 2. Revising the language in the new SOWs to allow funding to be drawn from either FY23 or FY25 depending on availability and timing. Determan presented the two options, noting that the blue text in the board packet is a draft and final language will be worked out with the attorney.

**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

**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.

Discussion: Johnson asked if this would apply only to projects meeting the existing criteria, and Janski confirmed that yes, project selection would follow the current criteria. Johnson expressed a preference for option 1, and the group agreed, noting that the IPC is already thorough and this approach would streamline the process during the short time window. Janski emphasized that this would only apply to the final six months of the grant and assumes funds are still available.

Motion by Westerlund to approve option one with the language approved by the attorney; second by Koczur. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

- b. **>10% changes to Statements of Work:** Determan then presented on changes for SOWs that are already in progress. Looking to add verbiage to the projects policy: 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.

Motion by Koczur to approve the added verbiage to the projects policy; second by Holder. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

- c. OTHER: In the event that a grand funding source's expiration is extended, the Fiscal Agent staff may extend statement of work expiration dates by email notice to the Partner.

Motion by Duff to approve the Fiscal Agent to extend SOW expiration dates by email notice to the Partner; second by Holder. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

## 9. Proposed Policy Updates

Clyne presented on the proposed forestry practices policy updates. This conversation began due to a tree planting project put forth by Morrison SWCD, which began a broader conversation about how the current policy's structure of itemized flat rates for each individual practice is time-consuming and results in lower payments to landowners versus other forestry cost-share programs that are available. To address these issues, we are proposing a 75% cost-share model and allowing for lump-sum allocations.

Motion by Westerlund to approve the forestry policy amendment; second by Johnson. Affirmative: All. Opposed: None. **The Motion passed.**

*The motion passed on a roll call vote with all in favor*

## 10. Board Training: Conservation Easement programs and accomplishments

Page provided a primer on conservation easements. Easements are permanent restrictions recorded on the property title of private lands. They limit or prohibit activities like agriculture, development, and timber harvest, depending on the easement holder and funding source. Participation is completely voluntary. Landowners are essentially selling a portion of their rights to the land. Compensation can come in the form of payment or as a donation. Donated easements might be tax deductible, while paid easements are considered taxable income.

The overall goal of many of our easements in the Rum River Watershed is to protect surface water. Page provided a map of current projects, showing active and completed work. He noted that these projects have ebb and flow, with 52 inquiries since he started working at Isanti SWCD just a year ago. Red stars on the map indicate recorded easements.

He noted that the process is lengthy, often taking a year to a year and a half, particularly with the RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) program, and sometimes even longer with other programs. Factors like land access, family dynamics, and eligibility can impact the progress.

Some of the primary easement programs used in our area are RIM Critical Shorelands and RIM Reforestation. In addition, CREP (Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program) has become available in Isanti County, which combines CRP with RIM easements. So far, three applications have been submitted.

Other efforts include supporting Minnesota Land Trust (MLT) easements in the Mille Lacs area, particularly in forested regions.

Discussion: Partners raised questions on the timeline, in which Page described how the initial application stage is often the quickest part, but the approval can take a long time. The question of if groups or associations can apply was raised, to which Page confirmed yes, LCCs, trusts, and associations are eligible. Johnson asked whether RIM funding is guaranteed by the legislature, to which Page noted that there has been a reduction, though not substantial. There was also a good discussion about how counties do not have to recognize the reduction in land value due to easements, which may be a con for people.

#### 11. Communication & announcements

Determan shared a change to Minnesota's Open Meeting Law that allows members to attend remotely without needing to post their remote location or make it accessible to the public. While remote participation is now an option, in-person attendance is still strongly encouraged.

Jurek asked about the required notice for remote participation. Determan clarified that it's not necessary to give three day's notice as long as the meeting notice includes a statement that some members may attend remotely. She recommended including this language in default in future meeting postings to stay compliant.

#### 12. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting is scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 PM at the Mille Lacs Historic Courthouse, lower level Conference Room D.

#### 13. Adjourn:

**Janski adjourned the meeting at 5:34 PM.**





## MEMO

**To:** Rum River Watershed Partnership Board  
**From:** Jamie Schurbon  
**Date:** September 25, 2025  
**Re:** Partner Master Agreement Renewals

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### **Summary**

In 2023 each local partner receiving funds signed a master agreement with the RRWP. The master agreements expire at the end of 2025 but can be renewed by amendment every three years. The board needs to authorize renewing these partner master agreements.

### **About our Contracts**

The RRWP has a master agreement with each partner receiving funds. Subsequently, each time they were awarded funding a statement of work (SOW) is signed. The statement of work falls under the conditions of the master agreement. This keeps our SOWs shorter.

### **Recommended Motion**

Approve renewal of mater agreements with all RRWP partners who are receiving RRWP funding.



# MEMO



Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 7: 3rd Quarter Statements of Work(s)

Meeting Date: September 25, 2025

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

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## PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Approve 3rd 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
Benton SWCD	FY23	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add \$6,000 to Technical Engineering for design of rural BMP</li></ul>
Isanti SWCD	FY25	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$15,000 grant/\$15,000 match for livestock crossing</li><li>• \$145,000 grant/\$85,000 match for wetland restorations</li></ul>
Mille Lacs SWCD	FY23	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cancel Onamia Stormwater project for \$23,913.75 grant/\$5978.44 match</li></ul>
Mille Lacs SWCD	FY25	Amended to add: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$5,000 for Ag project development</li><li>• \$12,600 for Administration/coordination</li><li>• \$7,500 Ag non-structural for soil health practices</li><li>• \$5,000 for outreach related to groundwater</li><li>• \$267,400 for type B outreach and forest program coordinator</li></ul>

# MEMO

Rum River Watershed Partnership Joint Powers Entity Board

Agenda Item 8: Proposed Project Policy updates

Meeting Date: September 25, 2025

Prepared by: Tiffany Determan

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## ACTION REQUESTED

Approve policy updates for Non-structural contract payments.

## PURPOSE/SUMMARY

The Board of Water and Soil Resources recently changed the Grants Administration Manual (GAM) to require payments for non-structural practices such as cover crops to occur annually after certification. The previous GAM, and our project policies, allowed for an upfront payment following the first year of certification. We have changed the project policy language to reflect the GAM change but it will still allow for the one-time upfront payment if using FY23 WBIF funds.

### Previous Language:

A one-time payment shall be made upon the first season's certification by the Member for both one- and three-year contracts. Certification includes verification of seeding, seed mix, and rate. The practice must be certified and inspected by the Member annually for three-year contracts to ensure implementation. If the practice is not continued in years 2 & 3 as required, the Partner shall recover funds for those years.

### New Language:

FY23 WBIF: A one-time payment shall be made upon the first season's certification by the Member for both one- and three-year contracts. Certification includes verification of seeding, seed mix, and rate. The practice must be certified and inspected by the Member annually for three-year contracts to ensure implementation. If the practice is not continued in years 2 & 3 as required, the Partner shall recover funds for those years.

F25 and beyond: Members must follow the current version of the GAM posted online.

[Projects Policy Found here](#)



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

**Statement Ending 08/29/2025**

ANOKA SOIL & WATER

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Customer Number:XXXXXXXX8559

**Managing Your Accounts**

	Branch	Blaine
	Phone	763-780-2100
	Website	villagebankonline.bank

**Summary of Accounts**

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET	XXXXXXXX8559	\$116,244.93

**ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559**

**Account Summary**

Date	Description	Amount
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$353,572.52
	2 Credit(s) This Period	\$97,833.41
	3 Debit(s) This Period	\$335,161.00
08/29/2025	Ending Balance	\$116,244.93

**Interest Summary**

Description	Amount
Interest Earned From 08/01/2025 Through 08/29/2025	
Annual Percentage Yield Earned	3.30%
Interest Days	29
Interest Earned	\$891.74
Interest Paid This Period	\$891.74
Interest Paid Year-to-Date	\$2,993.44

**Account Activity**

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$353,572.52
08/26/2025	CHECK # 1069	\$69.00		\$353,503.52 ✓
08/26/2025	CHECK # 1067	\$92.00		\$353,411.52 ✓
08/29/2025	PERSHING BROKERAGE RMB-020447-1PCD		\$96,941.67	\$450,353.19 ✓
08/29/2025	4M Fund 4M Fund Partnership	\$335,000.00		\$115,353.19 ✓
08/29/2025	INTEREST		\$891.74	\$116,244.93 ✓
08/29/2025	Ending Balance			\$116,244.93

**Checks Cleared**

Check Nbr	Date	Amount	Check Nbr	Date	Amount
1067	08/26/2025	\$92.00	1069*	08/26/2025	\$69.00

\* Indicates skipped check number

**Daily Balances**

Date	Amount	Date	Amount
08/26/2025	\$353,411.52	08/29/2025	\$116,244.93

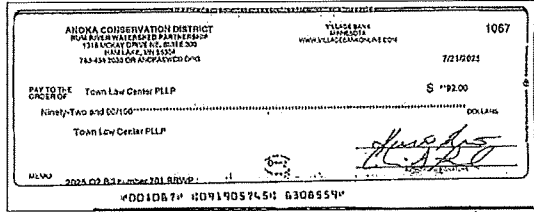




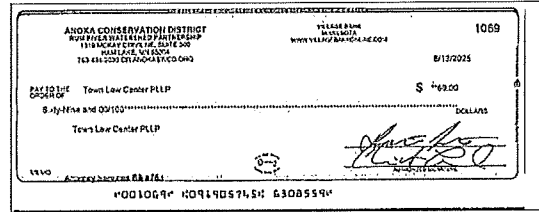
**ELITE BUSINESS MONEY MARKET - XXXXXXXX8559 (continued)**

**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



#1067 08/26/2025 \$92.00



#1069 08/26/2025 \$69.00

# Rum River Watershed Partnership Reconciliation Summary Money Market, Period Ending 08/31/2025

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	<u>Aug 31, 25</u>
Beginning Balance	353,572.52
Cleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 4 items	-338,398.23
Deposits and Credits - 3 items	97,833.41
Total Cleared Transactions	<u>-240,564.82</u>
Cleared Balance	<u>113,007.70</u>
Uncleared Transactions	
Checks and Payments - 1 item	<u>-1,064.08</u>
Total Uncleared Transactions	<u>-1,064.08</u>
Register Balance as of 08/31/2025	<u>111,943.62</u>
Ending Balance	<u>111,943.62</u>





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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
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$5,000.00
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
08/29/2025	Ending Balance	\$5,000.00

**Account Activity**

Post Date	Description	Debits	Credits	Balance
08/01/2025	Beginning Balance			\$5,000.00
	No activity this statement period			
08/29/2025	Ending Balance			\$5,000.00

**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



**Current Portfolio**

8/31/2025

Type	Code	Holding Id	Trade Date	Settle Date	Maturity Date	Description	Cost	Rate	NAV / Share Price	Face/Par	Market Value
4MP				08/31/2025		4MP Account Balance	\$335,116.79	4.250%	\$1.000	\$335,116.79	\$335,116.79
							<b>\$335,116.79</b>			<b>\$335,116.79</b>	<b>\$335,116.79</b>

Time and Dollar Weighted Average Portfolio Yield: n/a

Weighted Average Portfolio Maturity: n/a

Note: Weighted Yield & Weighted Average Portfolio Maturity are calculated using "Market Value" and are only based on the fixed rate investments.

**Portfolio Summary**

Type	Allocation (%)	Allocation (\$)	Description
4MP	100.000%	\$335,116.79	4MP Account

**Index**

**Cost** is comprised of the total amount you paid for the investment (including any fees and commissions) plus any reinvested dividends.

**Rate** is the average monthly yield for pool investments or the rate on the last business day of the month for SDA investments or the yield to maturity or yield to worst for fixed term investments.

**Face/Par** is the amount received at maturity for fixed rate investments or the balance at statement date for pool investments.

**Market Value** reflects the market value as reported by an independent third-party pricing service. Certificates of Deposit and other assets for which market pricing is not readily available from a third-party pricing service are listed at "Cost" for fixed term investments or the balance at statement date for pool investments.

**Activity Summary (MN01-91075-0102) Rum River Watershed Partnership**

8/1/2025 - 8/31/2025

<b>Investment Pool Summary</b>	<b>4M</b>	<b>4MP</b>
Beginning Market Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dividends		\$116.79
Purchases	\$0.00	\$335,000.00
Redemptions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ending Market Balance	\$0.00	\$335,116.79
Average Monthly Rate	4.221%	4.250%
NAV / Share Price	\$1.000	\$1.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$335,116.79</b>
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Account Total</b>		<b>\$335,116.79</b>

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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 Benefitting 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 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	Winter 2025
2025-1	0	Administration	0	Admin/Coord	MCIT, Attorney, Audit	0	\$19,000.00	\$0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	
2025-2	Morrison SWCD	Non-Structural Ag	MSWCD FY25 - Cover Crops	340-Cover Crop	Approximately 150 acres of Cover Crops or combination of other Soil Health practices. Will prioritize West Branch Rum section in Morrison County.	2025-2026	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	TBD	TBD	TBD	On Track	
2025-2	Isanti SWCD	Tech/Engineering	ISWCD FY25-Land Protection	666-Forest Stand Improvement	Maintain 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 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). Forest Stewardship Plans may be completed by a contractor. Funding will cover ~1.5 years of staff time.	2026-2027	\$202,500.00	\$0.00	Rum River (Princeton-Cambridge)	0.00	0.00	0	On Track	To start after FY23 funds are spent

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 Benefiting 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- interested landowners at Healthy Land Healthy Lake event in Wahkon MN where 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	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 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	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 WASCOB 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 WASCOB 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 WASCOB 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 Healthy Lake event in Wahkon sponsored by Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group. Connected with many landowners interested in shoreline planting. Connected with a homeowner in the Mille Lacs Watershed 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	2023-MLSWCD-Soil Health	200 acres of soil health practices as approved with set rates per Rum WBIF Premier Priorities	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	2 wells sealed, 1 more may go forward. Likely to shift remaining funds Dec. 2025
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.
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-Cambri	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 + 2 Woodland Stewardship Plans completed and 1 in progress
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.

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 Benefiting Waterbody	TP Reduction (lb/yr)	TSS Reduction (ton/yr)	Project Life (yrs)	Progress Status	NOTES
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	2 project installed, 2 to be installed fall 2025, others in design phase.
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 to be installed fall 2025-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 <del>4000</del> <b>4,000 ft</b> 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 <i>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.</i>	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.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Urban BMPs	Rodriguez gully repair, Mille Lakes Lakeshores, Onamia stormwater project	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:  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.  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.  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 \$6,372 per pound Phosphorus and \$46 per pound TSS.	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.
Mille Lacs SWCD	Structural Rural BMPs	W. Branch Rum River, Schafer gully stabilization	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.  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.	2025	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	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).
Morrison SWCD	Tech/Engineering	MSWCD - Cover Crop Projects	Technical Assistance with Soil Health projects-Cover crops are planned with FY25-approx. 150 acres or combination of other soil health practices. Will prioritize West Branch Rum section in Morrison County.	2025	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	R-West Branch Rum River	N/A	N/A	N/A	On Track	