

Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION

Date and Location: May 29th, 2024; Sauk River Watershed District Office

Time: 9AM to noon

Invitees: Dave Rush, Danielle Anderson, Ralph Hanson, Holly Kovarik, Becky Schlorf, Dennis Fuchs, Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Deja Anton, Kyle Weimann, Noah Czech, Jon Roeschlein, Adam Ossefoort, Jason Weinerman, Brad Wozney, Abigail Parker, Steve Zeece III, Allison Lightfoot, Brittany Lenzmeier, Kyle Blazek, Zach Guttormson, Brad Wozney, Jerry Rapp -Ex Officio (Tim Kalina- Ex Officio Alternate) Steve Zeece, Jason Weinermann (BWSR), Jerry Rapp (Policy Committee Ex Officio), Tim Kalina (Ex Officio Alternate), Stephanie Hatzenbihler, Becky Schlorf, Jerry Haggemiller (edited 6.3.2024 in place of D. Anderson), Abi Parker, Jon Roeschlein

Attendees:



Online: Holly Kovarik, Allison Lightfoot, Brittany Lenzmeier

Previous Meeting Notes

- No revisions to previous notes.

Fiscal Agent Updates:

WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS
Budget & Expense Report
FY2022-2023

This budget & expense report reflects allocations & encumbrances processed by the fiscal agent, as well as actual expenditures paid. See "Object-11 Details" sheet for details on allocations & encumbrances. See "Expense Tracker" for more information.

As of April 2024 - updated 05/09/2024

FY22-23 Grant Required Match is 10%
\$ 89,255.00

WBIF GRANT ACTIVITY	SOURCE	GRANT BUDGET	SUM OF ALLOCATIONS + ENCUMBRANCES	SUM OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES PAID TO DATE	ALLOCATIONS/ ENCUMBRANCES + ACTUALS	BUDGET REMAINING	PERCENT SPENT & ENCUMBERED	BUDGETED WBIF MATCH	COMMITTED WBIF MATCH	ACTUAL WBIF MATCH TO DATE
Objective 1: Admin/Coord	WBIF State Grant	\$ 99,731.80		\$ 44,837.87		\$ 48,894.23	48%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 2: Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 38,444.44		\$ 15,555.56	71%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 3: Supplies/Equipment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 16,000.00		\$ -		\$ 16,000.00	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 4: Planning/Assessment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 155,389.47		\$ 8,210.23		\$ 147,179.22	5%	\$ 70,389.47	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 5: Education/Information	WBIF State Grant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,711.26	\$ 25,711.26	\$ 24,288.74	51%	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,865.58
Objective 6: Technical/Engineering	WBIF State Grant	\$ 109,218.20		\$ 20,147.39		\$ 89,070.81	18%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 7: Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 87,600.00	\$ -	\$ 8,687.00	\$ 8,687.00	\$ 78,913.00	10%	\$ 24,200.00	\$ 19,589.00	\$ 19,569.00
Objective 8: Conservation/Drainage	WBIF State Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ 14,250.00	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 9: Livestock Waste Management	WBIF State Grant	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	100%	\$ 6,250.00	\$ 7,375.00	\$ -
Objective 10: Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 30,875.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,875.00	0%	\$ 25,437.50	\$ -	\$ -
Objective 11: Streambank or Shoreland Protection	WBIF State Grant	\$ 210,735.53	\$ 67,558.78	\$ 105,763.00	\$ 173,311.78	\$ 37,413.75	82%	\$ 62,491.09	\$ 58,116.09	\$ 38,079.25
TOTAL		\$ 892,550.00	\$ 92,558.78	\$ 251,800.91	\$ 344,359.69	\$ 488,190.31	41%	\$ 203,018.06	\$ 86,280.09	\$ 62,513.83

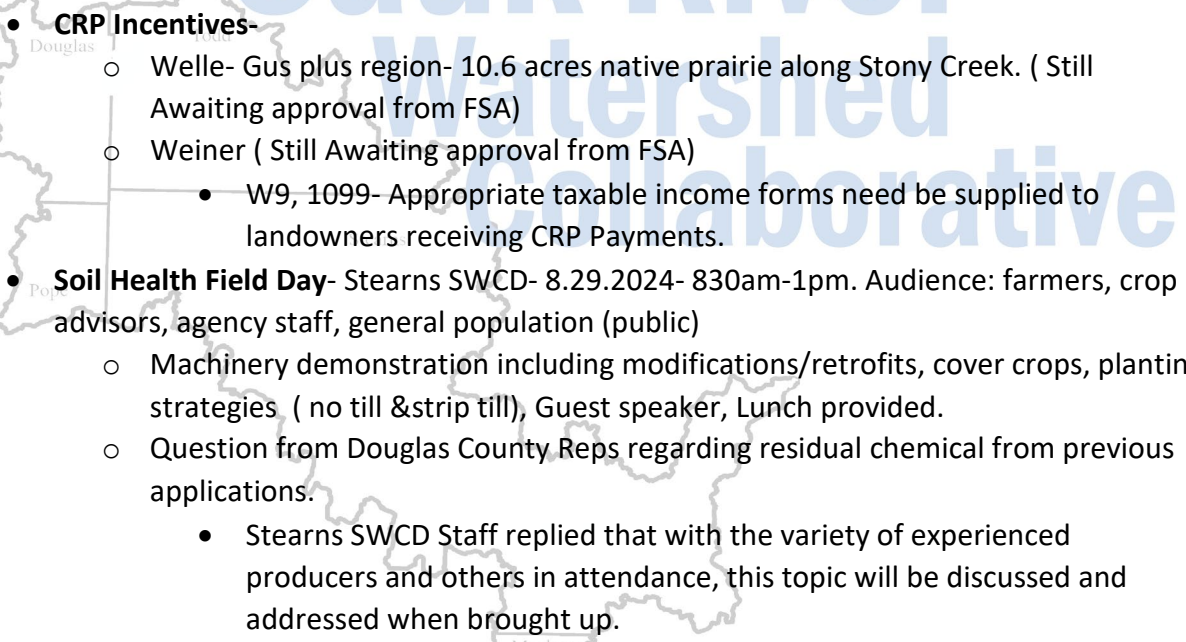
Interest Earned (not budgeted) \$ 22,372.95

\$ 46,865.90

MATCH (actual) \$ 62,513.83
DIFF (planned match) \$ (140,504.23)
DIFF (required match) \$ (20,741.17)

- **FY22 WBIF Supplemental** – In BWSR batch for approval along with the Fiscal Year 2024 WBIF grant. Fiscal Agent, Stearns County, and BWSR are working thru review and signature/execution processes.
- **FY22 Reallocation Amendment**- Funding available for encumbrance and expenditures.
- **FY24 WBIF**- Submitted in the April Batch for BWSR review along with FY 22-23 Supplemental grant. Fiscal Agent, Stearns County, and BWSR are working thru review and signature/execution processes. (note- these have separate grant agreements.)
- **CRP Incentives**-
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 - (From April Meeting) A BWSR Representative informed the group of a significant State General Fund allocation for CRP Incentives Via the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR)

SWCD Projects Review

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- **CRP Incentives**-
 - Welle- Gus plus region- 10.6 acres native prairie along Stony Creek. (Still Awaiting approval from FSA)
 - Weiner (Still Awaiting approval from FSA)
 - W9, 1099- Appropriate taxable income forms need be supplied to landowners receiving CRP Payments.
 - **Soil Health Field Day**- Stearns SWCD- 8.29.2024- 830am-1pm. Audience: farmers, crop advisors, agency staff, general population (public)
 - Machinery demonstration including modifications/retrofits, cover crops, planting strategies (no till & strip till), Guest speaker, Lunch provided.
 - Question from Douglas County Reps regarding residual chemical from previous applications.
 - Stearns SWCD Staff replied that with the variety of experienced producers and others in attendance, this topic will be discussed and addressed when brought up.
 - Question regarding reimbursable expenses according to BWSR Policy regarding tips/gratuity. BWSR staff will investigate and report back whether it is allowable.
 - Question from Coordinator Staff- Would the group tabling this decision until next month disrupt the planning process and success of the event?
 - Stearns SWCD response: Post cards will preferably be sent in **Late June to early July**. (updated 6.4.2024)
 - The group agreed by consensus to table this project until the next meeting.
 - Fiscal Agent and Coordinator will review between this meeting and the meeting in June.
 - **Thellin Shoreline Project**- Schneider Lake- Sauk River Chain of Lakes

- Approved by consensus, Fiscal Agent will send encumbrance email after this meeting

General Updates

- **Implementation Tracking Tool Development**

- Development continues, lead by Ben Ruley, Stearns SWCD.
- Funded under admin cost budget line.
- Modeled after the North Fork Crow River Collaborative's tracking system, which was also developed by Stearns SWCD.
- Overview- Arc-GIS powered online map containing all projects, with data entry and details available by clicking on a given project icon.

- **Getchell**

- SRWD has conducted landowner outreach with parcels within the project area of feasibility study storage site #17, which is located North of the Hemker Zoo and City of Freeport, and south of upper Valley Road. SRWD applied for a grant from BWSR's Water Quality and Storage Program to support the design and construction.
- SRWD did not receive funding for this project. All funding was awarded projects in the program's priority region of the Minnesota River Watershed.

- **JD2 Project Team & USACE Alternatives Analysis**

- Bathymetric Survey and lake bottom sampling are planned this summer, beginning June 17th, lasting for two weeks..
- SRWD will work with study partners and vendors to organize a "meet and greet" type of event on the shores of Lake Osakis, where residents and other interested parties can network with staff and view equipment.
- SRWD plans to utilize results from the alternatives analysis to complete a feasibility study, required per watershed statute to establish project.
- SRWD has applied for a grant from BWSR Water Quality and Storage Program to support the feasibility study.
 - SRWD did not receive a funding award from the BWSR grant and will explore new potential options.

- **Education and Outreach Program Policy and Procedure**

- Douglas SWCD Nitrate testing Clinic.
 - SRWD will promote via our social media and other appropriate platforms.
- Coordinator will link E&O Committee notes to this agenda.

Upcoming Policy Committee Agenda Items - The Implementation Team discussed items for the upcoming Policy Committee Agenda:

- Last Policy meetings minute are drafted in will be distributed via Blind Carbon Copy (BCC)

Close out and Next Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next meeting: June 26th, 2024, 9:00 a.m., SRWD Board Room, w/ virtual option.

