



Sauk River CWMP Implementation Team Meeting

MEETING INFORMATION	
Date and Location:	July 23rd, 2025; Sauk River Watershed District Office
Time:	9am- noon
Attendees:	Steve Zeece (SRWD), Kory Klebe (SRWD), Becky Schlorf (Stearns County ES), Stephanie Hatzenbihler (Stearns CD), Adam Ossefoort(Todd SWCD), Jason Weinerman (BWSR), Jerry Rapp (Douglas Co), Danielle Anderson(Douglas SWCD). Online via Teams: Bret Zimmerman (Houston Eng), Holly Kovarik (Pope Co & SWCD), David Broxmeyer, Nicole Brede, Brad Wozney, Noah Czech (St. Cloud), Sheila Hellerman, Kevin Lahr (SRWD), Sarah Morton.

Regulatory Review Task 3;

The Contractor from Houston Engineering, Bret Z. virtually presented the updated draft memo from task three of the regulatory review.

The main areas that were revised/added include:

- Revisions to sections in the write-up to further explain “gap”, “overlap”, and “stricter ordinance”
- Addition of “Potential Ordinances or Regulatory Rules” section
- Addition of “Summary” section
- Added Table 9
- Various other small updates based on comments received from Stearns County and City of St. Cloud.
- The final report draft comment period will be from July 23rd to August 8th.
 - Comments are preferably provided by email directly to the Houston Engineering contractor, Bret Zimmerman at BZimmerman@HoustonEng.com
- The final report will be presented to the Policy Committee during the August 21st meeting.

Review Previous Meeting Notes & Introductions;

The only addition to the previous meeting minutes was the addition of the date of the Private Well Testing Event. It is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th from 1-6pm at the Stearns County Fairgrounds in Sauk Centre, with early drop off option from 7am-noon at the SRWD Office.

Introduction were given by those remaining in attendance.



Fiscal Agent Updates

- Becky Schlorf of Stearns County provided an update on the status of each of the SRWC's grants.

WATERSHED BASED IMPLEMENTATION FUNDS and SUPPLEMENTAL 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 7-11 Details" sheet for details on allocations & encumbrances. See "Expense Tracker" for more information.

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
Objective 1: Admin/Coord	WBIF State Grant	\$ 93,731.80		\$ 78,920.02		\$ 14,811.78	84%
Objective 2: Project Development	WBIF State Grant	\$ 51,583.38		\$ 51,583.38		\$ -	100%
Objective 3: Supplies/Equipment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 16,000.00		\$ -		\$ 16,000.00	0%
Objective 4: Planning/Assessment	WBIF State Grant	\$ 260,389.47		\$ 208,640.54		\$ 56,748.93	78%
Objective 5: Education/Information	WBIF State Grant	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 26,356.30	\$ 32,556.30	\$ 17,443.70	65%
Objective 6: Technical/Engineering	WBIF State Grant	\$ 117,997.74		\$ 28,562.39		\$ 89,435.35	24%
Objective 7: Agricultural Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ 195,810.08	\$ 74,468.50	\$ 16,083.50	\$ 90,552.00	\$ 105,258.08	46%
Objective 8: Conservation Drainage	WBIF State Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Objective 9: Livestock Waste Management	WBIF State Grant	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	100%
Objective 10: Non-Structural Management Practices	WBIF State Grant	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Objective 11: Streambank or Shoreland Protection	WBIF State Grant	\$ 307,641.10	\$ 189,192.15	\$ 118,946.78	\$ 308,138.93	\$ (497.83)	100%
Objective 15: Urban Stormwater Management	WBIF State Grant	\$ 18,067.43	\$ 18,067.43	\$ -	\$ 18,067.43	\$ -	100%
TOTAL		\$ 1,136,821.00	\$ 288,528.08	\$ 549,092.91	\$ 837,620.99	\$ 299,200.01	74%

Interest Earned (not budgeted) \$ 30,375.56

Interest is earned on funds held by the collaborative that have not yet been spent.

As of May 30, 2025 for auditor reports. Updated 6/27/20

% Total Expended 48.30%

BUDGETED WBIF MATCH	COMMITTED WBIF MATCH	ACTUAL WBIF MATCH TO DATE
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ 73,789.00
\$ 3,808.53	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,865.58
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 6,250.00	\$ 7,375.00	\$ -
\$ 25,487.50	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 62,491.09	\$ 58,116.09	\$ 42,052.22
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 297,187.12	\$ 86,280.09	\$ 140,275.80

FY22-23 Grant Required Match is 10% \$ 113,682.10

MATCH (actual) \$ 140,275.80

DIFF (planned match) \$ (155,011.32)

DIFF (required match) \$ 26,593.70

FY 2022 & Supplemental

- Sum of actual expenditures slightly over \$549,092.91 (48.3% of grant)- at 50% Stearns County can request the next 40% of the grant.
- Allocations, encumbrances, and expenses \$837k (74% of grant).
- 30k in interest
- Reporting complete in Elink.



- **CRP Incentives**

The group reviewed CRP Incentives requests, specifically focusing on CRP practice codes to determine program eligibility.

Column S of [the CRP Incentives Project Request List](#) shows which request were approved by the Implementation Team.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	S
	Partner SWCD	Date of Contact	Landowner Last Name	Landowner First Name	Location of Project (Township, Range, Section) (or Coordinates)	Number of Acres	CWMP Priority Area (Y/N)	CRP Practice code(s)	Incentive Request \$	Sauk River Collaborative IT Approved \$	CRP 1 Contract - landowner signature date	Implementation Team Review and Approval Date
2												
3	EXAMPLE SWCD	3/1/2025	Smith	John	Township 123, Range 23, Section 12	10	Yes	CP23A	\$ 5,000.00		5/25/2025	
4	Todd SWCD	1/22/2025	Smith	Carl	129-R35-22	6.5	Yes		\$ 3,400.00			
5	Todd SWCD	3/21/2025	Williamson	Tom			Yes					
6	Todd SWCD	4/30/2025	Cipala	Gregory	127-R34-16	46.00	Yes		\$ 15,000.00			
7	Stearns SWCD	4/15/2024	Loxtercamp	Chris	Township 125, Range 34, Section 28	0.8	Yes	CP5A, CP43	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	5/20/2025	6/25/2025
8	Stearns SWCD	8/28/2024	Otte	Jeffery	Township 126, Range 34, Section 14	40.05	Yes	CP38E-25 (SAFE), CP42	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	6/4/2025	6/25/2025
9	Stearns SWCD	2/26/2024	Schreiner	Paul	Township 122, Range 30, Section 12	20	Yes	CP38E-25 & CP38E-12 (SAFE)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	5/30/2025	6/25/2025
10	Stearns SWCD	5/14/2024	Welle	Steve	Township 124, Range 33, Section 23	25.17	Yes	CP38E-12, CP38E-25 (SAFE)	\$ 12,585.00	\$ 12,585.00	6/1/2025	6/25/2025
11	Stearns SWCD	1/26/2024	Lieser	Rosalyn	Township 123, Range 32, Section 5	13.26	No	CP23A	\$ 1,326.00	\$ 1,326.00	5/28/2025	6/25/2025
12	Douglas SWCD	6/3/2025	Becker	Adam	T127, R36, S11	4.11	No	CP22	\$411.00	\$411.00	6/3/2025	7/23/2025
13	Douglas SWCD	6/3/2025	Becker	Adam	T127, R36, S11	2.83	No	CP21	\$283.00	\$283.00	6/3/2025	7/23/2025
14	Douglas SWCD	5/22/2025	Field to Forest, LLC	Alex Krebbsbach	T127, R36, S25	27.88	No	CP23A-CREP-not eligible	-	-	5/22/2025	
15	Douglas SWCD	5/22/2025	Field to Forest, LLC	Alex Krebbsbach	T127, R36, S25	3.24	No	CP5A	\$324.00	\$324.00	5/22/2025	7/23/2025
16	Douglas SWCD	5/22/2025	Hvezda	Brenda	T127, R37, S12	25.35	No	CP23A	\$2,535.00	\$2,535.00	5/22/2025	7/23/2025
17	Douglas SWCD	5/30/2025	Krebs	Dean	T129, R35, S27	6.11	Yes	CP5A, CP17A	\$3,055.00	\$3,055.00	5/30/2025	7/23/2025
18	Douglas SWCD	5/30/2025	Krebs	Dean	T129, R35, S27	13.08	Yes	CP23A	\$6,540.00	\$6,540.00	5/30/2025	7/23/2025
19	Douglas SWCD	5/29/2025	Krebs	Gerald	T128, R36, S8	17.64	No	CP23A	\$1,764.00	\$1,764.00	5/29/2025	7/23/2025
20	Douglas SWCD	5/28/2025	Maus	Dale	T127, R36, S3	9.14	No	CP22	\$914.00	\$914.00	5/28/2025	7/23/2025
21	Douglas SWCD	6/4/2025	Olson	Kenneth	T129, R36, S32/33	64.23	Yes	CP37	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	6/4/2025	7/23/2025
22	Douglas SWCD	5/14/2025	Tegels	Joanne	T127, R36, S2	11.97	No	CP21	\$1,197.00	\$1,197.00	5/14/2025	7/23/2025
23	Pope	7/21/2025	Erickson	Keith	T125, R36, S8	29.5	Yes	CP21, CP17A	\$14,750	\$14,750	5/16/2025	7/23/2025
24												
25												
26									\$ 104,484.00	\$ 86,084.00		
27												
28									27000			
29									-4057			
30									90000			
31									\$ 112,943.00			

SWCD Projects Review

Todd SWCD- FY24 Julig Livestock Exclusion- **Approved**

JD2/Osakis Management Area HSPF reaches A10-A70

Discussion occurred that if there is an active regulatory violation the landowner is not eligible for cost-share funding. There are currently no active violations under investigation. Todd SWCD will confirm.

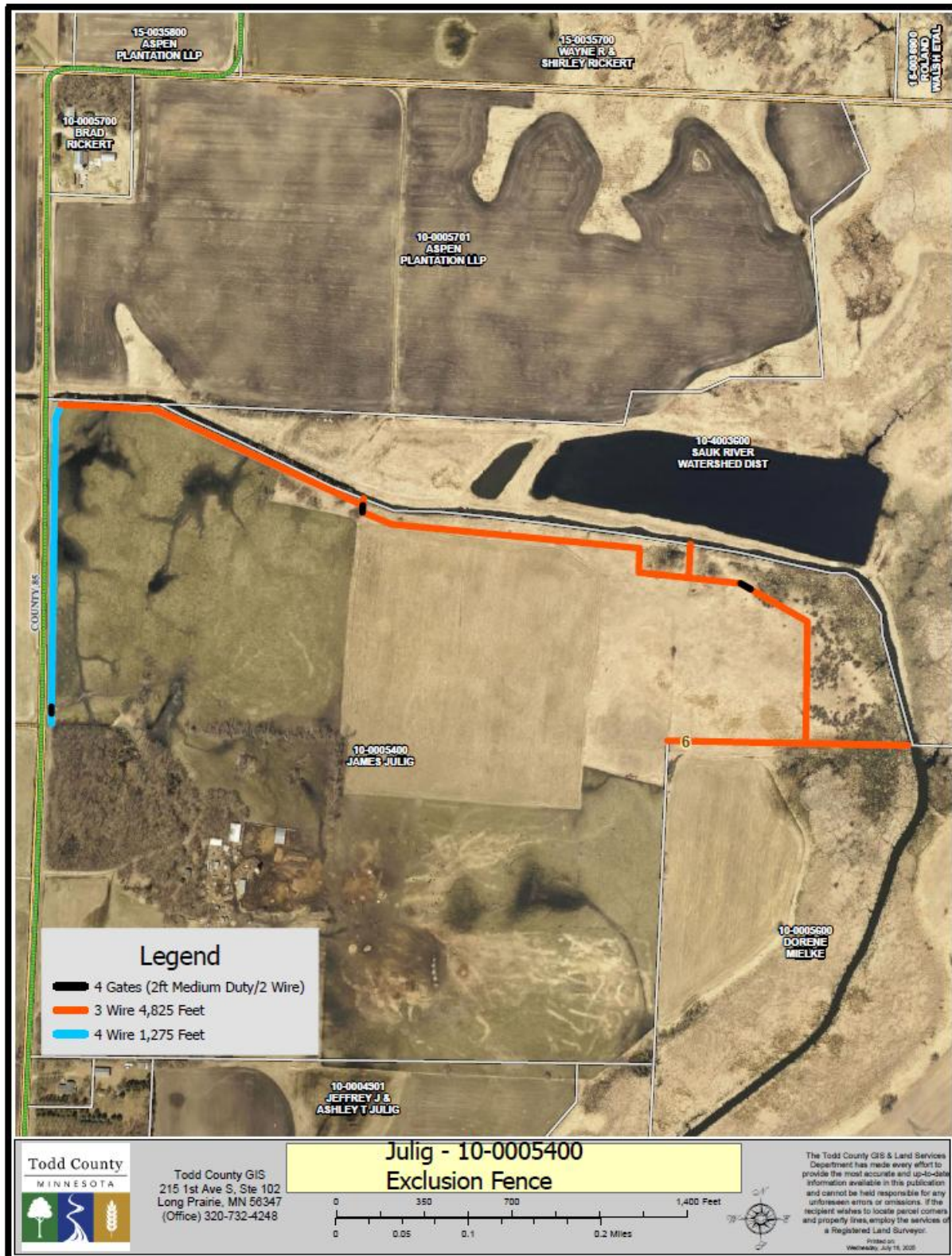
\$18,606.13 Total project budget

\$5625 funding request (30% of total project cost)

\$4651.53 Landowner share (24.99998% of total project)

\$1653.38 Todd Co FY24 Conservation grant

\$6676.22 Todd Co FY25 Performance Credits



Todd SWCD- FY24 Brunn Shoreline Restoration- **Approved**

Sauk Lake North Bay- HSPF Reach 100

\$21,700 Total Project Budget

\$16,275 Funding Request FY24

\$5425 Landowner Share (25% of total project)



General Updates

Gettchell Creek/Stearns CD 26 Capital Improvement Project

- SRWD is coordinating with landowners to finalize the footprint of the additional easement.
 - The goal set is to have the application to the submitted to the RIM Program prior to the next Imp Team meeting.

JD2 Project Team & USACE Alternatives Updates

The Workshop facilitated by US Army Corps Staff was held on July 8th, with a wide variety of stakeholder present, exceeding 30 in attendance. Overall, the workshop discussion was respectful and productive,



with numerous landowners providing input. Minutes have been drafted and will be shared at the next meeting.

Plan Tracking Tool Updates

- The group discussed Stearns CD's proposal to have an yearly reporting schedule, with all projects COMPLETED before June 30th to be entered into the tracking tool by the end of August.

Education and Outreach Committee:

- SRWD and Sarah Roth of the UofM have fully executed the professional services agreement to conduct a subset data review of soil health practices barriers within this watershed.
- Due to a minimum of 75 data points being recommended to conduct this review, the committee opted to include data from areas within the counties of the SRW but outside of the Sauk River Collaborative's legal boundary.

Upcoming Policy Committee Agenda Items & Updates

- Next meeting 8.21.2025
- Previous meeting minutes
- Fiscal Agent Report
- Regulatory Review
- Project Highlight- Regulatory Review
- Rockville City Stormwater Project
- FY 24 Workplan Revision
- Reallocation for Vails Lake headwaters feasibility study.
- EO Soil health update

Closeout & Next Meeting Date

- Discussion about rescheduling Q4 Imp Team meetings that conflict with Officially Federal/State recognized & unofficial holidays (deer season)
- Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am
- Next meeting is 8/21/25 9-noon