

Brown Soil & Water Conservation District

Annual Work Plan for 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018

A. INTRODUCTION

The following annual work plan has been developed from the District's Long Range Plan to help us carry out an efficient program for the above period.

B. PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT AND PLAN

The purpose of the District is to provide a local organization through which landowners and operators in the District may cooperate with each other and with agencies of the County, State and Federal governments on soil and water conservation, watershed protection and flood prevention, farm forestry, wildlife improvement, recreation, rural farm development and pollution abatement. It is contemplated that assistance made available through the District will encourage the use of all land within its capability and its need for protection and improvement. This assistance shall be consistent with the District's priorities and commitments.

The purpose of the Annual Plan of Work is to address resource problems inherent to Brown County. Brown County is located in South Central Minnesota. It is bordered on the north by the Minnesota River, on the west by Redwood County, on the west and south by Cottonwood County, on the South by Watonwan County and on the east by Blue Earth County. The geographical area is 385,520 acres. Of this amount 382,400 are rural acres of which 326,000 are used in agricultural production and the balance being urban. Commercial farms number about 1050 with 60% owner operated. Conservation problems within the County are varied.

The Brown SWCD prioritizes the following activities to achieve the goals and objectives as listed in the Annual Work Plan.

1. Publicize availability of Cost-Share Funds for the installation of Conservation Practices based on the priorities established by the District Board.
2. Perform RIM and CREP Site Checks to ensure that long term conservation easement contract landowners are abiding by the contract terms.
3. Administer the Tree Program. Stock is sold for conservation related purposes such as the installation of field and farmstead windbreaks and wildlife plantings.
4. Staff and Supervisor Development – both will participate in meeting sessions and appropriate trainings designed to operate the District, administer programs and meet the requirements of local and State reporting needs.
5. Promotion and Education – host and participate in appropriate events.
6. Grant and Funding Opportunities – seek funding for cost share and program funds to assist landowners in their conservation needs and promote conservation changes in the Brown SWCD.
7. Buffer Law Implementation – assist landowners, financially and technically, with installing buffers on public waterways and public drainage ditches to achieve compliance with the law.
8. CREP III – actively promote and implement CREP.
9. AIS Prevention – implement the AIS Prevention program for Brown County.

The items listed above can become the highest priority by their nature and/or timing. Example: The tree program is the highest priority when the stock arrives.

OBJECTIVE #1

REDUCE ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION IN THE HIGH PRIORITY MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED

- I. **Management Approach:** Encourage BWSR to fund District projects in the high priority Minnesota River Area.
 - a) Apply for special project funding for applicable projects.
 - b) Enroll eligible land into Conservation Programs.
 - c) Encourage landowners to utilize the State Revolving Funds (SRF) program for conservation practices.
 - d) Coordinate efforts with other Agencies to secure adequate funding for practices.
 - e) Educate landowners/operators on BMP's to reduce pollution.
 - f) Promote the installation of Alternative Tile Intakes.

OBJECTIVE #2

REDUCE WATER AND WIND EROSION ON AGRICULTURAL LAND TO WITHIN THE TOLERABLE LIMITS WITHIN BROWN COUNTY

- I. **Management Approach:** Educate all landowners/operators regarding the economic and environmental value of conservation practices and provide technical assistance to cooperators installing conservation practices by:
 - a) Seek additional cost share funding and encourage County Commissioners to continue their support until a permanent funding mechanism is approved.
 - b) Promote soil health practices such as conservation tillage and cover crops through the media.
 - c) Print an informational newsletter on an annual basis.
 - d) Cooperate with others to sponsor tours, demonstrations and displays.
 - e) Promote Conservation Easement Programs and encourage enrollment, particularly in areas designated as high priority in the District Plan and in the Brown County Water Plan.
 - f) Working with landowners to address well sealing and groundwater issues through well testing and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) programs.
 - g) Cooperate with RCRC in hosting promotions for landowners in the Cottonwood River basin and with other educational efforts.
 - h) Promote the installation of Alternative Tile Intakes.
 - i) Pursue improvements in the Little Cottonwood River Watershed.
- II. **Management Approach:** Reduce wind erosion by planting field and farmstead windbreaks to reduce wind velocity.
 - a) Encourage enrollment of highly erodible cropland into available programs.
 - b) Stress to landowners the need and benefits of field and farmstead windbreaks.
 - c) Provide technical service to design field and farmstead windbreaks.
 - d) Provide a tree program where landowners can purchase stock to plant windbreaks.
- III. **Management Approach:** To control erosion and prevent sedimentation along drainage ditches and stream banks.
 - a) SWCD will encourage the proper installation of sediment control structures on new ditches and ditch repairs.
 - b) Support the County in their efforts to redetermine drainage ditch systems.

- c) Encourage enrollment in the CRP buffer initiative and/or CREP program.
 - d) The SWCD will provide technical assistance and financial guidance to assist landowners with implementing buffer strips.
- IV. Management Approach: Promoting on-field upland erosion control for soil and water conservation.
- a) To seek operation alternatives to promote soil health.
 - b) Encourage erosion control practices using tillage and crop rotation techniques.
 - c) Encourage erosion control practices by implementing water retention and soil movement retarding techniques.
 - d) Promoting the use of cover crops and tillage reduction and supporting the soil health team in Brown County.
 - e) Promote land retirement/easements in highly erodible and susceptible soil moving areas.
- V. Management Approach: Support a watershed approach to erosion control and water quality problems.
- a) Cooperate with RCRCA, under the renewed Joint Powers Agreement, in a grant application effort for continued funding projects in the Cottonwood River Watershed.
 - b) Cooperate with GBERBA under the Joint Powers Agreement, in all efforts to improve water quality in the Watonwan River Watershed and Little Cottonwood River Watershed.
 - c) Make educational, technical and financial assistance available to landowners by participation in the SCTSA Joint Powers.
 - d) Encourage the County to analyze partnerships for potential conservation dollars.
 - e) Work towards a targeted implementation approach by subwatershed for BMP installation.

OBJECTIVE #3

ASSIST BROWN COUNTY IN IMPLEMENTING THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

- I. Management Approach: Work with County Officials in implementation of the County Water Plan.
- a) District staff member will serve on the local water plan committee.
 - b) Monitor observation and irrigation wells for the DNR.
 - c) Implement projects in designated watersheds as funding is available.
 - d) Assist the Brown County Water Plan/Recycling coordinator where possible.
 - e) Assist the County Planning and Zoning board with technical information for animal waste control systems and other issues.
 - f) Direct cost share funds, whenever applicable, to high priority areas in the Brown County Water Plan.

OBJECTIVE #4

PROMOTE EDUCATION ON WISE USE OF LAND & WATER RELATED RESOURCES

- I. Management Approach: Maintain a varied educational program for students and adults.
- a) Select and recognize an Outstanding Conservationist.
 - b) Soil Stewardship materials are made available to the County Churches.
 - c) News releases on conservation issues will be provided to the media.
 - d) Demonstrations and tours will be sponsored in conjunction with other Agencies.
 - e) Newsletter will be mailed on an annual basis.
 - f) Participate in Area V Environmental Fair (bi-annually).

- g) Remain active in the University of Minnesota State Climatology Program.
- h) Recognize participants that have installed conservation practices with Brown SWCD Assistance.
- i) Participate in the Home & Self Improvement Show and/or Farm Show.
- j) Keep website up to date.
- k) Be active on and keep the Facebook social media page up to date.
- l) Promote Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention at County events related to fishing and water fowl hunting.

OBJECTIVE #5

REDUCE EROSION OF CROPLAND TO CONTROL SEDIMENTATION AND POLLUTION IN THE MOUNDS CREEK WATERSHED

- I. Management Approach: Encourage installation of conservation practices in this high priority area.
 - a) Work with Cottonwood SWCD, other agencies and local landowners/operators to implement the Long Range Resource Plan for the Wellner-Hageman Flood Control Watershed.
 - b) Work with others to secure funding for the point and non-point source pollution, specifically the high priority areas as indicated in the Brown County Water Plan.
 - c) Provide technical assistance to the County for continued development of the Mound Creek Park.

OBJECTIVE #6

ACTIVELY DEAL WITH LEGISLATION CONCERNING SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES

- I. Management Approach: Become involved with the activities of local, state and national legislators on issues regarding resources.
 - a) Invite them to tours, demonstrations and applicable functions.
 - b) Appoint one Board member as a legislative representative.
 - c) Maintain active membership in the NACD, MASWCD and the Area Association.
 - d) Discuss with legislators the need for increases in both State and Federal Cost Share funding.
 - e) Support the Environmental Trust Fund.
 - f) Invite a County Commissioner to serve as a liaison Board member and attend the SWCD meeting.
 - g) Continue to promote the independence of Soil & Water Conservation Districts.
 - h) Actively pursue the implementation of the conservation provisions of the current Farm Bill.
 - i) Encourage the County Planning & Zoning and City Officials to review ordinances regarding construction along bluffs and stream banks.
 - j) Monitor legacy funding uses and LCCMR.
 - k) Support the Clean Water Amendment.
 - l) Continue support of the changes to the drainage law.
 - m) Support the 2015 Buffer Legislation and monitor changes that may arise.
 - n) Clarify and support the Excessive Soil log Program, M.S. 103F.401-103F.455

OBJECTIVE #7

REDUCE FLOODING AND EROSION OF CROPLAND ALONG THE BIG AND LITTLE COTTONWOOD RIVERS

- I. Management Approach: Protect and improve water quality by reducing the sediment and chemical load and clean out river obstructions.

- a) Have representative attend the RCRC meetings as needed.
- b) Encourage floodplain land to be enrolled in permanent easements under applicable state and federal programs.
- c) Support improvement of public accesses on the Cottonwood River.
- d) Promote the Little Cottonwood River watershed for planning and implementation purposes.

OBJECTIVE #8

IMPROVE WETLAND AND UPLAND WILDLIFE HABITAT

- I. **Management Approach:** To promote farming practices and land use to provide food and shelter for wildlife.
 - a) District will encourage landowners with wetland to enter the appropriate State and Federal programs as funds are available.
 - b) SWCD, NRCS, DNR, MNDOT & Co. Hwy Dept. will encourage farmstead shelterbelts, field windbreaks and living snow fence areas.
 - c) District will provide a tree sales and planting program.
 - d) SWCD and DNR will promote forest management plans for areas along the Minnesota and Cottonwood Rivers.
 - e) Farmers will be encouraged to enroll highly erodible cropland into applicable programs for establishment of native grasses, legumes and trees for wildlife.
 - f) Discourage the opening of easement acres for haying.
 - g) Continue the Joint Agreement with the County for provision of assistance in the implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act.
 - h) Encourage participation in the Farm Wetland Banking program.
 - i) Promote establishment of Pollinator habitat where appropriate.

OBJECTIVE #9

FOCUS ON THE FUTURE IN IMPLEMENTING THE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE COUNTY

- I. **Management Approach:** Operating procedures will be reviewed and revised to reflect the current trends.
 - a) Be open to the recommendations of other Agencies.
 - b) Make training a high priority so that staff and supervisors may have adequate information at their disposal in dealing with conservation programs.
 - c) Encourage use of the computer system programs and provide training and time as needed to allow personnel to become skilled in its use.
 - d) Spot check the Cost Share, CREP and RIM contracts on a scheduled basis.
 - e) Recognize that training in personnel skills, management and public relations as well as technical training are an important part of the District program.
 - f) Encourage attendance of Supervisors and staff at the National sessions to better provide a broader perspective on natural resource issues and provide an opportunity for support of issues concerning the Brown SWCD, as budget allows.
 - g) Encourage Counties to establish a fee for a dedicated environmental fund from mining/land development and business which profit from and impact the environment.
 - h) Continue to monitor funding and organizations in the Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA) for programs that will be beneficial to Brown County.

OBJECTIVE #10

IMPLEMENT THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PLAN FOR BROWN COUNTY

- I. **Management Approach:** Assess the county's resources and risk of AIS introduction
 - a) ID pathways
 - b) Install traffic counters
- II. **Management Approach:** Increase County detection and enforcement resources
 - a) Ensure that the county's officers, including water safety patrol staff, have been trained to enforce AIS laws and increase the number of conservation officers within the county.
 - b) Ensure that local authorities are aware of state regulations that prohibit transport of prohibited invasive species, aquatic plants, and water from designated infested waters.
- III. **Management Approach:** Increase public awareness and participation in prevention
 - a) Develop curricula for schools and informal education materials for events to support youth education about AIS.
 - b) Train county field staff (e.g., zoning, septic system, land department) on practices to avoid spreading invasive species
 - c) Coordinate with the MNDNR to publicize new infestations at access sites, in lake association newsletters, and other local publications.
- IV. **Management Approach:** Increase available resources and leverage partnerships
 - a) Develop and maintain contacts with other local organizations, businesses, and government entities.
- V. **Management Approach:** Broaden knowledge of and participation in early detection and rapid response activities
 - a) Encourage county staff, businesses, and individuals to submit samples of suspected AIS to the MNDNR.
 - b) Cultivate partnerships with organizations interested in AIS prevention (e.g., lake associations) to support AIS surveys in water bodies (infested and non-infested) and on docks and lifts.
- VI. **Management Approach:** Manage existing populations of AIS
 - a) Coordinate with the MNDNR for information on management of AIS, and adopt control plans utilizing safe and cost-effective techniques.

BROWN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9:30 AM.

Meetings are held at the Brown SWCD Office located at 300 2nd Ave SW, Sleepy Eye, MN 56085.

Phone number of (507) 794-2553 and website address is www.brownsxcdmn.org.

Brown SWCD Mission Statement: The Brown Soil & Water Conservation District is organized for the purpose of dealing with a wide range of conservation problems, including soil and water conservation, watershed protection and flood prevention, farm forestry, wildlife improvement, recreational development, pollution control, and rural area development.

The District will provide an organization through which landowners, groups of landowners, and units of government may cooperate with each other and with local, State, and Federal agencies in solving their problems.

District assistance made available to landowners will encompass research, education, technical, and financial assistance. The principle objective of the District will be to encourage the use of land for which it is suited, and the treatment of all land in accordance with its needs for protection and improvement. This will result in a permanent and prosperous environment for all citizens of the District.

Adopted by the board of the Brown Soil & Water Conservation District on January 28th, 2013.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jack Vogel, Chairman
Comfrey, MN 56019

Gary Rathman, Vice Chairman
Comfrey, MN 56019

Jeff Nielsen, Treasurer
New Ulm, MN 56073

Clem Windschitl, Secretary
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Greg Roiger, PRI
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

DISTRICT EMPLOYEES

Melanie Krueger, District Manager
Alan Gleisner, District Technician
Andy Meyer, District Technician
Amanda Wold, District Technician

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

EMPLOYEES

Ben Cottrell, District Conservationist
Vacant, Soil Conservation Technician

PHEASANTS FOREVER EMPLOYEE

Dustin Van Thuyne, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II

NRCS Assistance: The District cooperates with the Natural Resources Conservation Service under a Memorandum of Understanding whereby assistance from Ben Cottrell, District Conservationist, consists of technical assistance on soil survey, engineering, agronomy, biology, woodland conservation and administration is furnished to the District by the NRCS local, area and State Office.

DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION-POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. For the purpose of handling routine administrative affairs and to divide the workload, District Supervisors will have the responsibilities for areas as follows:
 - **Area 1**—Clem Windschitl- Townships of Albin, Lake Hanska, Linden plus all of the incorporated area of Hanska.
 - **Area 2**—Gary Rathman- Townships of Bashaw, Leavenworth, Mulligan plus all of the incorporated areas of Comfrey in Brown County.
 - **Area 3**—Greg Roiger- Townships of Eden, Home, Prairieville and Stark plus all of the incorporated areas of Sleepy Eye, Evan and Cobden.
 - **Area 4**—Jack Vogel- Townships of Burnstown, North Star, and Stately plus all of the incorporated area of Springfield.
 - **Area 5**—Jeff Nielsen- Townships of Cottonwood, Milford, and Sigel plus all of the incorporated area of New Ulm.
2. Regular District Board Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM.
3. The Board of Supervisors will set priorities for all the District work.
4. The District Supervisors will prepare an Annual Work Plan to serve as a guide in carrying out the District programs during the plan period.
5. The District Supervisors will attempt to secure funds, personnel services and facilities as it is able to carry out conservation activities.
6. The District will develop and carry out an education and information program to make the objectives of its program known to the people of Brown County.
7. The District Supervisors will enter into a cooperative agreement with landowners and units of government who request help in developing and applying conservation plans.
8. The District will not charge for assistance made available by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Charges will be made by the District for the tree program and other activities sponsored by the District.
9. The District Supervisors will prepare each year for the NRCS, Board of Water and Soil Resources and Brown County an annual report of the District activities which will include a financial report.
10. The District will operate under a policy of non-discrimination.

COOPERATING AGENCIES

Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the technical assistance program and assistance with conservation programs.

Farm Services Agency (USDA-FSA)

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to work with the FSA providing financial assistance to conservation activities.

South Central Technical Services Area (SCTSA)

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to work with the South Central Technical Service Area for technical services and guidance on conservation projects.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The District will cooperate with the DNR on applications of woodland and wildlife conservation projects, the water permit program, the rain gauge monitoring program, and the observation well program.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA)

The District will continue to work with the MPCA toward land, water and air quality programs, including completion of the Middle MN WRAPS project.

Brown County, Minnesota

The Brown Soil and Water Conservation District will cooperate with all County Departments to achieve sound natural resource management including the County Highway Department, Parks, Brown County Commissioners, Planning and Zoning and the County Water Plan Coordinator.

Other Partners include:

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD), Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA), University of Minnesota Extension Service, MASWCD South Central Area VI, Area II, Redwood Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA), Pheasants Forever, and Water Resources Center.

The District will use some or all of the following outlets to promote their education and information program. District Website, District Facebook page, Local radio and television stations and Brown County News Media: New Ulm Daily Journal, Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch, Springfield Advance Press, Comfrey Times, Hanska Herald, Brown County Reminder, and the Conservation Update District Annual Newsletter.

Below are some of the education and informational activities that the District may participate in the upcoming year: Annual Report, District Newsletter, News Releases, Home Show and/or Farm Show Booth, Farmfest Booth, Outstanding Conservationist Program, Radio Presentations, Lake Association Events, Sportsmans Club Events, Area V Environmental Fair, and Soil Stewardship Program.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

IN-HOUSE COMMITTEES	CHAIR	ALTERNATE
Finance	Nielsen	Roiger
Legislative	Nielsen	Vogel
Planning	Vogel	Windschitl
Personnel	Roiger	Windschitl
Building Management	Roiger	Rathman
RIM Programs	Rathman	Windschitl
EXTERNAL PARTNERS COMMITTEES	MAIN	ALTERNATE
Area II	Nielsen	Roiger
RCRCA	Nielsen	Roiger
GBERBA	Windschitl	Rathman
South Central Technical Service Area	Rathman	Nielsen
Bridging Brown County	Rathman	Windschitl
DNR Prairie Plan	Rathman	Nielsen
MN River Congress	Roiger	Nielsen
Watonwan Watershed Partnership 1W1P Policy Committee	Windschitl	Rathman

EROSION CONTROL & WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(commonly known as STATE COST SHARE):

The District will administer the Erosion Control and Water Management / State Cost Share Program according to BWSR guidelines and policy. The funds, provided by the State of Minnesota, will be used for conservation practices that control erosion, control sedimentation or improve water quality in areas where the problem is severe.

To help determine which areas and/or land users receive cost share assistance, the following definitions have been developed.

STATE COST SHARE PRIORITIES:

HIGH PRIORITY EROSION PROBLEMS

- “High Priority erosion problems” means areas where erosion from wind or water is occurring equal to, or in excess of, 2 x T tons per acre per year, is occurring on any area that exhibits active gully erosion or is identified as high priority in the comprehensive local water plan or the conservation district’s comprehensive plan.

HIGH PRIORITY WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS

- “High Priority water quality problems” means areas where sediment, nutrients, chemicals, or other pollutants discharge to Department of Natural Resources designated protected waters or to any high priority waters as identified in a comprehensive local water plan or the conservation district’s comprehensive plan, or discharge to a sinkhole or groundwater. The pollutant delivery rate to the water source is in amounts that will impair the quality or usefulness of the water resource.

HIGH PRIORITY PROBLEM AREAS IN BROWN COUNTY

- Severe water erosion is occurring along the Big & Little Cottonwood Rivers and various creeks such as Coal Mine, Mound Creek, Sleepy Eye Creek and other tributaries. This severe erosion is also present surrounding lakes: for example, Lake Hanska, Wood Lake, Clear Lake, School Lake, and Altermatt Lake.
- Moderate water erosion is occurring primarily along the Minnesota River which borders the entire northern boundary of Brown County.
- Wind erosion is occurring primarily in Leavenworth, Mulligan, Albin, Stark, Sigel, Stately and Bashaw Townships.
- Flooding is a major problem along the Big and Little Cottonwood Rivers and the entire length of the Minnesota River and its contributing areas (Coal Mine Creek, Sleepy Eye Creek and Mound Creek.) Water from spring run-off runs uncontrollably across the unprotected cropland taking with it the precious topsoil. This sedimentation is filling up our rivers thus creating more flooding downstream.

STATE COST SHARE FUNDS:

- Brown SWCD received \$14,757.00 in state cost share funds for 2018.
 - \$14,757.00 will be used for conservation practices for high priority erosion, sedimentation or water quality problems in the County.
 - \$0.00 will be used for Technical and Administrative expenses.
 - Cost share funds may be available from other sources.

STATE COST SHARE PRACTICES:

- Applications for state cost share practices will be reviewed and prioritized based upon the high priority problems listed above.
- Standard Cost Share Practices accepted by Brown SWCD for application are as follows:
 - Grassed Waterways
 - Terraces
 - Riparian Buffer Strips
 - Streambank, Shoreland and Roadside Projects
 - Critical Area Stabilization
 - Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water Control Structures
 - Diversions
 - Waste Management Systems
 - Alternative Tile Intakes
 - Cover Crops (upon approval of the NLMP implementation plan by BWSR BC)

CALENDAR OF WORK

JANUARY

Regular Board Meeting
Accept Tree Orders Through February
Pay Area, State and National Dues
Annual Planning Meeting
Review the Annual Plan & Budget
Review Accomplishments Report
Close Out the Books for Previous Calendar Year
Attend Area VI Chairman's Meeting
Election of Officers & Committee Assignments
E-Link End of Year Reporting

FEBRUARY

Regular Board Meeting
Complete All Year End Reporting Requirements
Representative May Attend the NACD Annual Meeting
Attend the Legislative Day at the Capitol
Walk-In Access Contract Renewals

MARCH

Regular Board Meeting
Distribute Annual Plan & Budget
Distribute Accomplishments Report
Distribute Financial Statements
Farm Show and/or Home Show Booth
Attend South Central Area VI Meeting
Prepare Soil Stewardship Mailing to Churches
Send Annual Rain Gauge Reports to Readers

APRIL

Regular Board Meeting
Tree Arrival and Distribution
Prepare Resolutions for Area Meeting
Observe Soil Stewardship Week
Arbor Day Observed

MAY

Regular Board Meeting
Begin Preparations for Annual Cost-Share Spot Checks
Begin Preparations for Annual Easement Site Checks

JUNE

Regular Board Meeting
Attend South Central Area VI Meeting
Preparation of County Budget Request
Begin Outstanding Conservationist Selection
CREP & RIM Spot Checks
State Cost Share Spot Checks

JULY

Regular Board Meeting
Select the Outstanding Conservationist of the Year
Begin Taking Cost Share Applications
Coordinate and Attend Local Work Group Meeting

AUGUST

Regular Board Meeting
Present County Budget Request to Commissioners
Pre-Order Trees For Next Spring
Farmfest Booth

SEPTEMBER

Regular Board Meeting
Area V Environmental Fair (bi-annually)
Begin Conservation Update Newsletter Preparation

OCTOBER

Regular Board Meeting
Finalize Conservation Update Newsletter
BWSR Academy Employee Training
Vote on MASWCD Resolutions

NOVEMBER

Regular Board Meeting
Tree Program Mailing & Begin Accepting Orders
Contact Outstanding Conservationist on Convention
Attend South Central Area VI Meeting
RCRCA/Area II Legislative Breakfast
Buffer Compliance Deadline for Public Ditches

DECEMBER

Regular Board Meeting
Attend MASWCD Annual State Convention
Outstanding Conservationist Recognition Banquet
Review the Memos of Understanding with NRCS

WORKLOAD ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

ANNUAL OBJECTIVE – 2018 PROJECTED STAFF DAY NEEDS

ACTIVITY	District Manager	District Technician 1	District Technician 2	District Technician 3	Total by Activity
General Administration (administration, board, meetings, other)	182.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	188.00
Paid Time Off	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Well Reading & Rain Gauge Programs	0.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	9.00
Tree Program	4.00	0.00	3.00	15.00	22.00
WCA	1.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
AIS Prevention	8.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	138.00
Special Projects (Cottonwood WRAPS, Watowan 1W1P, Other)	16.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	41.00
RIM Programs/CREP Outreach	8.00	80.00	12.00	15.00	115.00
Buffer Law	8.00	10.00	205.00	15.00	238.00
Cost Share Programs (state cost-share, flood relief cost-share, capacity cost-share, other)	8.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	183.00
TOTALS	260.00	260.00	260.00	260.00	1040.00

Brown SWCD Employees for 2018 Include:
 1 District Manager and 3 District Technicians (full time)
 260 Staff Days per Full Time Employee (1040 staff days total)

2018 BUDGET - Brown Soil and Water Conservation District

	INCOME	EXPENSE
REVENUE		
Charges for Services	\$ 12,600.00	
Intergovernmental - County	\$ 95,400.00	
Intergovernmental - County WCA	\$ 500.00	
Intergovernmental - County AIS Prevention	\$ 96,160.00	
Intergovernmental - State Buffer Grant	\$ 80,000.00	
Intergovernmental - State Cost Share Grant	\$ 25,064.00	
Intergovernmental - State Service Grants	\$ 18,947.00	
Intergovernmental - State Master JPA	\$ 9,450.00	
Intergovernmental - State Easement Imp.	\$ 4,000.00	
Intergovernmental - State Other	\$ 489,744.00	
Intergovernmental - State RIM/CREP Reimb.	\$ 2,000.00	
Intergovernmental - State PERA Aid	\$ 384.00	
Intergovernmental - State DNR	\$ 1,720.00	
Intergovernmental - Federal	\$ -	
Miscellaneous Revenue - Interest	\$ 575.00	
Miscellaneous Revenue - Other	\$ 1,500.00	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 838,044.00	
EXPENDITURES		
District Operations - Personnel Services		
Employee Wages		\$ 188,974.00
Supervisor Compensation		\$ 11,250.00
FICA Company		\$ 14,621.00
PERA Employer Contribution		\$ 14,736.00
Health Insurance Benefits		\$ 24,220.00
Payroll Expenses		\$ 516.00
Total Personnel Services		\$ 254,317.00
District Operations - Other Services & Charges		
Advertising		\$ 1,000.00
Employee Expenses		\$ 4,500.00
Employee Training		\$ 7,500.00
Supervisor Expenses		\$ 6,500.00
Fees & Dues		\$ 5,500.00
Professional Services		\$ 2,500.00
Insurance		\$ 5,800.00
Office Maintenance		\$ 7,500.00
Program Expenses		\$ 1,500.00
Vehicle Gas & Maintenance		\$ 4,500.00
Education & Promotion		\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		\$ 8,070.00
Total Other Services & Charges		\$ 56,870.00
District Operations - Supplies		\$ 12,500.00
District Operations - Capital Outlay		\$ 12,000.00
Project Expenditures - District		\$ 12,000.00
Project Expenditures - State		\$ 398,577.00
Project Expenditures - County		\$ 60,000.00
Sales & Use Tax		\$ 200.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 806,464.00
BUDGET OVER/(UNDER)		\$ 31,580.00

**Note- budget includes pass-through funds and deferred revenue funds*

**Note- budget overage is reserved for future unknown capital outlay or other district special projects to be determined throughout the year*