

Yellow Medicine SWCD—FY2014

12/31/2015

BWSR Grants

Erosion Control & Water
Management Program (Former
State Cost Share) = \$17,060.00

Funds Returned to State

Type \$.00
Date Fund Returned: NA

Grant Period (incl. extensions)

From: Date:9/1/2013
To: Date 12/31/2016

State Cost Share Expenditures by Category

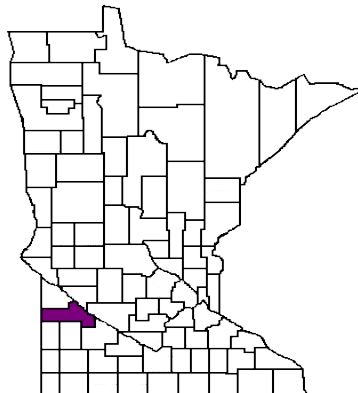
Technical Assistance Funds	
Tech & Admin Funds	\$2546.42
Total TA Funds	\$2,546.42
Implementation Funds	
Field Windbreaks	\$2,822.00
Terraces or 638's	\$1,084.00
Grassed WW	\$.00
Wetland Restoration	\$3,407.00
Total State Cost Share Implementation Expenditures	\$6,229.00

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Project Title: FY 2014 Erosion Control & Water Management Program (Former State Cost Share Program)

Yellow Medicine County map - Yellow Medicine SWCD Boundaries



Overall Project Description (abstract)

The Erosion Control & Water Management Program (Former State Cost Share Program) was established in 1977 and is administered locally by the Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The State Cost Share Program provides financial assistance to landowners for installing conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation. The program provides up to 75% of the total eligible cost of a practice. The SWCD provided technical assistance to landowners to install conservation practices by:

- Conducting a site investigation with the landowner
- Working with the landowner to determine the best management practice (BMP) for the given situation
- Surveying and designing the project
- Producing a rough cost estimate
- Providing the landowner with a designed plan for submission of bids
- Performing a pre-construction conference with the contractor and landowner
- Supervising construction
- Certifying completion of the project
- Status Reviews

The SWCD did not receive this grant from BWSR until September 1, 2013. As of September 1, 2015 the SWCD encumbered all but \$7,419.00. Status of projects are listed on the next page. As of December 31, 2015 all funds were encumbered. Projects are listed on next page.

Yellow Medicine SWCD—FY 2014 Service Grants

12/31/2014 - Grants completed

BWSR Service Grants

Conservation Delivery \$19,263
 Easement Delivery \$ 9,733
 Farm Bill Assistant \$40,500

Funds Returned to State

Type \$.00
 Date Fund Returned: NA

Grant Period (incl. extensions)

From: Date: 9/4/2013
 To: Date 12/31/2016

Expenditures by Service Grant

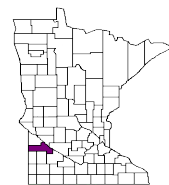
Conservation Delivery Grant	\$19,263.00
Easement Delivery Grant	\$ 9,733.00
Farm Bill Assistant Grant	\$39,734.31

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Project Title: FY 2014 BWSR Grants: Conservation Delivery; Easement Delivery; and Farm Bill Assistant Grant

Yellow Medicine County map - Yellow Medicine SWCD Boundaries



Overall Project Description and Outputs

The grants were issued approximately three months later than normal.

The Conservation Delivery Grant is given to the SWCD for the general administration and operation of the district. These administrative and operational costs include: employee wages and expenses; office space; transportation; insurance; postage; dues/fees; utilities; education; promotion; and supervisors' compensation and expenses. The grant was signed and received on September 4, 2103. As of January 23, 2014, all of the grant funds were spent as follows: \$1,184.00 for training, \$6,043.29 for supervisors compensation and expenses; \$3,570.24 for employee expense; \$6,058.00 for insurance, \$989.05 for Technical Service Area services and \$1,418.42 for supplies, electricity, gasoline, tires, etc.

The grant is considered completed.

The Easement Delivery Grant is given to the SWCD to provide a service to ensure proper management of the 191 plus RIM contracts in the county. Services provided included: perform on-site investigations and surveys; monitor easements and conduct spot-checks; maintain files, prepare documents to change ownership, address issues, and conduct status reviews. The grant was signed and received on September 4, 2013. All funds were spent as of 10/31/2014 on the following: training; reporting; revising conservation plans; ownership changes; updating folders; creating new maps; status reviews; check boundaries for encroachment; update registers; RIM vegetative management, etc.

The grant is considered completed.

The Farm Bill Assistant (FBA) Grant is given to the SWCD to hire staff to increase landowner participation in the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill, which increases the amount of native grasses and wetlands on the landscape to enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, and increase fish & wildlife habitat. The Yellow Medicine SWCD, as well as the two Pheasants Forever Chapters in the County contribute the matching funds needed for this grant. The grant was signed and approved on September 1, 2013. During part of the time period individuals could not sign up for any CRP due to the fact that there was no Farm Bill and the Federal government was shut down. As of June 30, 2014 the FBA made 782 contacts; 250 contracts totaling 3,521.3 acres were signed. (6 general CRP contracts totaling 126.6 acres; 181 contracts with management activities and 2 Walk In Access Contracts totaling 2,745.3 acres; 26 .CRP filter strip contracts for 105.5 acres.; 9 wetland contracts totaling 260.5 acres; 5 field windbreak contracts totaling 12.4 acres and 23 other contracts totaling 271.0 acres). The SWCD spend 1,837 hours promoting and signing up individuals to various conservation programs and utilized \$39,734.31 of the grant. The SWCD along with the Canby Chapter Pheasants Forever and the Yellow Medicine East Chapter of Pheasants Forever contributed matching funds totaling \$4,408.80 towards this grant.

The grant is considered completed.

**Yellow Medicine
SWCD—FY 2014
Service Grants**
10/31/14—**Completed**

NRBG WCA \$ 8,778
NRBG WCA Match \$ 8,778
\$

Funds Returned to State
Type \$.00
Date Fund Returned: NA

Grant Period (incl. extensions)
From: Date:11/4/13
To: Date 12/31/2016

**Expenditures by
Service Grant**

**Technical/Administrative
Assistance Funds**

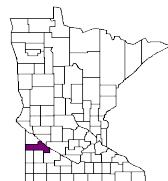
NRBG-Wetland Conservation Act Grant	\$ 8,778.00
Wetland Conservation Act-SWCD In-kind Match	\$10,538.41
	\$

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**Project Title: Natural Resource Block Grant -
Wetland Conservation Act;**

Yellow Medicine County map - Yellow Medicine SWCD Boundaries



Overall Project Description and Outputs

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)- Yellow Medicine County appointed the SWCD as the local governmental unit to administer the Wetland Conservation Act.

This grant is suppose to run from July 1, 2013 through June 31, 2015, unfortunately the SWCD did not receive their 2013 WCA Grant until November, 2013.

As of December 31, 2013, SWCD staff put in 81.5hours administering WCA while accomplishing the following: approved 30 tiling requests, approved 8 tiling requests with restrictions; approved 11 zoning/building permits; approved 1 no-loss decisions; and conducted 16 on-site investigations.

From January 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014 the following was approved and/or completed:

- 128 tiling requests
- 21 tiling requests approved with restrictions
- 5 drainage/maintenance requests
- 3 request to break up land
- 11 requests for drainage maintenance
- 4 drainage maintenance approved with restrictions
- 117 building/zoning permits
- 3 building/zoning permits approved with restrictions
- 34 on site investigations conducted
- 7 highway department projects
- 88 contacts without decisions;
- 1 wetland restoration project
- 2 requests to remove berm or road
- 20 hours of training
- 95 administrative hours
- 3 decisions
- 5 basic applications received
- 1 basic application withdrawn
- 5 potential violations and/or status violations;
- 1 cease and desist order.

This grant is deemed completed