

**Yellow Medicine  
SWCD—FY2015**  
Grant complete June 23, 2016

**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:8/25/14  
To: Date 12/31/2016

**State Cost Share  
Expenditures by  
Category**

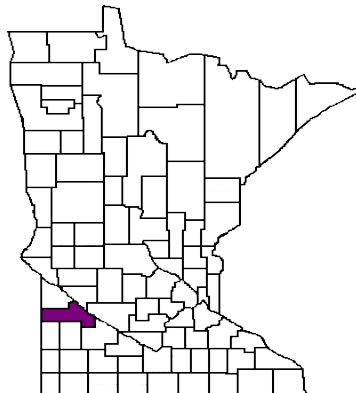
Technical Assistance Funds	
Tech & Admin Funds	\$3,149.00
<b>Total TA Funds</b>	<b>\$3,149.00</b>
Implementation Funds	
Field Windbreaks	\$4,082.00
Terraces or 638's	\$9,829.00
Grassed WW	\$ .00
	\$ .00
<b>Total State Cost Share Implementation Expenditures</b>	<b>\$13,911.00</b>

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**Project Title: FY 2015 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

The SWCD did not receive this grant from BWSR until August 25, 2014. Total funds were spent as of June 23, 2016.

## Conservation Practices Implemented with FY2015 State Cost Share Dollars

Conservation Practices Installed	Number or Linear Feet Installed	Estimated Pollutant Load Reduction (include units)	Landowner Share	State Cost Share Amount
2015-01 Water & Sediment Control Basin	800 Linear feet - 1 basin	Water Erosion - Soil loss = .25 tons/year	\$2,780.50	\$7,558.00
2015-02 Water & Sediment Control Basin	220 linear feet - 1 basin	Water Erosion - Soil loss = .2 tons/year Phosphorus .3 lbs/year	\$757.00	\$2,271.00
2015-03 Field Windbreak	2,470 feet	Wind Erosion - Soil loss = .9 tons/year	\$674.50	\$2,022.00
2015-04 Field Windbreak	1,200 feet	Wind Erosion - Soil loss = 2.4 tons/year	\$361.30	\$1,085.00
2015-05 Field Windbreak	320 feet	Wind Erosion - Soil loss = 4.35 tons/year	\$271.00	\$413.00
2015-06 Field Windbreak	318 feet	Wind Erosion Soil loss = 1.2 tons/year	\$269.52	\$562.00

**Project Photos, Additional Maps, or Conservation Practice Designs**

# Yellow Medicine SWCD—FY 2015 Service Grants

9/9/2015—GRANTS COMPLETED

## BWSR Service Grants

Conservation Delivery \$19,263  
Easement Delivery \$ 9,451  
Farm Bill Assistant \$38,250

## 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

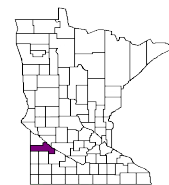
Conservation Delivery Grant	\$19,263.00
Easement Delivery Grant	\$9,451.00
Farm Bill Assistant Grant	\$14,275.80

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## Project Title: FY 2015 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 executed on August 25, 2014.

**The Conservation Delivery Grant** is given to the SWCD for the general administration and operation of the district. The grant was signed and received on August 25th, 2014. Final report as of 1/22/2015 shows funds were spent as follows: supervisors expenses and compensation \$5,775.99; employee expense \$1,455.66; training \$1,840.00; postage/electricity/gasoline \$1,165.95; QuickBooks software subscription/checks/envelopes \$852.92; printer & ink \$273.52; dues \$1,712.96; audit fee \$250.00; and errors and omissions, worker's compensation, property, auto and bond insurance \$5,936.00. **Grant is deemed completed.**

**The Easement Delivery Grant** is given to the SWCD to provide a service to ensure proper management of the 196 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 August 25th, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, funds were spent as follows: ownership changes/modifications/checking boundaries/file management = \$930.08; vegetation management/conservation plans \$634.79; training = \$89.80; reporting requirements = \$29.94. Grant spent as of August 12, 2015. Funds for total life of the grant were spend as follows: ownership changes/modifications/checking boundaries/file management = \$ 1,416.64; vegetation management/conservation plans \$1,984.38; training = \$166.89; reporting requirements = \$55.63; promotion and education = \$776.66 ; administration = \$575.94; site inspections = \$4,474.86. **Grant is deemed 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 July 3, 2014. As of December 31, 2014 the FBA made 74contacts; 100 contracts totaling 1,538 acres were signed as follows. One general CRP contract totaling 1.5 acres; 25 contracts with management activities totaling 695.5 acres; 40 Continuous CRP (CCRP) filter strip contracts totaling 243 acres; 14 CCRP wetlands totaling 325.5 acres; 3 CCRP Tree Plantings for a total of 4.7 acres and 17 CCRP grassland contracts totaling 268 acres. The SWCD spent 650 hours promoting and signing up individuals to various conservation programs and utilized 38% of the grant. **Grant is deemed completed.**

**Yellow Medicine  
SWCD—FY 2015  
Service Grants**  
Grant complete 5/31/2016

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: 11/25/2014  
To: Date 12/31/2016

**Expenditures by  
Service Grant**

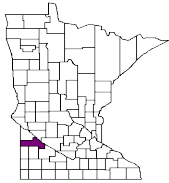

**Technical/Administrative  
Assistance Funds**

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

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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. The SWCD technician will administer all technical aspects of this grant and is a certified wetland delineator. The administrative assistant and district manager will assist with administering this program by maintaining the registers, reporting results in elink, sending out decisions, etc.

This grant was signed on November 25, 2014, and Yellow Medicine County issued a check to the SWCD on December 3, 2014.

As of May 31, 2016, the entire \$8,778.00 had been spent by the SWCD and matched with another \$8,778.00. For the entire life of the grant, the following was accomplished:

- 104 1026's approved
- 33 1026's approved with restrictions
- 2 1026's denied
- 30 Drainage maintenance requests
- 10 COE/DNR maintenance requests
- 162 Building permits approved
- 5 Building permits approved with restrictions
- 24 On site investigations conducted
- 74 Contacts without decisions
- 2 Basic application received
- 1 Decision made
- 3 Violations identified

A total of 471.75 hours were used administering this grant. Of those hours 43.5 hours were training hours for Kurt Johnson.

**This grant is deemed complete.**