



FY 20 - 21 Biennial Budget Request Renville SWCD

Total Requested Biennial State Contribution:	\$1,744,500.00	BBR ID	BBR18-5159
Total Leveraged Funds	\$342,300.00	Submitted Date	4/11/2018
Total Resource Project and Activities Budget	\$2,086,800.00	Staff Contact	Holly Hatlewick
Total BMPs	113	Board Conservationist	Jeremy Maul
Total FTEs	6.75		

SWCD Program Grant Summary

Grant Source	Estimated Amount Available	Estimated Amount Budgeted
SWCD Conservation Delivery	\$39,002.00	\$200,000.00
RIM Easement Delivery	\$42,692.00	\$220,000.00
SWCD State Cost-Share	\$20,920.00	\$300,000.00

Water Resources of Concern

Primary Water Resource of Concern	Water Resource Category	Watershed	Impairments	Trend
Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water	Surface & Ground Water		Yes	Not Enough Data
Organization Wide - Surface Water	Surface Water		Yes	Not Enough Data

Activity Summary

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	A first point of contact person for all customers to serve as assistant District Administrator by assuming accounting duties, planning and promotion for all education activities including tours, producers meetings and student events, assume final reporting duties associated with accounting. Time tracking and assisting with easement processing.		
Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	SWCD Local Capacity Funds	Estimated # of FTEs	0.75
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$100,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	

Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$100,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	The SWCD has adopted the Renville County Comprehensive Plan as its long range plans. Action times 11,12,13,16,20,29,36,45,47,51,57,61 and 69 to provided educational and finical assistance to landowners and the communities for the implementation of BMP's.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	The buffer law and other regulatory changes has increased the workload demands and responsibilities of the District Administrator making it necessary to hire a 3/4 time employee to assist with admin duties.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Soil erosion management. The size and cost of conservation practices in Renville County have increased therefore decreasing the number of BMP's that can be funded annually. We have the available staff & the engineering assistance to work with several landowners per year on conservation practices to address soil erosion on their farms.		
Activity Category	Agricultural Practices	Capital Improvement Project?	Yes
Source of State Contribution	SWCD State Cost-Share	Estimated # of FTEs	
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$300,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	8
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$50,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$350,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	SWCD adopted county water plan as our comprehensive plan. Action steps 11,12,13,16,20,29,36,45,47,51,57,61,69 provide educational, technical and financial assistance as available to landowners and communities for the implementation of BMP's.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Staff will work with landowners who either seek our assistance or have been identified by SWCD staff or partner staff as having a natural resource need.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	MDA Ag Water Quality Certification Program. Promote programs and outreach to landowners who are currently not working with the SWCD or NRCS, along with those current customers who are interested additional conservation planning or certification. Program will be promoted in local newspapers, county newsletter, social media, radio, with local ag groups and public meetings		
Activity Category	Planning and Assessment	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	MDA Ag Water Quality Certification Funds	Estimated # of FTEs	0.5
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$35,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$10,000.00	Plan Type	SWCD Comprehensive Plan (SWCDs only; if SWCD has adopted County Comprehensive Local Water Mgmt. Plan, select that option)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$45,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	The SWCD has adopted the Renville County Comprehensive Plan as its long range plans. Action times p.3-7 item #13
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Having an employee dedicated to this program will increase deliverability and aid in overall success		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Work with landowners and operators to adopt soil health practices such as changing tillage practices to a reduce till/no-till system. Local and USDA programs may be available to assist land operators technically and financially. Adopting Soil Health Practices have been and will continue to be used to satisfy alternative practices under the buffer law.		
Activity Category	Agricultural Practices	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	Watershed Based Funding	Estimated # of FTEs	
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$100,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	25
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$50,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$150,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	The SWCD has adopted the Renville County Comprehensive Plan as its

			long range plans. Action times p3-12 # 29, 3-7, #12
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	As we work with landowners on conservation planning and compliance with the Buffer law, we encourage them to look at soil health practices such as reduced tillage and cover crops. We have also collaborated with the Hawk Creek Watershed and Renville County on a local Soil Health Cost Share program that includes test plots, farm to farm learning events and face to face outreach events.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Habitat Restoration, work with willing landowners to enroll drained wetlands, filter strips and marginal cropland into RIM, CREP or other set-aside programs where wildlife habitat and wetlands can be restored.		
Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	RIM Easement Delivery	Estimated # of FTEs	0.5
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$60,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$10,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$70,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	The SWCD has adopted the Renville County Comprehensive Plan as its long range plans. Action times wetland restoration 13,30,39,47,49,50,68& 73
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Renville County SWCD continues to have success and willing landowners interested in enrolling in perpetual easements.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Soil health practice such as cover crops are a key component to improving water quality. Work with willing landowners to install cover crops on 2000 acres per year with cost-share. est 100ac per customers.		
Activity Category	Wind Erosion	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	BWSR Clean Water Fund - Projects and Practices	Estimated # of FTEs	
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$400,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	60
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$100,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$500,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville County Water Plan

			adopted as SWCD plan of actions items 11,13,29,35 & 38 are applicable to this activity.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	SWCD has cover crop demonstration plots and began an annual tour since the fall of 2015. Will continue that through the next few years to show soil health improvement as well as network with landowners who are interested in alternative methods to build soil health. Will do radio, newspaper and social media promotion to advertise cost share availability.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Education and information release		
Activity Category	Education/Information	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	SWCD Local Capacity Funds	Estimated # of FTEs	0.25
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$50,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$500.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$50,500.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville SWCD has adopted the County water plan. Action items 35,78,79,80 & 83 pertain to this activity.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Through radio, social media, group meetings, countywide newsletter publications and farm magazines will be used to get information out about conservation practices changes, program updates and other natural resource updates out to the public.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Promote Farm Bill Programs		
Activity Category	Education/Information	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	Farm Bill Assistance	Estimated # of FTEs	1
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$112,500.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$50,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$162,500.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	The SWCD has adopted the Renville County Comprehensive Plan as its long range plans. Action times

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Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Staff will work with landowners interested in conservation programs that are part of the Federal Farm Bill		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface Water		
Activity Description	Minnesota Buffer Law education, implementation, compliance and tracking,		
Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	Buffer Implementation Funds	Estimated # of FTEs	1
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$140,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$40,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$180,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville County Comprehensive Water Plan adopted as SWCD plan. Action items 29,30,35,36,50,53, to provide technical assistance for the management and enchantments of drainage systems.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	SWCD staff will need to work with landowners to plan, install and verify buffer installation is compliant and continues to maintain compliance. Buffer installation has began, Renville county has nearly 800 miles of public drainage ditch that will need buffers installed . We will work with landowners on multiple scenarios including alternative practices, CRP, CREP III, Buffer cost share, county redetermination easements, and general advice on installation.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Easement applications, processing and practice implementation		
Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	RIM Easement Implementation	Estimated # of FTEs	0.75
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$75,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)

Projects & Activities Budget	\$75,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville county Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Action steps 11,13,15,30,39,47,49,50,57,64,67,68 & 69
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Sufficient staff time will allow for timely application and easement processing while enabling staff to work with landowners, BWSR and contractors to complete CREP & RIM projects. This position will also assist with ongoing management of existing easements.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Staff for planning and administration of SWCD programs and priorities. Includes the necessary workload of staff development and supervision , projects review/planning and grant writing, collaboration with partner agencies including DNR, BWSR, USFWS, Renville County administration, environmental services, county water planning staff , other SWCD offices, budgeting and all the activities that keep the SWCD viable and visible both locally and statewide.		
Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	SWCD Conservation Delivery	Estimated # of FTEs	1
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$200,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$28,800.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$228,800.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville county Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Action steps 11,12,13,16,20,29,36,45,47,51,57,61,69 to provide educational, technical and financial assistance as available to landowners and communities for the implementation of BMP's
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	These funds will cover salary and benefits of staff implementing local conservation through administrative work.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Easement maintenance and implementation. Staff time for inspection of the over 500 conservation easements in the county as well as working with owners on easement maintenance and enhancements. Assist BWSR Engineering staff, landowners and contractors on identifying & implementing corrective actions, such as habitat improvements, hydrology alternations, prescribed grazing and haying plans .		

Activity Category	Administration/Coordination	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	RIM Easement Delivery	Estimated # of FTEs	1
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$160,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$0.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$160,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	County Water Plan Action steps 15,30,9,49,0,64,67,68,69,70,73. Promotion of easement programs that target marginal and sensitive land and provide assistance to landowners for the management and enhancement of existing and future easements.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Workload exceeds funds but to date have been able to keep up with 250 site inspections per year as well as other workload. Haying and grazing plans have been limited to date but are time consuming. CREP III has increased workload with increased easements.		

Water Resource Name	Organization Wide - Surface & Ground Water		
Activity Description	Alternative tile intakes (ATI). Promote and install 20 ATI's at a cost of \$600/each over the two year period.		
Activity Category	Conservation Drainage	Capital Improvement Project?	No
Source of State Contribution	BWSR Clean Water Fund - Multi Purpose Drainage Management	Estimated # of FTEs	
Total Requested Biennial State Contribution	\$12,000.00	Estimated Number of Practices	20
Estimated Leveraged Funds	\$3,000.00	Plan Type	County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (non-metro counties only)
Projects & Activities Budget	\$15,000.00	Action or Objective (from plan)	Renville County SWCD has adopted the County Water Plan as it's plan. Action items 11,12,13,29,35 and 36 pertain to this activity.
Describe how this activity could be accomplished in the biennium	Work with landowners on buffer and alternative practices, promote installation of ATI's to reduce sediment transport to waterways.		

