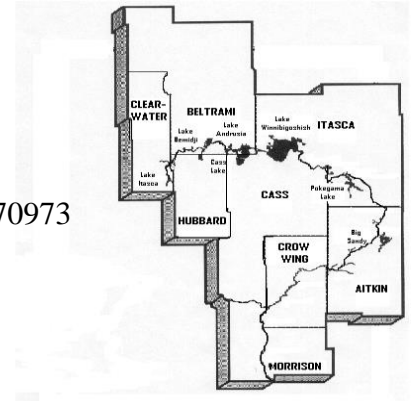




**Mississippi Headwaters Board
Meeting Agenda
MHB Conference Room
322 Laurel St. Brainerd, MN
56401**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87186270973>

**May 28, 2021
9:00 am**



9:00 AM

- Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

9:05 AM Approve/Amend

- Agenda
- Consent Agenda – April '21 Minutes & Expenses

Correspondence

- May Press Release

Planning and Zoning (Actions)

- None

Action / Discussion Items:

- Miss. Headwaters Habitat Corridor Program update- discussion
- MHB Request for Funding to Beltrami County- Action
- Rough Cut of MHB video- discussion
- Executive Director's Report- discussion

Misc: ☼ Legislature Update (if any) ☼ County Updates

Meeting Adjourned - Thank you

Mtgs: June 25, '21, 9:00 AM – Zoom meeting

June 19th, '21, 1:00 PM- Aitkin Paddle Your Glass Off, Vendors: Block North, Brother Justice, Little Round Still, Wine Distributer, Roundhouse Brewery, Cuyuna Brewe3ry, Jack Pine, The Craft House. \$10 admission

July 24th, '21- Little Falls Ride the River- Belle Prairie to LeBourget Park- Live band at end of paddle.

July 31th, '21- MHB Paddling Days-

October 29th, '21, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM- Mississippi Headwaters Board Biennial Conference.

Attachment 1 & 2

Draft Minutes

Monthly Expenses

Mississippi Headwaters Board
April 23, 2021
Miss. Headwaters Board Conference Room
322 Laurel St.
Brainerd, MN

Webconference:

MEETING

MINUTES

Members present by video Roll Call: Ted Van Kempen (Hubbard), Anne Marcotte (Aitkin) Steve Barrows (Crow Wing), Scott Bruns (Cass), Craig Gaasvig (Beltrami), Mike Wilson (Morrison) and Tim Terrill (Executive Director).

Others Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Marcotte asked if there were any additions to the agenda. None offered. **M/S (Gaasvig/Wilson) to approve of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

M/S (Wilson/Van Kempen) to approve of the Consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Tim shared a press release that was sent as a public service announcement to all 8 MHB county newspapers. Comm. Barrows mentioned that it was good publicity, and made the MHB more visible to the public.

Planning and Zoning

None

Action/Discussion:

1. Tentative Draft biennial conference agenda- Tim presented the board with a draft biennial conference agenda to give them an idea of the flow and content of the biennial conference. Tim said that the times are subject to change, but mentioned that the writing in red is for the delegated commissioner to read after the powerpoint is given and questions from the audience are answered. A commissioner asked if this was all they needed to say and if they could add more too it, and Tim said this is just a beginning paragraph and other commissioners could add to it at the meeting.
2. Draft Biennial Report- Tim presented the board with a draft and incomplete biennial report. He brought up that the biennial report is written to complement the biennial conference, and would leave a paper in the hands of the attendees when they left the meeting. Tim said he wants to format the report to show before and after pictures, along with progress on other programs that the MHB does. Comm. Barrows liked the idea of showing our accomplishments and going heavy on pictures rather than words. Other Commissioners agreed.

3. Biennial Resourcetainment and signage ppt.- Tim gave a ppt. on the resourcetainment and signage project that will be shown at the biennial conference. He talked about how he will present it to the attendees and what it consisted of.
4. Biennial Conference Summary- Tim said that he was using an old ppt. that he wanted to give in summer of 2020 but couldn't because of Covid. He said that while it is old, it provides Commissioners with a framework of what was discussed and will be updated for the biennial conference. Tim said he is not sure if he wants to present this at the end of the biennial conference or in the summer of 2022 to county commissioners, but he thought it did a good job of summarizing what was discussed at the biennial conference. He thought the final slide about the MHB being compared to salt is a pictorial image that people can relate to easily and remember. Comm. Van Kempen liked that it was short and easy to remember, and Comm. Barrows liked how it showed what we do. Comm. Gaasvig pointed out that it can be used to talk to other partners as well.

Executive Directors Report

1. Tim said that he attended and presented at the Morrison County Area Foundation the resourcetainment and signage program. This helped them plan a "Ride the River" event scheduled for July 24th.
2. Tim held a meeting with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe staff to discuss an agreement that could be formed between the LLBO and MHB for consistent zoning. Tim said that there were some issues that arose about governance, and that the LLOB legal team is reviewing it. Tim said that there is a possibility that he could come back in a few months and update the board on this.
3. The Crow Wing county board approved of a 35 acre parcel acquisition next to Indian Jack Lake.
4. Tim reminded the board that Enbridge provided them advanced funding for stormwater implementation that met both the MHB and Enbridge values. Tim said that he sent \$50K to the city of Bemidji and that it would show up in the budget as a drop in the fund balance.
5. Tim explained that he is finding new partners to work with for the signage & resourcetainment project. He talked with Itasca State Park naturalist Connie Cox and she is looking at doing an annual interpretive paddle from ISP to Gulsvig landing which takes about ½ hour.
6. MAISRC is interested in partnering with MN Traditions social media program but only has \$350 to contribute. Tim said that it wasn't enough to do a campaign, but he could use it to boost posts that MAISRC provides us. MAISRC is working on developing a contract.
7. Tim discussed that the strategic planning session that the board was planning for August 27th after the board meeting would cost \$1000 and run about 4 hours. With that time frame in mind, Tim said it would be beneficial to hold an in person board meeting, break for lunch, and then begin planning session in a semi private room at the restaurant. Comm. Marcotte advised the board to clear that date on their calendar so that commissioners could attend.
8. Discussion began about the biennial conference and that the date should be moved to October 29th rather than November 5th because the November date is the day before deer hunting season. Commissioners agreed, and the date is set for October 29th.

Legislative Updates- None

County Updates- Comm. Marcotte showed the board that the April public service announcement was printed in the Grand Rapids Herald. Comm. Gaasvig- said that the lady slipper paid highway cty 39 is completed and that it is a scenic drive. Beltrami County provided in-kind support through engineering services.

M/S (Marcotte/Van Kempen) to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Anne Marcotte

Executive Director Tim Terrill

April '21 Budget Summary

		YTD spending/rei mbursement	Projected Budget	% of budget spent	
Revenues:	Monthly Amount				Explanation
Governor's DNR grant (53290)	\$25,078.66	\$88,452.63	\$124,000.00	71.33%	non competitive quarterly reimbursement
LSOHC grant (53290)	\$1,046.21	\$4,934.90	\$7,000.00	70.50%	LSOHC reimbursement
Guidebook sales (58400)	\$28.43	\$190.16	\$200.00	95.08%	reimbursment for Guidebook sales
Enbridge program (58300)		\$7,160.34	\$3,000.00	238.68%	up to April '21 signage work
Miscell. Other revenue (58300)			\$2,000.00	0.00%	
MCIT Dividend (58300)		\$283.00	\$424.00	66.75%	MCIT refund
County Support (52990)		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	100.00%	aitkin, hubbard, cass, crow wing, itasca JPB reimbursement
BWSR Grant Stormwater (53090)			\$1,000.00	0.00%	competitive reimbursement
Total	\$26,153.30	\$24,568.40	\$25,624.00		*
Expenses:	Monthly Amount				Explanation
Salaries/Benefits FICA/Med/PERA/LIFE/LTD/Hlth/ WC(61000)	\$8,006.10	\$69,336.04	\$101,801.00	68.11%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
MCIT insurance/work comp/liability (61500)		\$2,492.00	\$2,216.00	112.45%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
MHB board Per Diem (62680)	\$50.00	\$1,900.00	\$2,700.00	70.37%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
Hotel/Meals/travel exp. (63340)	\$8.73	\$8.65	\$300.00	2.88%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
Commissioner Mileage (62720)		\$80.50	\$2,900.00	2.78%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
Employee Mileage (63320)	\$166.10	\$325.96	\$4,400.00	7.41%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant
Professional Services (62990)	\$1,065.00	\$17,050.00	\$8,175.00	208.56%	CW account. Services, web hosting
Office supplies/operations (64090)	\$89.61	\$928.04	\$1,400.00	66.29%	telephone, get well card, headphones for computer
Training & Registration Fees (63380)			\$400.00	0.00%	reimbursed by Gov. DNR grant-
Total	\$9,385.54		\$124,292.00		

Governor's DNR grant is always \$124K every year

LSOHC grant is around \$6K to \$8K every year

*The total under revenue does not reflect the \$124K because it is a non-competitive grant, and it doesn't always fall in the fiscal year.

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ACCOUNT DETAIL HISTORY FOR 2021 04 TO 2021 04

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ORG YR/PR	OBJECT PROJ JNL EFF DATE	SRC REF1	REF2	REF3	CHECK #	OB	AMOUNT	NET LEDGER BALANCE	NET BUDGET BALANCE
74830	53290	Natural Resources							
							REVISED BUDGET		.00
							PER 01	-36,027.94	-36,027.94
21/04	925 04/27/21	GEN						-4,462.50	-40,490.44
	ST OF MN 2								
21/04	925 04/27/21	GEN						-1,536.76	-42,027.20
	ST OF MN 9								
21/04	1012 04/29/21	GEN						-25,078.66	-67,105.86
	ST OF MN DNR3Q-21								
	LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		.00		CREDITS:	-67,105.86	NET:	-67,105.86	
74830	58400	MHB - Sales							
							REVISED BUDGET		.00
							PER 03	-170.17	-170.17
21/04	516 04/14/21	GNI 214688 AmyG	40262					-19.95	-190.12
	iNovah	GUIDEBOOK SALE							
	LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		.00		CREDITS:	-190.12	NET:	-190.12	
74830	61000	Salaries & Wages - Regular							
							REVISED BUDGET		.00
							PER 01	5,362.08	5,362.08
							PER 02	5,651.74	11,013.82
							PER 03	5,523.01	16,536.83
21/04	374 04/09/21	PRJ PR0409 1210409	1210409		1210			2,761.50	19,298.33
	PAY040921	WARRANT=210409	RUN=1 BI-WEEKL						
21/04	774 04/23/21	PRJ PR0423 1210423	1210423		1210			2,761.50	22,059.83
	Pay042321	WARRANT=210423	RUN=1 BI-WEEKL						
	LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		22,059.83		CREDITS:	.00	NET:	22,059.83	
74830	61200	Active Insurance							
							REVISED BUDGET		.00
							PER 01	1,685.31	1,685.31
							PER 02	1,686.81	3,372.12
							PER 03	1,686.06	5,058.18
21/04	374 04/09/21	PRJ PR0409 1210409	1210409		1210			847.73	5,905.91
	PAY040921	WARRANT=210409	RUN=1 BI-WEEKL						
21/04	774 04/23/21	PRJ PR0423 1210423	1210423		1210			838.33	6,744.24

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							REVISED BUDGET			.00
							PER 01	772.64	772.64	
							PER 02	816.54	1,589.18	
							PER 03	797.03	2,386.21	
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	PAY040921	WARRANT=210409	RUN=1	BI-WEEKL						
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	Pay042321	WARRANT=210423	RUN=1	BI-WEEKL						
	LEDGER BALANCES	---	DEBITS:		3,183.25		CREDITS:	.00	NET:	3,183.25
74830	62100	Telephone								
							REVISED BUDGET			.00
							PER 01	57.08	57.08	
							PER 02	57.28	114.36	
							PER 03	57.32	171.68	
21/04	557	04/20/21	API 006205		145529	26592		2.23	173.91	
	W C042021	APRIL CTC & 3/21 - 3/21	LD CAL CONSOLIDATED	TELECOM						
21/04	557	04/20/21	API 006205		145529	26592		.05	173.96	
	W C042021	APRIL CTC & 3/21 - 3/21	LD CAL CONSOLIDATED	TELECOM						
21/04	774	04/23/21	PRJ PR0423	1210423	1210423	1210		55.00	228.96	
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	LEDGER BALANCES	---	DEBITS:		228.96		CREDITS:	.00	NET:	228.96
74830	62680	Non-Employee Per Diems								
							REVISED BUDGET			.00
							PER 02	200.00	200.00	
							PER 03	600.00	800.00	
21/04	485	04/13/21	API 003257		145175	26575		50.00	850.00	
	W A041321	BUDGET MEETING PER DIEM			GAASVIG, CRAIG					
	LEDGER BALANCES	---	DEBITS:		850.00		CREDITS:	.00	NET:	850.00

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74830	62990	Prof. & Tech. Fee - Other								
							REVISED BUDGET		.00	
					PER 01		10,692.83	10,692.83		
					PER 02		525.00	11,217.83		
					PER 03		96,595.00	107,812.83		
21/04	703 04/20/21	API 006007		145634	26646		490.55	108,303.38		
	W A042021	TNC INVOICE #9		THE NATURE						
21/04	703 04/20/21	API 101649		145635	1930642		4,462.50	112,765.88		
	W A042021	WESTCOM INVOICE #2		WEST COMMUNICATIONS						
21/04	703 04/20/21	API 009999		145636	26637		50,000.00	162,765.88		
	W A042021	LAKE IRVING PMA 25		Unknown						
21/04	703 04/20/21	API 004261		145637	26645		540.00	163,305.88		
	W A042021	WEB HOSTING		SOUTHPOINT						
21/04	1087 04/30/21	GEN					525.00	163,830.88		
		RECURRING FINANCIAL SERVICE								
		LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		163,830.88	CREDITS:		.00	NET:	163,830.88	
74830	63320	Employee Mileage								
							REVISED BUDGET		.00	
21/04	940 04/26/21	GNI MAR					39.20	39.20		
	WF PCARD	1434 - drop off signage Aitkin								
		TIM TERRILL - OOP								
21/04	940 04/26/21	GNI MAR					35.62	74.82		
	WF PCARD	1434 - drop off signage in LF								
		TIM TERRILL - OOP								
21/04	940 04/26/21	GNI MAR					91.28	166.10		
	WF PCARD	1434 - rec signage to Grand								
		TIM TERRILL - OOP								
		LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		166.10	CREDITS:		.00	NET:	166.10	
74830	63340	Hotel & Meals Travel Expense								
							REVISED BUDGET		.00	
21/04	941 04/26/21	GNI MAR					8.73	8.73		
	BREM PCARD	meal for dropping off signs GR								
		TIM TERRILL - TACO JOHNS 9866								
		LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:		8.73	CREDITS:		.00	NET:	8.73	

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74830	64090	Office Supplies							
						REVISED BUDGET			.00
					PER 01		37.20	37.20	
					PER 02		14.30	51.50	
					PER 03		16.11	67.61	
21/04	516 04/14/21	GNI 214690	AmyG	40262			-8.48	59.13	
	iNovah	GUIDEBOOK SALE SHIPPING							
21/04	941 04/26/21	GNI MAR					26.95	86.08	
	BREM PCARD	headphones for computer							
			TIM TERRILL - BEST BUY	00005223					
21/04	941 04/26/21	GNI MAR					5.38	91.46	
	BREM PCARD	get well card							
			TIM TERRILL - WALGREENS #5635						
LEDGER BALANCES --- DEBITS:				99.94	CREDITS:		-8.48	NET:	91.46
GRAND TOTAL --- DEBITS:				197,171.93	CREDITS:		-67,304.46	NET:	129,867.47

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Mississippi Headwaters Board Approves of Annual Plan to Protect the Mississippi River

The Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) was created in 1980 to protect the first 400 miles of the Mississippi river through regulatory and voluntary incentive programs. At the March board meeting, the board approved of initiatives to protect the Mississippi River through voluntary programs by voting unanimously to support initiatives like: implementing stormwater pollution prevention practices in Bemidji and Baxter, natural resource protection through easements and acquisitions, aquatic invasive species (zebra mussel) social media campaign, and recreational signage for paddling enthusiast to utilize during their trips down the river. To learn more about the MHB, please visit the website at www.mississippiheadwaters.org or call (218) 824-1189 for more information.

Planning and Zoning

None

Action/Discussion

Miss. Headwaters Habitat Corridor Program update- discussion
MHB Request for Funding to Beltrami County- Action
Rough Cut of MHB video- discussion
Executive Director's Report- discussion



Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project– Phase 7 Request: \$ 9,591,400

Program Goals/Focus:

- This Phase will permanently protect more than **7 miles** of critical aquatic habitat and **3,850 acres** of high quality forested wildlife habitat along the first 400 miles of the Mississippi River, its major tributaries and headwaters lakes/reservoirs for the benefit of fish, game and non-game wildlife, and migratory waterfowl along the Mississippi Flyway.
- Achieve permanent land conservation via fee title acquisition and RIM conservation easements to create and expand habitat protection corridors and complexes, protect critical fish habitat, and reduce forest fragmentation.
- Enhance public recreational opportunities—fishing, hunting, trapping, and passive recreation—along the project corridor.

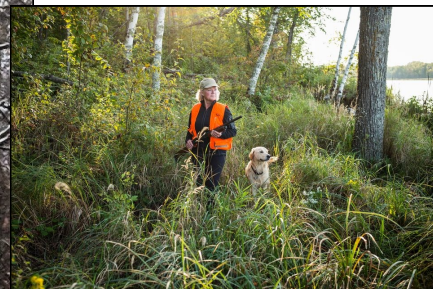
Partners

- Mississippi Headwaters Board
- The Trust for Public Land
- BWSR and 7 Headwaters SWCDs
- With stakeholder support from:
The MN DNR
The Nature Conservancy



Accomplishments To Date:

- ⇒ Permanent habitat protection completed for on 4,130 acres and 34 miles of shoreline.
- ⇒ Two additions to a state forest, 2 additions to a county forest, creation of a new 300+ acre WMA; 1 addition to an existing AMA; 1 addition to an existing WMA, and 24 RIM conservation easements.
- ⇒ Projects that are in process or committed will protect an additional 1,700 acres and 7+ miles of shoreline.
- ⇒ To date, the Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project has exceed AP acreage goals by over 250%.

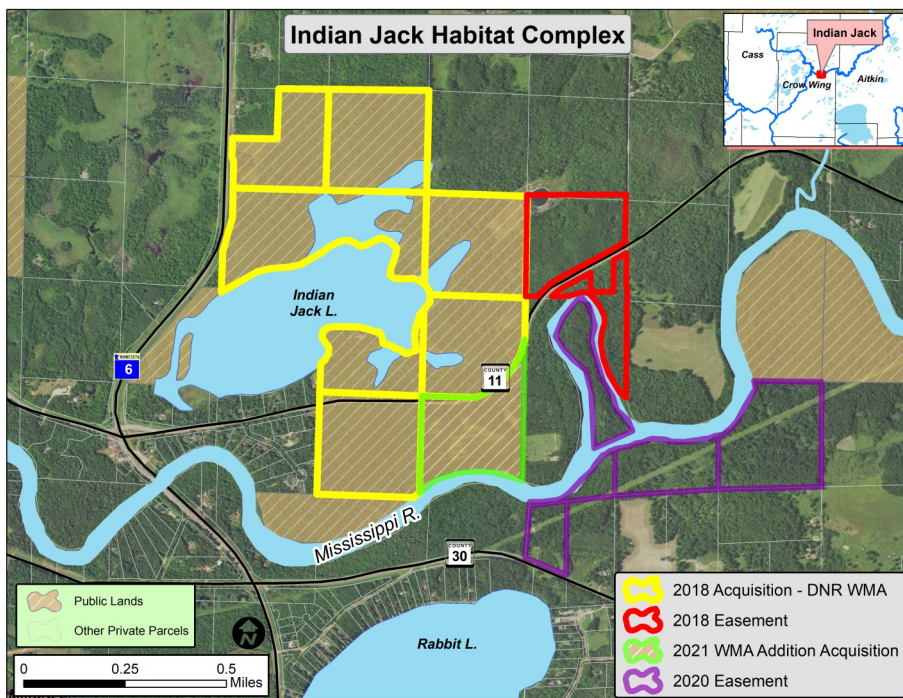


Why permanently protect critical shorelands and create contiguous habitat complexes?

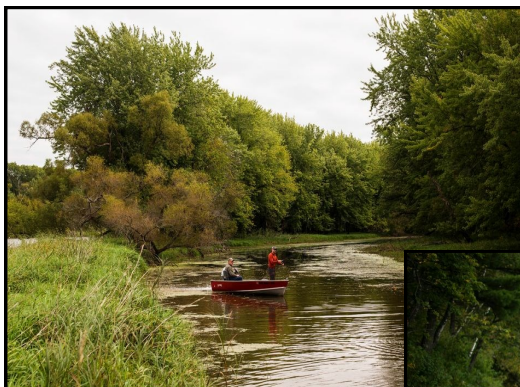
- Game and non-game wildlife have four basic habitat needs that are provided through permanently protected habitat complexes: 1) cover against predators; 2) water; 3) places to raise their young; and 4) adequate space to move around during varied life stages.
- Migratory waterfowl need food and cover along the Mississippi Flyway.
- Fish populations need healthy shorelines and high quality water along with safe spawning areas.
- As lakes have become increasingly developed, there is more development pressure on or near the river, its tributaries, and headwaters lakes/reservoirs, which can cause fragmentation of critical habitats such as forests, shorelands, grasslands, and wetlands.
- Shoreland and upland conservation reduce habitat fragmentation and ensures critical aquatic and upland habitat for healthy fish and wildlife populations.

This map is an example of fee-title acquisitions and conservation easements purchased by this project adjacent to public land to create a large, contiguous and permanently protected habitat complex in Crow Wing County.

The Indian Jack Habitat Complex was created with a new WMA (264 acres), a WMA addition (35 acres), and 2 conservation easements (104 acres) combined with adjacent public land (190 acres) to form a permanently protected habitat complex spanning 594 acres, 2.5 miles of lake shoreland, and 3 miles of river shoreland.



Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project		
Appropriations to Date		Amount Remaining
ML 16	\$3,150,000	Closed out June 30, 2019; final report approved.
ML 17	\$2,396,000	>95% spent or obligated to projects
ML 18	\$2,998,000	
ML 20	\$3,695,000	To date, 9 easements, one acquisition in process.
ML 21	\$2,901,000	Approved for funding on 7/1/2021; landowners in cue.





Mississippi Headwaters Board Funding Request Questionnaire

Crow Wing County Land Service Bldg. - 322 Laurel St. - Brainerd, MN 56401

Web Site: www.mississippiheadwaters.org

Below are some questions that the Mississippi Headwaters Board (MHB) requests your organization answer before the MHB board can distribute funds to requesting organizations. Please submit at least 1 month before any funding is needed. **The MHB was created in 1980 to protect the Natural, Recreational, Cultural, Scientific, and Historical values of the Mississippi River.**

1. Tell us about yourself. What is the primary purpose of your organization?

The Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District has a mission to provide comprehensive soil and water conservation services in Beltrami County. Goals of the District include “to enhance and protect the quality of Beltrami County water resources.

2. Tell us how this project will align with one or more of the multiple values listed above, and what you want to accomplish with your project?

The project would address stabilizing steep banks in two areas along the Mississippi River that have highly erodible soils and are depositing soil directly into the river. The project would slow down the erosion that is occurring and keep the soils from depositing in the river and to allow for vegetation to establish on the steep slopes to further help minimize erosion.

3. What amount of funding are you requesting, and what will it be used for? Have you requested funds from other sources and are they secured?

Beltrami County is requesting up to \$30,000 to complete the projects. The projects would consist of constructing bank stabilization features, stairs from the river to the top of the bank to allow access up and down the slope while preventing future erosion, and the planting and/or seeding of trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses to help anchor the soil in place.

Beltrami County has not requested funds from any other sources and will be putting additional funds towards this project as needed to complete the projects.

4. Is this project regional in scope and/or involve any of the MHB member counties (Clearwater, Hubbard, Beltrami, Cass, Itasca, Aitkin, Crow Wing, and Morrison)?

The two project areas are located in Beltrami County adjacent to the Mississippi River.

5. What type of organization are you (governmental, Nonprofit, etc...)

Beltrami SWCD is a local governmental organization.

Executive Director Report

April-May 2021

Personnel, Budget, Administration, Information & Education, Correspondence

1. Reviewed monthly budget.
2. Prepared monthly agenda packet.
3. Sent in monthly expense report.
4. Reviewed potential variances that may be coming before the Board next month.
5. Sent out annual appropriations budget request letter to counties asking to place \$1500 in the 2022 budget.
6. Reviewed Hubbard County Shoreland ordinance.
7. Sent out press release.
8. Planned Statewide MN Traditions AIS meeting for June 16th via zoom.
9. Sent ACOE article about Miss. River to MHB Senators and Reps because it provides a concrete example of how the pandemic affected recreational use on the Miss. River.
10. Miss. Headwaters Habitat Corridor Program submitted a LSOHC proposal for \$9,591,400.

Meetings & Networking

1. Called Beltrami SWCD and talked about funding projects like signage and reconstruction of an area on the Mississippi for recreational use.
2. Held meeting with Army Corps of Engineers campground staff and discussed challenge partnership grant with them. I see some new opportunities to work with staff in the future.
3. Talked with Paul Roth from CW mussel loaders, and it would work best to have MHB Paddling Days on 7/31 rather than 8/7 this year.
4. Talked with landowner about zoning issues. Referred him to Cass SWCD.
5. Talked with Dan Swenson, Itasca Environmental Service Director about variance on Lake Wini. Landowner needs to produce a unified site plan, meet standards, and get permits before applying for variance.
6. Attended video conference DNR legislative meeting and listened to the budget numbers that DNR is requesting. My advice to Assistant Commissioner Bob Meier was twofold: talk about the need for increase, but show how advances in technology has increased number of plans written in forest inventory. Also, to change the tone of the presentation to how an increase in resources help the legislatures constituents.
7. Connected with ACOE Melissa Phelps to discuss signage from Crosslake Rec. area to pine river dam.
8. Talked with Aimee Gourlay from the mediation center about strategic planning session on August 28th. Proposal and general flow of the meeting was discussed.
9. Attended the North Central Conservation roundtable and gained some information about what conservation partners are doing in the Miss. Headwaters landscape. There

is an exploratory conversation about carbon markets and how landowners could benefit from carbon sequestration programs. There are already examples in the U.S. where this is happening, and the upper portion of the United States is considering this as an option. There is potential to start looking at this to involve public land as well. Also, The Conservation Fund appeared before the LSOHC council to discuss their plan for divesting of former potlatch parcels to state and county entities.

10. Held meeting with BWSR Board Conservationist Chris Pence and GIS specialist Mitch Brinks to help get a general feel of the direction the biennial conference will take on the easement portion of the Miss. Headwaters Habitat Corridor program.
11. Reviewed MHB board video and submitted updates to Principia media.
12. Held an exploratory conversation with CW ESD, Jacob Frie about retraction and modification of variances.