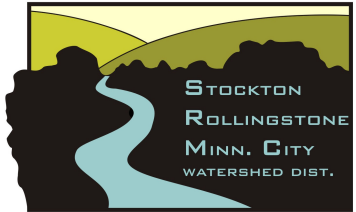


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## ANNUAL REPORT

Stockton-Rollingstone-Minnesota City Watershed District

2011

### Organization

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### Meetings

Regular board meetings were held monthly at the Stockton Community Center, most always on the second Monday of each month. Notices for the meetings were printed in The Winona Post which is delivered free to all Winona County residents.

### Professional Services

Services were used from the Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District, the NCRS, both of Lewiston, MN. the Winona County Planning Dept. and Winona County District Attorney offices, Winona, MN. Pete Fryer, SRF engineer is the official engineer for the Watershed Board. Bill Huber, Area Hydrologist, Lake City was also consulted for input.

## Projects and Work

1. The major project this year has been the continued work on the required ten year plan. For over two (2) years, members have worked with staff of BWSR and the Winona County Planning Department to develop a realistic plan. Mary Kells, Michelle Schaefer and Dave Peterson from BWSR and Duane Hebert and Lew Overhaug from Winona County have assisted in this effort. The board members studied the Turtle Creek plan and have developed goals for the action plan. Our plan was submitted to BWSR in October. We will be notified of approval after 03/28/2012.
2. The district is a member of the technical committee for the 110B local water plan for Winona County. This allows the board to relay problems or concerns from citizens of the watershed district to area agencies and other organizations. Lew Overhaug, Winona County Water Plan Coordinator, is now secretary of the advisory committee. Lew has volunteered to assist with the part of the new 10 year plan which requires information available from the Court House, Winona. Our website location can be found @[www.winona.co.mn.us](http://www.winona.co.mn.us) under Planning Dept.
3. A cooperative agreement with the Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District insures us technical assistance, project design, and educational material to citizens of the watershed district. This assistance is utilized by our watershed board.
4. DNR Hydrologist, Bill Huber (651-345-3331) has been consulted on projects in the past and continues to be a great advisor.
5. In the 23 years of the Garvin Brook rural Clean Water Project the watershed board has been a cooperative agency. This area has been of major concern as the flood mitigation meetings study what can be done to lessen the effects of future peak flows.
6. Meeting 3/21/2011 with FEMA on Flood mapping.

FEMA and Winona County will be redoing the FIRM and Flood maps. Since the maps are outdated and the 2007 Flood moved streams and the Mississippi River, in some areas.

New maps will show houses and elevations, can also be GIS for computer data. Large maps were provided to inspect areas of comment from audience on changes that have taken place or that will be taking place in the next. Some problem areas could be covered by Hazard Mitigation money with a 75% FEMA to 25% local costs.

Target dates are June 2011 to have the engineering analysis finished, to compile information for different organizations, cities and townships. Hydro-analysis to be completed this Fall with release in November 2012, this map will be available to the City to use instead of the current 1982 maps. Preliminary maps to be released June 2013 once another meeting has taken place to discuss changes.

7. We have and will continue to work with Winona County Planning and Zoning. Board members have attended numerous meetings concerning planning.

#### Objectives for the coming year

1. A major objective for the coming year will be the completion of the 10 year plan. It is required by the state BWSR and is necessary to receive funding for any major projects. (Completed and sent to BWSR for approval in October 2011 – will get results after 03/28/2012.

2. Fulfill cooperative agreement with WN County Soil and Water Conservation District to consult on worthwhile projects within the watershed district.

3. Considerable research has been done on a project at the LeRoy Scherbring farm. It is possible that members will be able to see a solution that is economically feasible.

4. Stream bank erosion as a major contributor to sediment will be considered for projects. Major efforts are being made to restore streams that have moved their banks due to past flooding.

5. Regular monthly meetings will continue.
6. On viable projects the watershed district will be offering a cost share incentive, especially on conservation practices not covered by established state and federal cost-share programs offered by the soil and water conservation district. This provides a balance of regulations and incentives for a pollute-pays principle and is responsible to citizen needs.
7. We will continue to attend local hearings on rules and regulations of the local land use plan. Members have attended many flood mitigation meetings.
8. After 10 year plan completion we will start on district rules.
9. Have kept in contact with a list of twenty land owners interested in a pond cleanout program we will have developed in 2011 with the help of Winona County Planning and the Winona County Soil and Water District. This will be a cost share of 75% Watershed District and 25% landowner. The Watershed share coming out of current Watershed funds. We're hopeful this program becomes very popular, as we feel there is a great need, although, we realize our funds will quickly run out and will require additional levy to keep going. (Program developed and letters requesting applications sent out in April 2011.) Approved four (4) applications in September – all four (4) projects started this Fall – one completed this year, other three (3) will be finished in Spring of 2012. Received three (3) additional applications for 2012 projects so far.
10. Activities for 2012 from Districts Water Plan:
  - a. Assemble and maintain an active Citizens Advisory Committee
  - b. Review watershed District Rules for adoption in 2013
  - c. Collaborate with Winona County and SWCD to find efficiencies and areas of collaboration.
  - d. Review financial options for accomplishing the Watershed District's goals.
  - e. Continue the pond cleanout program through the spring of 2012.
  - f. Set SRMCWD levy for 2013.

11. Apply for grants thru Clean Water Legacy Fund to continue pond cleanout program and other programs to restore clean water resources and flood mitigation structures.

12. Treasurer resigned in October 2011 but still is a member of our Advisory Committee. County searching for his replacement. Treasure work is currently being done by President of the board.