

Lyon

Soil and Water Conservation District

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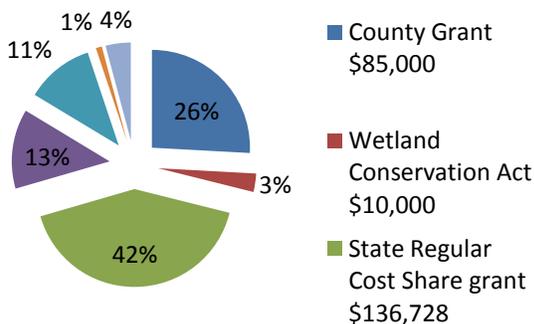
SWCD Board Meeting: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. May-October; 10:00 a.m. Nov.-Apr.



Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Reduction of sediment and pollutants entering water resources, reduction of soil erosion by wind and water
2. Assist Lyon County with Level III feedlot inventory and provide assistance to producers to solve any pollution problems through BMP implementation
3. Preserve and restore wetlands through administration of the State WCA law and programs to restore and buffer.
4. Workshops to provide information to land users and promote environmental projects to address them.

2008 Revenue



Total \$328,622

- State Cost Share grant is funding that was paid to landowners to install practices
- Charges for Services is the SWCD tree program
- Misc Other: includes dividends from MCIT (insurance coop) Cobra insurance payments and contributions from business & landowner groups for workshops offered to landowners.

Recent Projects:

The landowner was not sure about a project that was proposed to him a couple of years ago but decided to go with it, after completion of the project he was impressed at the improvement of his field in controlling erosion and started long range planning for additional projects. To date he has completed waterways, sediment control basins, a rotational grazing project and is looking at tree plantings and additional waterways.

Programs utilized to complete his long-range conservation planning include: Clean Water Legacy funds, MPCA 319 funds, Lyon SWCD regular cost share funding and EQIP incentive funds. The projects completed by this landowner to date have provided the following pollution reductions: 78 tons/yr of soil loss savings and 30 ton/yr of phosphorus reduction to our waters.



Waterway ~ seeded and mulched, the picture above was taken right after construction



Waterway after grass was established

Recent projects (continued)

Stream bank Project completed in 2009:
Funded with Public Interest CWL funds
For the City of Minneota project grant cost \$56,025
In-kind contributions: \$19,630
Project partners included: Yellow Medicine River
Watershed, City of Minneota, Lyon SWCD, SWCD
Joint Powers Engineer and 6 private landowners.
Soil/Sediment reduction of 22 Tons/per year.



Above ~Shows part of the before project area, invaded by buckthorn



Above ~ same area after MN Conservation Corp removed buckthorn and project construction is complete.

The SWCD's in SW MN have long understood the importance of partnering to complete successful projects. One of the more outstanding partnerships has occurred the past few years in successfully securing and implementing funding for watershed projects. Funding for 2008-09 includes grants for the Redwood, Cottonwood and Yellow Medicine River watersheds.

Lyon SWCD has utilized the following funds in our county from these partnerships:
Redwood/Cottonwood River Watershed: \$205,204.00 Clean Water Funds
Redwood/Cottonwood River Watershed: \$115,340.00 MPCA 319 funds
Yellow Medicine River Watershed: \$105,651.00 Clean Water Funds
Yellow Medicine River Watershed: \$65,530.00 MPCA 319 Funds

The SWCD's in these watersheds have applied for additional funding for 2010.

Future Projects:

SWCD Partnerships:

We have several projects that will be designed this winter for completion in 2010; these projects have encumbered funds from Clean Water funding, EQIP & 319 MPCA funds. These funds were grant funding received through SWCD's watershed partnerships.

Environmental organizations, government units and groups in Lyon County have formed a team to work together to better and more efficiently get our messages and education on the importance of protecting our resources to our area residents.

The group consists of Southwest Minnesota State University professors and students, Lyon County staff, Lyon SWCD, Staff from the SWMN Service Coop, City Utilities and Local schools.

By combining our staff talents & resources we are able to provide more opportunities for all ages in education, workshops and information events and in turn make better use of tax payer dollars that provide the majority of the funding for our organizations.

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