



Bear Valley Watershed District

Wabasha and Goodhue County, MN

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2018 Bear Valley Watershed District Annual Report

In 2018, the Bear Valley Watershed District (BVWD) hosted three public meetings, worked with local contractors, landowners and hosted multiple dam inspection tours in the watershed as well as represented the district at Zumbro Watershed 1W1P planning meetings. Attached is a tentative yearly agenda that the Bear Valley WD Board posts each year for upcoming meetings and tours. The items listed below were executed during the 2018 calendar year. Each item references action items identified within the 2012 Bear valley Watershed District Plan. The attached pages also provide information on the Bear Valley WD financial statements in the 2018 Annual Audit as completed by Peterson Company Ltd.

- ✓ **January 18th 2018** – Elected officers (remained the same as previous year), updated Board per diem policy and selected auditor. Reviewed possible projects for 2018
- ✓ **June 11th 2018** Hosted Annual Watershed Tour. Local Conservation District and NRCS staff were invited to the tour each year to assist with dam and project inspections. The WD actively seeks out Technical and administrative assistance from their local and federal partners as needed. Board members routinely inspected Bear Valley WD dams and waterways following major rain events to inspect for proper function and potential damages. Remediation notes were taken within the Board Minutes for inspections. Plan Reference: Page 34 Sec.A.2, A.3 and Page 38 VII.C. Operation and Maintenance.
- ✓ Signed Resolution of “Other Watercourses” into the Bear Valley Watershed District as directed by the Board of Water and Soil Resources on June 11th 2018. These other watercourses that are identified by the Goodhue and Wabasha SWCD’s are to be enrolled in conservation buffer programs on a voluntary basis.
- ✓ The Bear Valley WD approved no Watershed Permits in 2018. Plan Reference: Page 35 - Sec. A.4
- ✓ Signed Memorandum of Agreement for the Zumbro Watershed One Watershed One Plan efforts on June 11th 2018. BVWD appointed 1 voting member of the Policy Committee to attend this collaborative planning effort with its 12 Zumbro Watershed partners (5 county, 5 SWCD and City of Rochester)
- ✓ **September 2018** - Funded vegetation management efforts and sediment removal on Poncelet structure and investigated reshaping waterway near Co Rd 75 for additional water storage. Plan Reference: Page 38 VII.C. Operation and Maintenance.
- ✓ **August 20th 2018**-Set Bear Valley WD levy for 2019. The Bear Valley WD Board approved a levy of \$10,000 for 2019. This levy amount is the same as the past few years.

- o *Continue to work on the operation and maintenance of Bear Valley WD structures. This involves clipping, mowing, sediment removal, tile inlet inspections, and landowner discussions on Bear Valley easements for structures in place.*
- o *Continue to administer the WD Rules and review permits for drainage activities within the District.*

Please contact Beau Kennedy @ Goodhue County SWCD 651-923-5286 with questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Rusole". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Chairman

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