



Bear Valley Watershed District

Wabasha and Goodhue County, MN

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2016 Bear Valley Watershed District Annual Report

In 2016, the Bear Valley Watershed District (BVWD) hosted three public meetings, worked with local contractors, landowners and hosted multiple dam inspection tours in the watershed.

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 2016 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 2016 Annual Audit as completed by Peterson Company Ltd.

2016

- ✓ 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
- ✓ The Bear Valley WD actively reviewed and approved Watershed Permits. Five Watershed District permits were approved in 2016. All of these permits were associated with new drantile installations within the WD. Plan Reference: Page 35 - Sec. A.4
- ✓ Signed Resolution supporting One Watershed One Plan efforts in the Zumbro Watershed. In June of 2016, the Bear Valley WD Board signed a resolution and attended planning workshops that supported watershed-scale planning s and collaboration efforts with its County, SWCD and State partners within the Zumbro River Watershed.
- ✓ Funded vegetation management efforts on multiple structures as well as a tile blowout fix on S-9 (\$822.50) Plan Reference: Page 38 VII.C. Operation and Maintenance.
- ✓ Attended an informational Buffer Law meeting at the Goodhue SWCD on January 20th 2016. Meeting was held to inform other local units of government on the newly adopted Buffer Law and important dates to remember on local adoption, other waters and enforcement.
- ✓ Finalized Sinkhole repair project on the Lee property. A large sinkhole opened up above one of the Bear Valley WD structures in 2014. Construction to fix the project was conducted in late 2015 and the administrative portion was finished up in 2016. In cooperation with the NRCS, the Bear Valley WD provided financial assistance to the landowner to help cost-share the sinkhole fix. Bear Valley WD provided \$9,972.00 towards the project. Plan Reference: Page 36. C.2.

- ✓ August-Set Bear Valley WD levy for 2017. *On August 15th 2016, the Bear Valley WD Board approved a levy of \$10,000 for 2017. This levy amount is the same as the past few years.*
- ✓ Select item(s) from Implementation Plan to accomplish in 2017 if funds are available.
 - *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.*
 - *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,



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Chairman

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