



# Bear Valley Watershed District Wabasha and Goodhue County, MN

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In 2019 the Bear Valley Watershed District (BVWD) hosted 5 public meetings, provided technical assistance to watershed landowners, guidance on watershed goals, implemented maintenance activities and hosted dam inspection tour. This annual report will outline the activities conducted over the course of 2019. Items identified in the 2012 Bear Valley Watershed District Plan are highlighted below by plan reference.

- January 9th 2019 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting- review of pond maintenance on BVWD structure, reviewed 2019 upcoming projects and set 2019 per diem for supervisors.
- February 14th 2019 – Attended first the Zumbro One Watershed One Plan meeting with other members. The BVWD will be an active member on the Zumbro 1W1P Policy Committee with the 11 County, SWCD and the City of Rochester appointed members.
- March 21st 2020 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Meeting focused on providing the Zumbro 1W1P a unified message from the District about what the BVWD believes should be a focus in the overall watershed plan. The importance of funding new impoundment structures and waterway upkeep is the top priorities. Page 34 Sec.A.2, A.3 and Page 38 VII.C. Operation and Maintenance.
- May 22nd 2019 – Annual Watershed Tour – Investigated maintenance needs on S7 riser, S22 vegetation control needed, S3 sinkhole repair needed in waterway, S13 sediment removal needed, and S16 may have a new sinkhole forming and should be monitored.
- August 7th 2019 – BVWD board member attended Wabasha SWCD Tour and reviewed waterway and impoundment structures recently funded.
- August 19th 2019 – Regularly Schedule Meeting- Set 2020 BVWD levy at \$10,000
- November 8th 2019 – BVWD members attended Zumbro 1W1P public outreach event in Mazeppa and provide priority concerns for the watershed plan.
- December 30. 2019 Board meeting to pay year end bills including tile repairs on S7
- The Bear Valley Watershed District approved no permits in 2019. Page 35-SecA.4.

The Bear Valley Watershed District continues to conduct operation and maintenance activities on their impoundment structure, waterways, drop structures and tile lines. 2020 implementation items will be similar to 2019 with additional emphasis being put on becoming an active participant in the Zumbro 1W1P plan development process.

Chairman-Bear Valley Watershed District