

Belle Creek Watershed District

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2022 Belle Creek Watershed District Annual Report

In 2022, the Belle Creek Watershed District (BCWD) held 4 public meetings, 1 watershed tour and worked with local landowners and government units to implement watershed plan elements. Below is a list of items, which were executed in the 2022 calendar year. The attached pages also provide information on the BCWD annual audit, maintenance and inspection reports.

Thursday, May 12, 2022

- *The Belle Creek Watershed District Board held a meeting. The board reviewed the Operation & Maintenance plans for the Belle Creek Dams with NRCS. Discussion regarding the R-5 (Hokanson) Dam regarding the land/boundary line proposal & estimate land values. Continuing to research and look into the situation. Discussion regarding the S-3 (Duncan) Dam and working with a contractor to clean out the sediment build up from the outlet back to the original plan design.*

Thursday, September 8, 2022

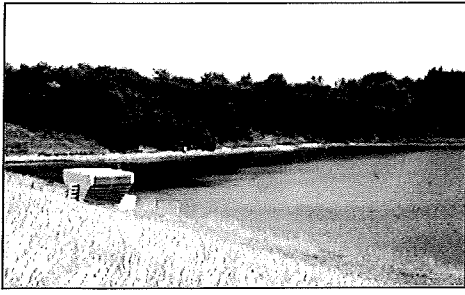
- *The Belle Creek Watershed District Board held a meeting. The board invited Jason Reding (Edward Jones – Red Wing, MN) to discuss the option of moving the BCWD CD's over to Edward Jones due to higher interest rates of return. The board discussed the 2023 Levy and set the levy at \$27,000.00 for 2023. Steve brought forth a concern of the R-1 toe repair that was completed in 2021 and that some erosion on the toe is happening east of the concrete riser. Will look at the site during the November 2022 Inspection Tour with NRCS to determine further action. Discussion about the riser crack on the Lindell Structure and how it will have to wait until the next year likely as the board is waiting to hear from NRCS State Office if funding is granted to help with the repair and additional detailed plans on what is to be completed. NRCS requested to go out to the structure and take pictures every 2 feet up and down the riser. The board had additional discussion on the tillable land at the R-1 structure and the board authorized Steve to contact an attorney (Inar Hanson) regarding the situation and report back. Discussion about a new grant opportunity to help combat noxious weeds was presented by the Goodhue SWCD staff (Chad Hildebrand) and the board is interested in pursuing a contract to help combat Wild Parsnip.*

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- *The Belle Creek Watershed District Board held a meeting. Meeting was preceded by a tour of all six (6) watershed dams. BCWD Board was accompanied by NRCS Tom, NRCS Ag Engineer Haley, and Goodhue SWCD staff (Chad Hildebrand). Please see attached watershed tour NRCS Inspection Report for further information.*

Monday, December 5, 2022

- *December 5, 2022 the Belle Creek Watershed District met to pay year end bills, review the NRCS Inspection Report from the November 15, 2022 watershed dam tour, and discuss the 2023 project list. For additional information on the NRCS Inspection Report, please refer to the report. Discussion was held to determine what months the BCWD board should meet and to move the annual Watershed Dam Tour due to the 2022 weather that occurred.*



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Additional Items

- *Mechanical vegetation maintenance on structures R1, R2, R4 and R5.*
- *Conducted 2022 Annual Audit with Peterson Company LTD. See attached.*

Select item(s) from Implementation Plan to accomplish in 2023 with funds available.

- *R4 Structure – beaver dam removal and tree removal at the outlet. Riser crack repair.*
- *R9 Structure – repair the outlet pipe.*
- *S3 Structure – sediment removal at the outlet.*
- *Cooperative Weed Management Contract w/ Goodhue SWCD to combat Noxious Weeds (Wild Parsnip) on the BCWD structures.*
- *Continued work on the easements for the BCWD structures.*

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

Sincerely,

Chairman
Belle Creek Watershed District

3-9-2023

Date