



Belle Creek Watershed District

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2021 Belle Creek Watershed District Annual Report

In 2021, the Belle Creek Watershed District (BCWD) held 5 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 2021 calendar year. The attached pages also provide information on the BCWD annual audit, maintenance and inspection reports.

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

- The Belle Creek Watershed District Board met at the R-1 Structure to review the 2021 project list. Reviewed the main priorities for projects during the 2021 year; R-1 Structure repair (top priority), Finishing Hokanson Land/Property Line issue, R-4 Structure Joint repair and S-3 Structure sediment removal. Chris Hokanson attended the meeting to share his side of the Hokanson Land/Property Line issue; stating he is interested in buying back land from the Watershed District that his father owned. He assumed that some of the land that is the Watershed's was actually his land and just recently found out he was mistaken. Stated he was interested in the SE corner and the north side. Board decided to table further discussion to next board meeting.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

- The Belle Creek Watershed District Board met to discuss the Hokanson Land/Boundary Line proposal and R-1 Toe Repair project. Discussion was held regarding the Hokanson Land/Property Line issue and sale of property back to Chris Hokanson. At this time the board would pursue looking into selling the north portion (cropland acres) but would need a 3rd party appraisal and licensed survey of lot be completed & paid by Chris Hokanson and the installation of a new fence would be split by both parties. Board will continue to look into the subject and final decision be made at a later date. Reviewed a quote to repair the R-1 (Scheffler) Dam for toe repair and approved to repair the toe. Accepted to hire Schumachers to complete the project. Discussed options to fix the R-4 (Lindell) riser structure and reviewed 2 quotes from repair companies. Discussion about removing built up sediment at the S-3 (Duncan) Dam was held, but no action was taken.

Thursday, August 19, 2021

- August 19, 2021 the Belle Creek Watershed District met to set the 2022 Local Levy. The levy was set at \$27,000. Upon further investigation into the request of Hokanson purchasing land, Chris Hokanson provided documentation of estimated land value from a licensed real estate and surveyor. Chris was looking to purchase the crop ground north of the pool area and the southeastern portion of the wooded/pasture ground. New fencing would be established to identify the property lines and an updated easement for access would be established.

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

- The Belle Creek Watershed District Board held a meeting on November 16, 2021. Meeting was preceded by a tour of all six (6) watershed dams. BCWD Board was accompanied by NRCS Area Engineer Nichole Sternquist, PE Area Engineer, Haley Dinkle, Ag Engineer, Mark Pearson, Civil Engineer, and Goodhue SWCD staff (Beau Kennedy & Chad Hildebrand). Please see attached watershed tour NRCS Inspection Report for further information.

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- December 7, 2021 the Belle Creek Watershed District met to pay year end bills, review the NRCS Inspection Report from the November 16, 2021 watershed dam tour, and discuss the Hokanson grazing plan for the R-5 structure. The BCWD Board and Chris Hokanson agreed to a prescribed grazing plan that has joint benefits to each other, providing quality forage to the Hokanson Herd and as an operation and maintenance benefit to the BCWD. Rotational grazing between two (2) paddock areas was established and temporary fencing installed.



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Additional Items

- *Mechanical vegetation maintenance on structures R1, R2, R4 and R5.*
- *Conducted 2021 annual audit with Peterson Company LTD. See attached.*

Select item(s) from Implementation Plan to accomplish in 2022 with funds available.

- *Continue to work on easements on Hokanson's*
- *Sediment removal on S3 outlet.*
- *Investigate crack on R4 inlet @ concrete joint.*

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

Chairman

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Date