POPE SOIL & WATER



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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Pope Soil and Water Conservation District

March 2024

Construction Project Updates

The Pope SWCD worked with 17 landowners on 58 erosion and sediment control structures in 2023. The projects included: a terrace, water and sediment control basins, diversions, water quality inlets, grassed waterways, a lined channel, and a shoreline restoration project. Our workload remains high in this type of work. We have several projects in the design phase.

The Pope SWCD partnered with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to leverage federal funding and engineering assistance. The Pope SWCD also worked with the West

Central Technical Service Area Engineering staff to design projects. Funding for these projects were from federal and state sources.

We are able to work with our federal NRCS partners to provide up to 75% overall on the cost of the project that meets our criteria. Even if you apply for EQIP with NRCS, please reach out to the SWCD in addition to see if you have state funding opportunities available. You will need to get a release of information form from NRCS so that they can share the information that they have with our office.

If you have an erosion concern on your land please give our office a call to start your project at 320-634-5327 ask for Holly.



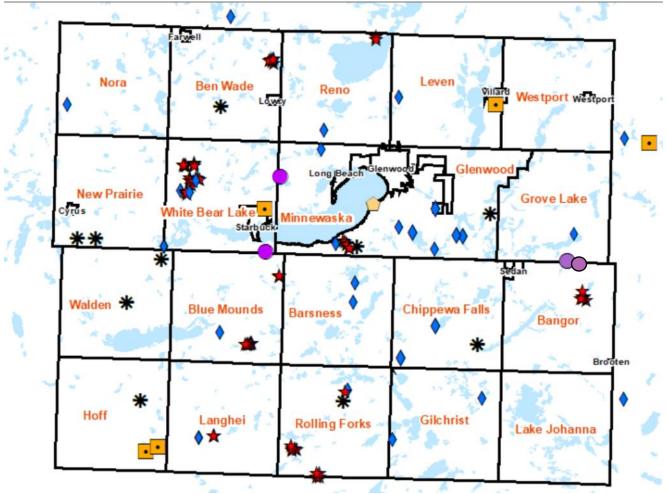
Joe and Melanie Cihlar 2023 Outstanding Conservationists of the Year



Joe and Melanie Cihlar were selected as the 2023
Outstanding Conservationists. They were recognized in December by the County Commissioners and Pope SWCD Board. They were also recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting on December 13th. To learn more visit the Pope SWCD website at www.popeswcd.org. Congratulations again to the Cihlars!

2023 Pope SWCD Projects Implemented

Pope SWCD/NRCS continues to work on a variety of practices. The workload remains high and state project funds are potentially available in the Lake Emily, Lake Minnewaska, East Branch Watershed, and the City of Glenwood project areas. In addition, Pope SWCD coordinates with watershed partners on other special project funds to assist landowners. The NRCS continues to administer federal programs for project implementation. All landowners are encouraged to stop in to visit with staff about funding options. The map below highlights SWCD project workload this past year.





Pictured: Installation of erosion control project this past year.

Map Legend	Quantity	Symbol
Structures	58 Count	*
Well Sealing	4 Wells Sealed	
Grass/Drill/Grass Custom Seedings	27 Sites	♦
Tree Plantings & Weed Fabric	10 Sites	*
Irrigation Management Service	5 pivots	
Shoreline Restoration	240 Linear Feet	



Reinvest In Minnesota Program



Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) program is a perpetual (lifetime) easement program, with a contract between landowner and the state of Minnesota. Landowners have enrolled their property into this program to increase wildlife habitat in their area. Landowners must manage natural vegetative cover to meet what is in their conservation plan, no grazing unless approved, no building on easement, and no parking equipment on easement. In fall of 2023, the Pope SWCD staff did site inspections on 46 RIM easements. All sites met program standards and we are proud to say we had no landowners in violation. Our staff spent 346 staff hours working on the RIM program this past year.

Our county has over 200 RIM easement contracts across the county and multiple landowners come in throughout the year to work with our office. Landowners can have a variety of questions but the most common are about ownership changes, upgrading their habitat cover, and adding or moving food plots.

Please contact our office if you have ownership changes to your RIM easement or if you have additional questions. Call Pope SWCD at 320-634-5327 and ask for Nicole Brede.

Barsness Park Buckthorn Project

Pope SWCD has been working with the City of Glenwood, Glenwood Park Board, Buckthorn Brigade Volunteer group, Ag Inspector and others to focus efforts in the 250 acre public park to treat an invasive plant called buckthorn. In 2022, a \$50,000 grant was secured by our office to treat 41.22 acres in the park. In 2023, an additional \$50,000 was secured to treat 32.5 acres. It is estimated that about 100 acres of the 250 acre park has Buckthorn. The work in the first phase is complete with the second phase also almost complete. This included both mechanical and chemical treatment. The buckthorn is preventing native grasses from thriving and has created access concerns. The barren dirt in these buckthorn infested areas no longer provides habitat for wildlife and has eliminated the natural water filter system. This runoff does impact Lake Minnewaska.

The group is now discussing a third grant application. The funding is from the Department of Natural Resources Conservation Partner Legacy program. The Buckthorn Brigade is always looking for volunteers interested in helping. This group, along with the City, is focusing on other efforts in the park including using goats for treating certain areas of the park as an example. To learn more or if you have questions on how you can help give us a call at 320-634-5327.

Pictured: Buckthorn in an area in Barsness Park prior to treatment.



Pictured: After area has been treated to remove the buckthorn.



2023 Educational Events

Irrigation Clinic (60 participants)

MASWCD Legislative Day

Irrigation Association Annual Meeting & Booth

Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Meeting Panel

Be Kind Group Event

Outstanding Conservationist Selection

KMS Conservation Education Event (60 participants)

Poster Contest (3 schools, 300 entries)

Stewardship Week (18 churches)

Envirothon

Pope County Fair Booth

Rosholt Field Day (attendance 80)

Budget Appropriation Meeting to County Board

Pope County Committee of the Whole Meeting for Outstanding Conservationist

Wetland Conservation Act Presentation to County

Pope & Stevens Water Fest (350 participants)

Pope & Stevens Conservation Day (300 participants)

Nitrate Clinic (20 participants)

Pope County Pheasant Restoration Committee (300 participants)

Chippewa River Watershed Pollinator, Popcorn, and Pints 2 Events (60 participants)

Douglas Co Groundwater Festival (630 participants)









Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program



The Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) is a voluntary certification for farmers that manage their agriculture land with goals towards cleaner water. First benefit to becoming certified is this allows them a funding opportunity for implementing water quality conservation practices. Funding through Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) will provide 75% Cost Share, up to \$5,000 a year for approved practices. Second benefit is to provide recognition for landowners to promote their farm or business and that they are proactive toward clean water. Third benefit is for farmers to have regulatory certainty for any new water quality rules or laws through their certification.

In 2023, Pope SWCD **certified 1 landowner totaling 183 acres**, which brings our **county total to 42 landowners certified over 24,245 acres**. We had multiple landowners use their financial assistance funding towards; water quality practices such as rock inlets, soil moisture sensors,

fencing (biological control structures) and cover crop funding for 2023. We have landowners working on new applications in 2024 for rock intakes and wind panels.

The program statewide has 1,428 certified farms and a total of 1,021,477 certified acres. This includes 2,786 new conservation practices installed.

Financial Assistance funding has been utilized by 19 Pope County landowners. This has totaled \$71,284.53 in cost share for new conservation practices installed.

If you are interested in becoming certified, have questions about the program, or have questions about your current certification please contact Christopher Borash in our office at 320-634-5327.



WALK IN ACCESS PROGRAM

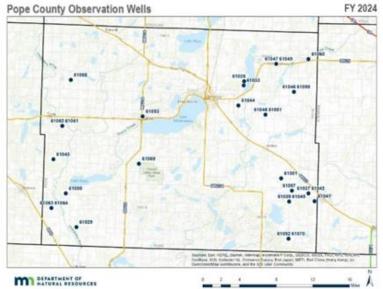


Pope County is fortunate to have landowners participate in the Walk-In Access (WIA) Program. This program pays landowners for allowing the public to hunt on their land. Hunting is allowed from September 1 to May 31, for hunters who have purchased a WIA permit. Hunting is the ONLY allowed activity the public are allowed to do on these sites. The land must be maintained to have native vegetation that benefits wildlife. Any enforcement issues on the property are delt with by the MN DNR and not the landowner. The payment rate is \$18/acre, and this can be in addition to other

payments a landowner may be receiving (Example: In addition to a CRP payment).

In 2023 the WIA program had a short sign-up window for new enrollments and our county unfortunately did not have any new participants. We had previous landowners who had multi-year contracts and allowed hunters onto their property in 2023. Pope county has 3 WIA locations, 2 located in Gilchrist township and 1 located in Langhei township. In total there are 258 acres of WIA land for hunters to enjoy in our county. We are hopeful these landowners will want to re-enroll their contracts for future years. If anyone is interested in enrolling into the WIA program and opening your land to hunters in need contact Nicole at 320-634-5327 to learn more.

OBSERVATION WELL MONITORING PROGRAM



Pope SWCD monitors 29 DNR observation wells located throughout the county four times a year. Water depth readings are recorded with hand measurements using an electric tape and by data gathered through a pressure transducer data connection cable on each pipe. This data is used to monitor static aquifer or groundwater levels throughout Pope County at different times of the year. The water levels are reported to the

DNR to determine long term trends, assess groundwater resources and to plan for water conservation. There are over 2,000 wells

across Minnesota with approximately half of them monitored at any given time. Most DNR observation wells are not used for pumping. The DNR began managing the statewide wells in 1942 and Pope SWCD began participating in this monitoring in 1980.Go to https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/cgm/program.html for more info ask for Kimberly.

PRECIPITATION MONITORING PROGRAM

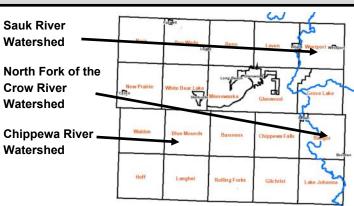
Pope County had 11 volunteers participating in the precipitation monitoring program in 2023. Volunteers fill out a form to record daily rainfall/snowfall precipitation using a rain gauge provided to them. These data are sent to the MN DNR state climatology office and are used to track precipitation throughout the state. This information is used to provide soil moisture/drought conditions and helps to track storm/weather events. For more info:

http://climate.umn.edu https://climateapps.dnr.state.mn.us/index.htm

If you are interested in becoming a precipitation monitor, please contact the Pope SWCD at 320-634-5327 ask for Kimberly.



Pope County has three main watersheds where we have Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans. The Chippewa River Watershed group is actively planning and the other two watersheds have an adopted plan. Pope SWCD staff meets each month with each of these partnerships to plan and implement the plan goals. To learn more about watershed planning visit our website at https://popeswcd.org/conservation-plans-data-and-reports/.



2024 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM

POPE SOIL & WATER

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Order early for the best selection of trees. We can have shortages of some varieties. You will be notified in April of pick-up dates for trees, tree products, and for grass seed orders.

Prices are subject to change.

Special orders available upon request, call now to secure your order! No project to big or small!

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SHRUBS (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 2	5 Trees		_
Buffaloberry	\$50.00		QUANTITY LOW
Chokeberry, black	\$50.00		
Hazlenut	\$50.00		
Hi Bush Cranberry	\$50.00		
Juneberry	\$50.00		
Common Lilac	\$50.00		
Cotoneaster	\$50.00		
Redosier Dogwood	\$50.00		
Sand Cherry	\$50.00		
Villosa Lilac	\$50.00		
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LARGE TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bund	le of 25 Trees		
Siouxland Cottonwood	\$50.00		
Hackberry	\$50.00		
Bur Oak	\$50.00		
Silver Maple	\$50.00		
Sugar Maple	\$50.00		
American Linden Basswood	\$50.00		
SMALL TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bund	le of 25 Trees		
American Plum	\$50.00		
Common Chokecherry	\$50.00		SOLD OUT
Red Splendor Crab	\$50.00		
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EVERGREENS priced per bundle of 25 Trees			
Black Hills Spruce	\$50.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	\$50.00		SOLD OUT
Ponderosa Pine	\$50.00		
American Arborvitae (White Cedar)	\$50.00		SOLD OUT
Red Pine (Norway Pine)	\$50.00		
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Black Hills Spruce	\$16.50 each								
TREE CARE (Plant Skydd Repellent)									
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent									
(treats 200-300 1' seedlings) 1 lb powder	\$25.00								
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent									
(treats 400-600 1' seedlings) 2.2 lb powder	\$37.00								
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent									
(treats 100 1' seedlings) 1 liter premixed	\$20.00								
TREE CARE									
Tree Shelters 5' height (biodegradeable)	Call for Pricing								
Wood Stakes 5' height	Call for Pricing								
Bulk Roll of Weed Fabric 500'	\$200.00 per roll								
Staples/1000 per box (Anchor Pins)	\$80.00 per box								
SERVICES All Services have a \$150.00 one time s	ervice charge								
Custom Installed Weed Fabric (fabric included in price)	\$0.60 per foot								
Custom Tree Planting (\$100 minimum charge)	\$0.75 per tree								
Custom Cultivation	Call for Pricing								
Custom Grass Seeding ATV	Call for Pricing								
Custom Grass Seeding No-till Drill	Call for Pricing								
EQUIPMENT RENTALS (Delivery charges do apply)									
Tree Planter (minimum charge of \$50.00)	\$50.00 per day								
No-Till Drill (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$10.00 per acre								
Packer (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$2.50 per acre								
Rainbarrels	\$75.00 each								
CUSTOM GRASS SEED MIXES (priced per acre)									
Custom mixes available upon request suited to mee	et program require	ments. Call for a di	uote 320-634-5327						
Sustain mixes aranable apoint equest surred to meet program requirements. Our for a quote 525-054-0521									
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"A 25% down payment is required on all orders at the time of		7.375% Sales Tax :							
All orders after March 1st 2024 must be paid in full at the time balances due by April 1st, 2024. Orders Cancelled after Feb		Total Order Cost:							
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Buffer Program Updates







The Buffer Law was signed by Governor Mark Dayton in 2015 requiring perennial vegetation buffers to be installed along lakes, rivers, streams, and public drainage ditches. These buffers are designed to help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment as well as provide wildlife habitat.

SWCD's across the state of Minnesota have been working with landowners on installation of these buffers or review of the parcels for implementing alternative practices. In Pope County approximately 4,445 parcels were reviewed initially and now again in 2022 with the new aerial imagery. If a violation of buffer law is found; the Pope SWCD will be informing the enforcing agency and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. Any appeals will be handled by the regulatory entity with the Pope SWCD staff providing technical information regarding the buffer law and the project site. It will depend on where the public water or drainage ditch is located on who the enforcing entity is. In Pope County it is either Pope County Land and Resource Management Office, North Fork Crow River Watershed District, or the Sauk River Watershed District.

In the 2023 Pope SWCD began the year off with 8 landowners that were in violation of their buffers. This was determined by doing aerial imagery and in field site inspections in late 2022. The landowners and Pope County were then sent a Notification of Non-Compliance which keeps finding of fact records. The county then let the landowners know they had an 11-month grace period to become compliant or else fines would begin. 1 of the 8 landowners already had exceeded their 11-month grace period and has been assessed fines by the county. Eventually this landowner agreed to have SWCD flag his buffer, purchased seed, and had our office seed the site. We worked with a total of 4 landowners that had our office seed buffers for them. Pope SWCD ended 2023 with 2 landowners that are in a buffer violation. 1 landowner was brought to our attention late in the year and a site inspection was conducted and a Notification of Non-compliance was sent to the county. 1 landowner has exceeded his 11-month grace period, has expressed he has no interest in planting his buffer, so they will also be incurring a fine in accordance with the county ordinance. In addition to working with landowners who needed to upgrade cover, we also did mid-contract site inspections for 7 landowners who previously worked with our office on Buffer Cost Share to establish their buffers. All 7 of these sites still met compliance and looked great and were notified. Overall, we worked with 10 landowners in 2023 towards upgrading our buffer program, with roughly a total of 198 hours worked. With the new year ahead, we will be working on checking aerial imagery to plan our spring 2024 site inspections.

Reminder to farmers and landowners that with spring tillage ahead, to communicate if you have a buffer on your field to the people who will be doing your tillage and not to till it up. We will be working on review of imagery again over the next few months. We then will schedule site visits to verify that buffers are still compliant the spring. If you have questions regarding your buffer, please contact Nicole Brede in our office at 320-634-5327.

ROSHOLT RESEARCH FARM UPDATES

Nitrogen and water quality research has been a continuing study at the 40-acre Rosholt Research Farm in Westport. The goal is to evaluate the management of nitrogen fertilizers and cover crops in irrigated crop production and their impacts on water quality.

A study evaluating the management and interactions between nitrogen fertilizer and irrigation and their impacts on water quality applies different nitrogen and irrigation rates on corn. A comparison study is happening at the U of M Sand Plain Research Farm in Becker, MN.

Four-foot deep lysimeters are used to extract water from below the root zone using a vacuum pump. Around 600 water samples were analyzed for nitrates weekly at Rosholt using a spectrophotometer.

Kernza, a perennial grass, has deep roots that can capture and utilize nitrates before they leach into the groundwater. In this study, sixty lysimeters with syringe sample tubes were used to pull weekly water samples for nitrate analysis throughout the growing season.

Additional studies included: variable rate irrigation of nitrate analysis from a Becker site; nitrous oxide readings and syringe gas sample collection for isotopes at 36 locations throughout corn microplots; DCD (dicyandiamide – a nitrification inhibitor) study taking nitrous oxide readings from 24 locations; and soil moisture, using a neutron probe, taking various depth moisture readings weekly at 72 access tubes in corn plots.

Rosholt Field Day was held on August 17th at the Rosholt farm with 80 people attending. AgCentric presented as well as researchers from the U of M, covering the three main research trials that were conducted at the farm involving nitrogen, cover crops, irrigation, and Kernza.

If you would like to learn more about the farm and research visit our website at www.popeswcd.org.

Funding for the work at Rosholt has been funded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) and the Clean Water Fund as a part of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment.

For more information visit www.lccmr.leg.mn and www.legacy.mn.gov/clean-waterfund. The current partners are listed below for the Research Farm. If you would like to learn more about the farm and research visit our website at www.popeswcd.org.





Pictured left to right: Nitrogen Plots, nitrate analysis, Rosholt Field Day presentation in Kernza plot.















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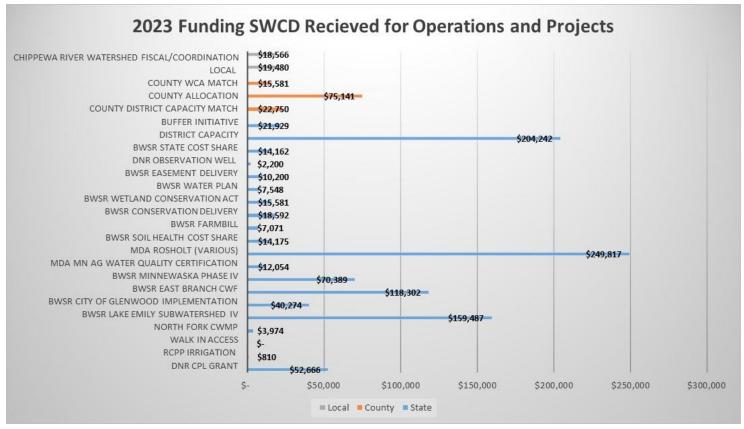




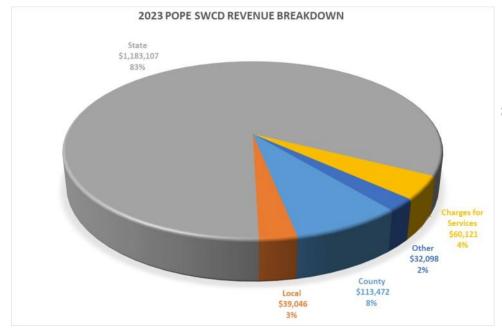
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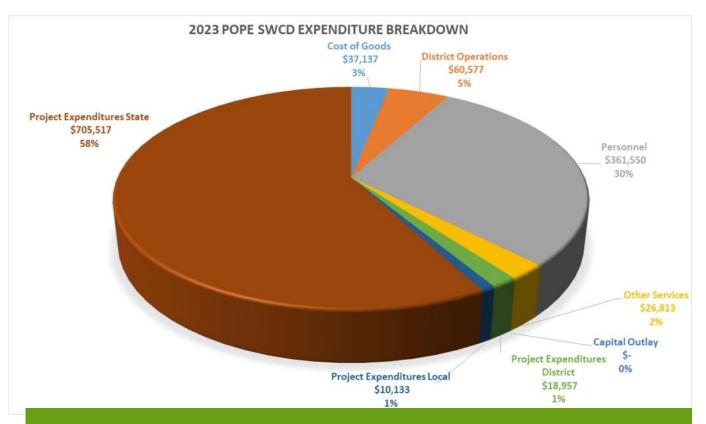
The Pope SWCD is not a taxing authority and depends on funding support from the County and other partners to leverage technical assistance and cost share dollars. The financial information represents all SWCD funding including cost share to landowners. State sources are for landowner projects and cost share assistance. This information does not include federal funding available in cost share to landowners. These financials only reflect funding passed through the SWCD. This financial information is unaudited. The Pope SWCD annually is required to complete an audit. The audited financial statements for 2023 will be made available once the audit is complete.



Please note: County Revenue in this bar chart does not reflect pass through of state funding for the Wetland Conservation Act and Local Water Plan in the County colored bars. They are reflected as state funding due to their origination.



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Stewart Hired As Conservation Technician



We are pleased to announce the addition of Mason Stewart to our staff. Mason is a graduate of Minnewaska Area High School. He recently graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth with his Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science. Mason grew up in Pope County with his three other siblings, often playing sports, and enjoying the outdoors. He found his way back into the area post graduation in the fall of 2023. Eagerly, Mason is starting his new position at Pope SWCD as a Conservation Technician. He will have a variety of duties including the Rosholt Research Farm studies, assisting with buffers, and other programs. Help us in welcoming Mason!

USDA-NRCS 2023 Activities:

Environmental Quality Incentive Program 3,945 acres \$1.55 Million

Conservation Stewardship Program 8,700 acres \$1.27 Million

USDA-FSA 2023 Activities:

Conservation Reserve Program Total Rental Payments \$2,109,633

Conservation Reserve Program new or reenrolled contracts 84



This information has been provided by our federal partner agencies on work completed in 2023 and the financial contributions made for programs and projects for the benefit of the citizens in Pope County. They administer additional programs but these are reported here as they do intersect with the work the Pope SWCD is striving to do under the overall water plan activities for the County. We are sharing this information to provide a larger picture of the total work being accomplished to improve and protect our natural resources.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program



Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is designed to take agriculture land and convert it into native vegetative cover. This native cover will provide habitat for wildlife, stabilize soil, and filter water. When enrolling into this program the acres are first enrolled into a conservation contract with the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and when that contract expires (In 10-15 years) this automatically will become enrolled into a perpetual easement with the state of Minnesota.

When enrolling this land into a perpetual easement this means the land will permanently be used for wildlife habitat. It is the landowner's responsibility to maintain native cover on the land. As the owner of the land, you get to enjoy the native habitat for activities such as hunting, bird watching, exploring and more.

In 2023, Pope SWCD spent nearly 40 hours working with

8 different landowners to see if the CREP program worked for them. Pope SWCD had 1 landowner that is going through the enrollment process and is enrolling 22.95 acres into the CREP program.

If you have any interest in enrolling into an easement, we can talk to you about your options. Contact Nicole Brede with Pope SWCD at 320-634-5327.



Irrigation Water Management



Pope SWCD provides customer service through our Irrigation Water Management program that assists landowners with water appropriation on their irrigated fields. By assisting these landowners with this service, it can save them time and money. Every week through the irrigation season we do field visits and notify the landowner of their fields moisture levels and provide charts that indicate if they should irrigate. This year we had 5 irrigation pivots to assist landowners with managing. These pivots were located across Pope County from Hoff Township to Sauk Centre. This year the rain seemed to be very scattered, and all fields had different weekly needs if they should irrigate or not. Overall, it was a dry season and landowners seemed to be running their pivots most weeks.

Our office will provide this service in 2024 if producers are looking for assistance with their irrigators. Please contact our office for more information at 320-634-5327 ask for Christopher.

WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT PROGRAM UPDATES



Pope Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) administered the Wetland Conservation Act from 1991-2023. January 1, 2024 a change was made in how the program is administered in Pope County. Pope County Land and Resource Management (Pope County LRM) will now administer the program. This is a program that was delegated by the County to the Pope SWCD each year. The County decided to internalize the program in the Land and Resource Management office.

What does this mean for landowners? We recommend you visit with USDA in our office building at 1680 Franklin Street North and also Pope County LRM for any tiling, ditching, or excavation projects. The Pope County LRM office is located in the courthouse on the first floor. Ralph Hanson has been assigned the Wetland Conservation Act as one of the programs he will administer. You can reach Ralph at 320-634-7791.

WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT ANNUAL REPORT

In 2023, Pope SWCD completed 181 contacts made including 17 official decisions. These decisions included: 4 exemptions, 2 replacement plans, 6 No Loss, and 5 boundary and type determinations. In addition work included: 6 enforcement situations with 4 being resolved. We have one active appeal being reviewed by the state. The Pope SWCD reviewed a total of 50 landowner projects this past year.











POPE SWCD STAFF

Holly Kovarik (Manager), Nicole Brede (Habitat Resource Specialist), Christopher Borash (Conservation Technician), Kimberly DeMorett (Resource and Outreach Technician), Mason Stewart (Conservation Technician)

IRRIGATORS CLINIC

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 9:00AM - 3:00PM

ADMIN BUILDING 821 CEDAR STREET ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308

FREE EVENT! Meal Included

To register, please visit: <u>rb.gy/zmh33s</u> or scan the QR Code.

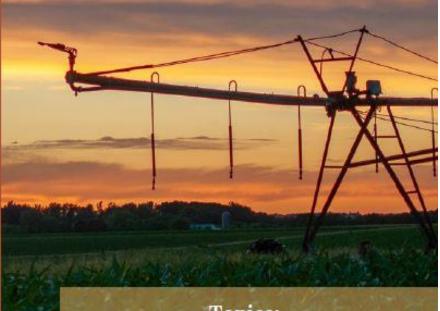
This year, with the help from our sponsors and donors, we are able to provide a free Irrigator Clinic!

To register or for questions, contact Jessica Albertsen from Douglas SWCD at (320) 763-3191 x3.

CEUS FOR CERTIFIED CROP ADVISORS (APPROVAL PENDING)



Registration is required by March 14



Topics:

- Irrigation/Cover Cropping
- Irrigation Technology Advances
- DNR Rules and Regulations
- · Nitrogen and Irrigation Studies
- Well Interference Concerns
- Irrigation Program Update

















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Glenwood, MN 56334

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<u>Important Dates</u>

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7am. Note exception for March below.

The public is welcome to join us.

February 20 Board Meeting

March 26 Board Meeting

April 16 Board Meeting

May 21 Board Meeting



2024 SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Keith Nygaard, Tom Talle, Randy Pederson, D. Gary Reents, Randy Mitteness



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