



2011 - MRBI - Cottonwood (SWCD)

Fund Report

Cottonwood

Fund Information

<u>Fund Name</u>		<u>Fund Year</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
2011 - MRBI - Cottonwood (SWCD)		2011	\$75,000.00	\$21,093.43	12/31/2011
Starting Balance:	\$75,000.00				
Balance Remaining:	\$53,906.57				

Other funds used with this fund.

2011 MRBI Landowner Match	2011	\$18,750.00	\$2,840.00	12/31/2011
2011 MRBI Federal Funds	2011	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	
2011 MRBI SWCD In-Kind Match	2011	\$30,113.86	\$12,189.16	12/31/2011
	<u>Subtotal:</u>	\$60,863.86	\$15,029.16	
	Total:	\$135,863.86	\$36,122.59	

Initiatives Summary

Amount spent by initiative type.

2011 - MRBI - Cottonwood (SWCD)	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Technical and Engineering	\$75,000.00	\$21,093.43
Total:	\$75,000.00	\$21,093.43

Land & Water Projects Summary

Amount spent on L&W Projects.

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>
Total:	

Initiative: 2011 MRBI Technical Assistance Funds

Year: 2011

Start Date:

Initiative Type: Technical and Engineering

Completion Date:

06/30/2010

Description

Hiring of a District Technician to assist with the Education & Implementation of the MRBI Initiative. This position will be shared between the Cottonwood & Brown SWCD's. Assist with the installation of conservation practices that are emphasized in the Little Cottonwood-Mississippi River Basin initiative that may include, but not limited to: Water & Sediment Control Basins, Diversions, Grassed Waterways, Pasture Mgmt, Tree & grass plantings & other conservation practices as directed through EQIP & the Conservation Stewardship Program. All projects will follow the standards set forth in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. Administration, coordination & reporting will be completed through the Cottonwood SWCD.

Actual Results

DECEMBER 2010: After discussion with NRCS and BWSR Representatives the Cottonwood and Brown SWCDs will be hiring the MRBI Technician beginning in late Spring of 2011. When completing the application we intended to start with a small number of applications, in this way we would be able to work more closely with the watershed landowners, and we thought with the low funding our office staff could handle the workload and hire when the workload was going to be more intense. The start of FY12 will bring a large amount of EQIP funding into the watershed and we will have someone on board to educate the watershed landowners and operators.

JANUARY 2011: An Open House was held on Wednesday, January 19th in Jeffers, MN with the Little Cottonwood River Watershed landowners invited. NRCS and SWCD staff were on hand to inform the participants of available conservation programs. Also the bi-weekly USDA Radio Update has been used to highlight the CSP and EQIP funding opportunities for the watershed.

JUNE 2011: Job description and announcement completed and position advertised in both Cottonwood and Brown counties.

JULY 2011: Interviews conducted with representatives from both Cottonwood and Brown SWCDs and NRCS. Position offered to Brian Hoskins, Mountain Lake MN resident, with position starting July 18, 2011. Introductions completed in both counties and Position Overview (attachment) for the first year completed. Monthly reports (attachment) are being completed for both SWCD Boards.

JULY 2011:

WAGES: \$1,359.27

TECHNICAL SUPPORT: BROWN SWCD - \$1,500.00

IN-KIND CASH: \$242.55

IN-KIND SUPPORT: \$1,340.00

DECEMBER 2011:

WAGES: \$18,234.16

IN-KIND CASH: \$1,410.32

IN-KIND SUPPORT: \$12,036.29

Comments

AUGUST-DECEMBER 2011: Database created for 249 owners/operators; Mailed 521 letters to residents; board members; organizations; Sent-received over 312 emails pertaining to business of the Districts and NRCS; 10 radio spots and 21 press releases. Driven over 287 miles talking with landowners and distributed 64 promotional bags; Attended 5 events to promote programs; Have documented 16 WRP sites; Created a Blog, Facebook group; Enrolled landowners in SCIMS, 3 in Conservation Programs in Brown County and 2 landowners in CSP and 1 RIM Buffer in Cottonwood County. Worked on 8 waterway sites; provided other technical support for both offices; Created 2 newsletters, 3 displays, 2 brochures and 3 postcards. Working on creating a Little Cottonwood River newsletter, and planning a grazing workshop tour for Cottonwood/Brown residents in the Spring of 2012.

Position Budget: \$75,000.00
 Wages-Taxes and Insurance: \$68,859.46
 Brown SWCD Support: \$3,070.27
 Cottonwood SWCD Support: \$3,070.27
 In-Kind Support: \$30,113.86

FUND(S)

1. 2011 - MRBI - Cottonwood (SWCD)
2. 2011 MRBI Landowner Match
3. 2011 MRBI Federal Funds
4. 2011 MRBI SWCD In-Kind Match

Totals:

<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Date Last Spent</u>
75,000.00	21,093.43	12/31/11
18,750.00	2,840.00	12/31/11
12,000.00	0.00	
30,113.86	12,189.16	12/31/11
135,863.86	36,122.59	

List of Attached Files (click to view)

1. MRBI - Proposal Summary.pdf
2. MRBI - Report - July - 2011.pdf
3. MRBI - Report - August - 2011.docx
4. MRBI - Report - September - 2011.doc
5. MRBI - Report - October - 2011.doc
6. MRBI - Report - November - 2011.pdf
7. MRBI - Report - December - 2011.docx
8. MRBI - Report - July - December - 2011.docx
9. MRBI - Technician - Budget - 2011 - 2012.xls

Document Description

- Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Monthly Board Meeting Report
 Review - Six Months - July-December 2011
 Budget Overview - July - December - 2011

Date Added

- 12/3/10
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12
 1/21/12

End of 2011 - MRBI - Cottonwood (SWCD) Section
 This report can be found in the eLINK Report Manager under Report Type: Fund Reports, Reports: All Details