

BWSR Update for 3/28/22 Joint Counties Natural Resources Board – Matt Fischer

Legislative Session Update

- BWSR is seeking bonding funds for:
 - local government roads wetlands replacement program (\$14M in general obligation bonds and \$6M in cash)
 - MN Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (\$9.9M)
- 2022 Governor’s Supplemental Budget Recommendations for BWSR include:
 - Support for a tribal liaison (\$387K)
 - COVID unreimbursed costs (\$595K)
 - Adaptation Action Grants and Water Storage (over \$15M)
 - Healthy Soil Program (\$26M)

One Watershed, One Plan Program

- BWSR Board will be asked to authorize the 2022 Requests for Proposals (RFP) for planning grants at their March 23, 2022 meeting
- If approved, RFP expected to open shortly after board meeting date and go through early June

Pollinator and Biodiversity Programs

- Habitat Enhancement Landscape Pilot (HELP)
 - RFP closed February 23rd
 - Received 11 applications requesting just over \$400,000
- Cooperative Weed Management Area Program
 - RFP closed February 23rd
 - Received 21 applications requesting \$335,000

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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