

**Winona County  
Soil & Water Conservation District**

**2023 RESOLUTION  
SWCD AID ANNUAL GUIDELINES**

**Minn. Stat. § 477A.23, Subd. 4. Use of proceeds.**

(b) The board of each soil and water conservation district must establish, by resolution, annual guidelines for using payments received under this section. Current year guidelines and guidelines from the year immediately prior must be posted on the district website.

*Effective July 20, 2023*


**State SWCD Aid will be used for the District board and staff to deliver the following services as outlined in Minn. Stat. § 103C.332, Subd. 2. Services provided.:**

- (1) performing administrative services, including comprehensive and annual work planning, administering grants, leveraging outside funding, establishing fiscal accountability measures, reporting accomplishments, human resources management, and staff and supervisor development;
- (2) entering into cooperative agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and other United States Department of Agriculture agencies to leverage federal technical and financial assistance;
- (3) providing technical expertise, including knowledge of local resources, performing technical evaluations and certifications, assessing concerns, and providing oversight in surveying, designing, and constructing conservation practices;
- (4) providing information and education outreach, including increasing landowner awareness and knowledge of soil and water conservation program opportunities to protect soil and water resources and publicizing the benefits of soil and water conservation to the general public;
- (5) facilitating regulatory processes for impacted landowners and providing technical review and comment on regulatory permits and development plans for regulations relating to soil and water conservation;
- (6) administering projects and programs, including but not limited to the nonpoint source pollution abatement program; reinvest in Minnesota reserve conservation easements program; disaster response; local water management and comprehensive watershed management planning programs; and projects related to floodplains, lakes, streams and ditches, wetlands, upland resources, and groundwater resources, to maintain and improve the quality, quantity, distribution, and sustainability of natural resources, including surface water, groundwater, soil, and ecological resources;
- (7) monitoring and inventorying to collect data that provide a baseline understanding of resource conditions and changes to the resources over time and analyzing and interpreting the data to support program implementation; and
- (8) maintaining a modern technology infrastructure that facilitates planning and projects, including geographic information systems, modeling software, mobile workstations, survey and design equipment and software, and other technology for linking landowners with conservation plans.

**In addition, State SWCD Aid will be used for the District to fund:**

- (1) Capital Outlay
- (2) Operating Reserves

**SWCD Board Approved - September 14, 2023**

  
Andy Kronebusch, Chair  
Winona County SWCD