

RCRCA News

River Leaders Summit

The Rivers Council of Minnesota hosted a "River Leaders Summit" on December 13th in St. Cloud. RCRCA staff - Jim Doering, Roseanne Kaseforth and Kari Howey attended the summit where discussions were held about: Volunteer Citizen Monitoring, TMDLs, Communications and the Media, Fundraising and Resources for River Groups. The summit also focused on river issues; its challenges and how best to respond.

RCRCA Board Minutes

The RCRCA Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday, December 17th at the Redwood County Courthouse.

The following is the unofficial version of the minutes:

- Robert Finley and Deb Holstrom from the Water Resources Center, Minnesota State University-Mankato, informed RCRCA Board on training for professionals, board members and students to advance decision making and technical skills in the environmental field to be offered by the Water Resources Center. Other topics and ideas were also being sought from the Board to be included for training. The training will be offered on what is needed at various locations throughout the Minnesota River Basin.
- Stephanie McLain, RCRCA Watershed Technician gave a report on her activities and CREP contracts completed.
- Doering gave an overview of the TMDL Rule Making Meeting put on by MPCA, that he attended at Lake Shetek.
- Doering and Board attendees to the MASWCD Convention reviewed sessions and presentations they attended.
- County Commissioners on the RCRCA Board reviewed the AMC Convention they attended.
- Doering and Board members reviewed Area II's Legislative Breakfast that was held in Tracy.
- January and February meeting dates were set as the regular meeting dates fell on holidays.
- Board approved a COLA increase for employees for the year 2002.

Cost Share Available



MN Special Project Funds

(approximate dollars available as of Dec. 18, 2001)

Cottonwood River Watershed: \$56,950.00
 Redwood River Watershed: (all funds have been encumbered)

Cottonwood River Watershed 319 Grant (approximate dollars available as of Dec. 18, 2001)

Streambank Restorations	\$50,000
Sediment Control Basins	\$23,268
Alternative Tile Intakes	<u>\$ 7,768</u>
Total:	\$81,036

Septic Loan Program

The following are the Cottonwood River Restoration Project septic system low interest loan program dollars by county.

County	Dollar Appropriations	Approximate Dollars Encumbered to date	Approximate Dollars left
Brown	\$77,700	\$77,700	\$0
Cottonwood	\$70,300	\$70,300	\$0
Lyon	\$62,900	(Information not available at time of printing.)	
Murray	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$0
Redwood	\$129,500	\$36,400	\$93,100



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**Happy Holidays from all
us at RCRCA!**

*Jim, Sharon, Jon,
Roseanne, Stephanie & Kari*



Calendar of Events



December 2001

- 24 & 25 Christmas Holiday— Office Closed
- 31 New Year's Eve—Office Closes at 12 pm

January 2002

- 1 New Year's Day— Office Closed
- 14 Board of Director's Meeting, 1:30 pm
Redwood County Courthouse
- 21 Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed

February 2002

- 11 Board of Director's Meeting, 1:30 pm
Redwood County Courthouse
- 18 President's Day—Office Closed

RCRCA Board of Directors

- Clark Lingbeek, Chairman
- Donald Wellner, Vice Chairman
- Ray Traen, Secretary
- Darold Neperman, Treasurer
- Glen Sorenson, Public Relations & Information
- Steve Johnson, Member at Large

County Commissioners

- Curt Blumeyer, Lincoln Co.
- Steve Johnson, Murray Co.
- Phil Nelsen, Lyon Co.
- Darold Neperman, Redwood Co.
- Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co.
- Gary Sorenson, Cottonwood Co.
- Robert Weets, Pipestone Co.
- Donald Wellner, Brown Co.

SWCD Board Members

- Tom Daub, Redwood
- Burton Kuehn, Yellow Medicine
- Clark Lingbeek, Cottonwood
- Paul Posthuma, Murray
- Greg Roiger, Brown
- Glen Sorensen, Lincoln
- LeRoy Stensgaard, Pipestone
- Ray Traen, Lyon

RCRCA Staff

- James Doering, Executive Director
- Kari Howey, Watershed Technician
- Roseanne Kaseforth, Watershed Educator
- Stephanie McLain, Watershed Technician
- Jon Opdahl, Engineering Technician
- Sharon Voeks, Office Manger