

RCRCA News

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

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Position Announcement

RCRCA is currently looking for a full-time Watershed Technician. Minimum qualifications applicants must possess are: A two to four year college degree in one or more of the natural sciences including biology, chemistry, or related field, or at least two (2) years related job experience. Applied experience with Geographic Information Systems software Arc View 3.2a. Requires understanding of regional land use and its effect on water quality. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, written and verbal. Be able and willing to work independently, outdoors, and under at times demanding conditions in a variety of weather conditions and on all types of terrain. Knowledge of governmental agencies (NRCS, SWCD, BWSR, etc.). **Visit the RCRCA web site for more information at www.rcrca.com. Applications must be received by 4:30 pm on July 5, 2002.**

Welcome to New Engineering Technician!

We are pleased to welcome Kelly Ratigan to RCRCA! Kelly began her Engineering Technician duties on May 6. She has a degree in Reclamation with Biological/Ag-science emphasis from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Kelly grew up near Austin, Minnesota on a farm. Her parents raised beef cattle, corn, and soybeans. Kelly will be working full-time as an engineering technician for RCRCA and her office is in the Lyon SWCD office in Marshall. Kelly's focus is on the Cottonwood River Watershed. If you need assistance with a project within the Cottonwood River Watershed, please contact her!

RCRCA Board Minutes

The RCRCA Board of Directors held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 17th at the Redwood County Courthouse. The following is the unofficial version of the regular monthly meeting minutes:

- Board approved four new cost share contracts and one amendment for Cottonwood cost share on tile intakes
- Board approved tow partial payments of Cottonwood cost share for tile intakes
- Board reviewed Redwood and Cottonwood Minnesota Special BMP funds.
- Board discussed the futures of Minnesota River Basin Joint Powers Board and Area II
- There will be a CREP rally June 25 in Mankato at Mid-West Wireless at 4 pm.
- RCRCA will send a letter of support for Springfield's new bridge and canoe access.
- Next regular board meeting is July 15 at 7:30 pm at the Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls

Cost Share Available



MN Special Project Funds

(approximate dollars available as of June 17, 2002)

Cottonwood River Watershed: \$116,607.00
 Redwood River Watershed: (all funds have been encumbered)

Cottonwood River Watershed 319 Grant (approximate dollars available as of May 29, 2002)

Streambank Restorations	\$18,312
Sediment Control Basins	\$15,009
Alternative Tile Intakes	\$ 1,814
Total:	\$35,135

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	(Pending ordinance. Money available in Spring 2002.)	
Murray	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$0
Redwood	\$129,500	\$36,400	\$93,100

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Calendar of Events



July

- 4 Independence Day—Office Closed
- 15 Executive Board Meeting—6:30 pm
Board of Directors Meeting—7:30 pm
Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls

August

- 19 Board of Directors Meeting— 7:30 pm (tentative)
Redwood County Courthouse, Redwood Falls

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

- Dean Sagmoe, Lincoln Co.
- Steve Johnson, Murray Co.
- Phil Nelson, 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
- Jack Vogel, Brown
- Glen Sorensen, Lincoln
- LeRoy Stensgaard, Pipestone
- Ray Traen, Lyon

RCRCA Staff

- James Doering, Executive Director
- Kari Howey, Watershed Technician
- Roseanne Kaseforth, Watershed Educator
- Bill Moldestad, Engineering Technician
- Kelly Ratigan, Engineering Technician
- Sharon Voeks, Office Manager