

RCRCA News

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

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Welcome to the New Watershed Technician!

We welcome Kari Howey to the RCRCA staff! Kari began her Watershed Technician duties on Nov. 5th. She grew up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota and recently graduated with a Computer Science degree from SSU in Marshall and is currently pursuing a Masters degree in Engineering from SDSU in Brookings. Kari also holds a BA in Biology from Concordia College in Moorhead and worked with water and sample analysis, before her son was born. Her husband, Steve Howey, is an agronomist for Yellow Medicine River Watershed District. Kari enjoys restoring her old country house and going to garage sales.

RCRCA Board Minutes

The RCRCA Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday, November 19th at the Redwood County Courthouse.

The following is the unofficial version of the minutes:

- Kari Howey, RCRCA Watershed Technician was introduced to the Board and had began her duties on Nov. 5th.
- The Cottonwood Septic System Loan appeal that was heard at last month's RCRCA meeting has been denied by the Redwood County Review Committee and also denied by the Redwood County Commissioners. All future appeals will need to be directed to the Redwood County Commissioners.
- Jim Doering gave an overview of the streambank stabilization requests from Flandrau State Park, New Ulm and Farmers Golf and Health Club, Sanborn—both due to erosion from the Cottonwood River.
- The Redwood and Cottonwood BWSR Cost Share report from the Redwood SWCD was reviewed.
- Cottonwood River 319 Grant update: 17 contracts approved for cost share and 4 approved for payment.
- A draft copy of the Redwood River Final Report was distributed to attending board members for review.

Cost Share Available



MN Special Project Funds

(approximate dollars available as of Nov. 19, 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 Nov. 19, 2001)

Streambank Restorations	\$50,000
Sediment Control Basins	\$33,269
Alternative Tile Intakes	<u>\$12,868</u>
Total:	\$96,137

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 board approval)	
Murray	\$29,600	\$26,790	\$2,810
Redwood	\$129,500	\$36,400	\$93,100



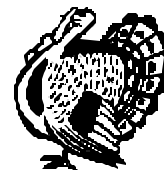
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Happy Thanksgiving!



Calendar of Events



November

22 & 23 Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

December

17 RCRCA Board of Directors Meeting, 1:30 pm
Redwood Co. Courthouse

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

21 Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed

RCRCA Board of Directors

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Ray Traen, Secretary
Darold Neperman, Treasurer
Glen Sorenson, Public Relations & Information
Steve Johnson, Member at Large

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Jane Remiger, Yellow Medicine Co.
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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