

# **Grant Progress Report**

### **SWCD Local Capacity Services 2022**

**Grant Title:** 2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)

**Grant Award (\$):** \$122,694.00

**Grant Execution Date:** 11/05/2021

**Grant ID:** P22-6085

Required Match (%): 0

**Grant End Date: 12/31/2024** 

**Grantee:** Big Stone SWCD

Required Match (\$): \$0.00

**Fiscal Agent:** 

**Grant Day-to-Day Contact:** Tammy Neubauer

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$122,694.00	\$92,694.00	\$30,000.00
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$122,694.00	\$92,694.00	\$30,000.00

<sup>\*</sup>Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
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Soil Erosion - 2022	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services	\$51,794.00	\$51,794.00	\$0.00	N
Local Capacity			(Big Stone SWCD)				
Administration							
Soil Erosion - 2022	Education/Information	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	N
Local Capacity			(Big Stone SWCD)				

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Education/Information							
Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Cost Share Assistance Shoreline/Streambank Restorations	Streambank or Shoreline Protection	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	N
Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Equipment/Supplies	Supplies/Equipment	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	N
Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Technical Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	N

#### **Grant Activities**

### Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Administration

Activity Category: Administration/Coordination

Staff time?: Yes

**Description:** Soil Erosion – 2022 Local Capacity Administration. Ref: Big Stone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. This activity will provide for administrative time regarding continued workload, training, and reporting. The District Manager will be responsible for administering, guiding, and coordinating staff and partners while balancing the financial affairs and the operations of the District. This activity will be utilized to continue providing pay increases to retain quality staff.

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone	\$51,794.00	\$51,794.00	\$0.00	06/18/2022	N
	SWCD)					

#### **Actual Results**

Administration: workload, training, and reporting. The District Manager is responsible for administering, guiding and coordinating staff and partners while balancing the financial affairs and the operations of the District.

11/7/2021-12/31/2021:

District Manager - 168.75 hrs @ \$63.21/hr = \$10,666.68

1/1/2022-6/18/2022:

District Manager - 629.25 hrs @ \$65.42/hr = \$41,165.53 (total applied exceeds budget amount by \$38.21)

### Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Cost Share Assistance Shoreline/Streambank Restorations

Activity Category: Streambank or Shoreline Protection

Staff time?: No

Description: Soil Erosion – 2022 Local Capacity Cost Share Assistance for Agricultural Projects/Shoreline/Streambank Projects. Ref: Big Stone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan - Cost Share Program Requirements Section A. High Priority Erosion Problems. This activity will provide cost share assistance to landowners who participate in highly valuable BMPs. Examples of these streambank and shoreline protection BMPs include, but are not limited to filter strips, shoreline restoration projects, streambank and shoreline protection, technical and financial assistance to achieve compliance with existing regulations, incorporation of cover crops, conservation tillage, or other practices that filter sediment, reduce soil erosion, and protect surface water quality. Available cost share funds will be awarded and reimbursed for eligible practices with rates consistent with FY22 BWSR Erosion and Sediment Control program policy utilizing the Non-Structural Management section.

Source Type	Source Description	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Spent</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u> <u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)	\$30,000.00		\$30,000.00	N
Actual Results					

### Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Education/Information

Activity Category: Education/Information Staff time?: No

**Description:** Soil Erosion – 2022 Local Capacity Education and Information. Ref: Big Stone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. This activity will allow funding for necessary training events for staff. Examples of training include, but are not limited to: MASWCD Leadership Institute, Administrative and Technical training sessions, training for staff for new accounting software (additional training that is required to remain up to date with BWSR accounting requirements and reports), conservation planning certification, prairie restoration training, shoreland restoration training, engineering training, and other educational events provided by the USFWS, DNR, U of M, or NRCS training courses. This activity provides funds for the actual costs of the training and education of staff, such as hotel costs and registration fees. This activity may also be utilized for material costs for educational events put on by the SWCD.

### **Budget Details**

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	09/26/2022	N
	SWCD)					

#### **Actual Results**

portion of lodging costs for BWSR Academy for District Manager - \$174.41 (\$100.00 applied to budget item for education)

### Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Equipment/Supplies

Activity Category: Supplies/Equipment Staff time?: No

**Description:** Soil Erosion – 2022 Local Capacity Equipment and Supplies. Ref: Big Stone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. This activity will contribute toward the purchase of equipment and technology as needed to increase the District's ability to provide quality services to our customers. The District plans to utilize these grant dollars to purchase the following equipment and technology, but not limited to: updated laptops and software for seasonal staff to utilize to further engage with the public and submit reports, continued service from phone and internet lines into the office (required for needed additional staff that cannot access the federal system), printer lease and monthly service agreement to accommodate workload, wireless internet monthly fees required for the GPS equipment.

Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	<u>Spent</u>	Balance Remaining	<b>Last Transaction Date</b>	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone SWCD)	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	12/11/2023	N

#### **Actual Results**

Equipment costs applied to 2022 Local Capacity:

- -Marco Technologies copier/printer lease \$99.78
- -New Tech Solutions federal laptop for new Programs Technician to replace outdated laptop \$2336.23
- -Federated Telephone \$96.29

-Verizon - \$45.30

total applied 12/6/2022-12/19/2022: \$2577.60

Equipment Costs Applied To 2022 Local Capacity for CY2023:

Marco Technologies - printer/copier lease for District use, separate from federal copier: \$908.69

Federated Telephone - District phone service separate from federal phones: \$861.79

Verizon - phone number assigned to District for jetpack for GPS system: \$362.49

Runnings - hand seeder for small areas drill can not access to implement field practices: \$42.59

Arc GIS - annual license for fee: \$106.88

Total Applied to Equipment CY2023:

\$2,222.40 (Total Applied exceeds budget amount by \$60.04)

## Activity Name: Soil Erosion - 2022 Local Capacity Technical Assistance

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Soil Erosion – 2022 Local Capacity Technical Assistance. Ref: Big Stone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. This activity will provide for technical time for current full time technical staff regarding continued job performance, training, marketing, engineering and enhanced knowledge of conservation programs and services provided by the District. This activity will be utilized to continue providing pay increases to retain quality staff. These positions are necessary to the increased capacity for the SWCD to continue to grow their conservation efforts including: more coordination with landowners, increased quality and quantity of reporting activities, and increased workload toward competitive grants and state regulation implementation. This activity will also assist in the contracted hire of a Technical Service Provider approved by BWSR to assist in training staff toward NRCS JAA, while providing landowners with assistance on non-structural practices such as: cover crops, nutrient management, and conservation tillage. This activity will also be used to continue assisting West Central Technical Service Area with reimbursement of their time assisting staff and landowners in designing structural engineered practices such as: WASCOBs, grassed waterways, shoreline restorations, rain gardens, and other qualified practices.

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Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Last Transaction Date	Match Fund?
Current State Grant	2022 - SWCD Local Capacity Services (Big Stone	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$0.00	12/31/2022	N
	SWCD)					

#### **Actual Results**

Technical and Engineering Assistance and applied time for technical staff with regard to continued job performance, training, marketing, engineering and enhanced knowledge of conservation programs and assistance to landowners in applying these practices.

11/7/2021-12/31/2021:

District Technician - 65.5 hrs @ \$45.80/hr = \$2,999.90

1/1/2022-12/5/2022;

WCTSA - engineering and work on future conservation projects - \$607.50

District Technician - 283.75 hrs @ \$56.91/hr = \$16,148.21

- 39.5 hrs @ \$49.56/hr = \$1957.62

Programs Technician - 82.25 hrs @ \$42.73/hr = \$3514.54

- 221.5 hrs @ \$48.76/hr = \$10,800.34

Total technical assistance applied in CY2022 -

\$32,420.71 (total applied exceeds budget by \$28.11)

# Activity Name: soil erosion-2022 Local Capacity Cost Share Assistance-shorelin projects

**Activity Category:** Streambank or Shoreline Protection

Staff time?: No

**Description:** 

**Actual Results**