



Le Sueur County, MN

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Board Meeting

Item 6

9:30 a.m. Darrell Pettis, County Administrator

RE: 2019 Budget Discussion

RE: Review and update Commissioner Committees list for 2019

RE: AMC Conference - New Commissioner

RE: DNR Grant Agreement

RE: CD54 Sanborn Lake Drawdown

Staff Contact:

Commissioner Committee Assignments 2019 Draft

Commissioner Gliszinski (1): AMC, NACO, Tri-County Solid Waste, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, ~~German—Jefferson Sewer District~~, Roads & Bridge, Guardian Ad Litem, Transportation Alliance, Fair Board, Work Force Council, Labor Management, Insurance Review, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority, Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority, AMC Public Safety Policy Committee, West Jefferson Sewer District, Building Committee, Township Board Meetings, City Council Meetings, Annual Lake Association Meetings

Commissioner O’Keefe (2): AMC, NACO, Tri-County Solid Waste, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, ~~German—Jefferson Sewer District~~, Roads & Bridges, Law Library, Le Sueur County Aging & Transit, AMC General Government Policy Committee, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority, Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority, West Jefferson Sewer District, Township Board Meetings, City Council Meetings, Annual Lake Association Meetings

Commissioner King (3): AMC, NACO, Tri-County Solid Waste, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, ~~German—Jefferson Sewer District~~, Roads & Bridges, Airport Commission for Le Sueur, MSSA, Joint Powers, MCIT, Transportation Alliance, Safety Committee, Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (GBERBA), Ney Foundation, Le Sueur – Waseca Regional Library, AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee and Le Sueur – Scott Joint Drainage Authority, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority, Regional Radio Board, TH169 Coalition, 3 County Transit, West Jefferson Sewer District, Building Committee, Township Board Meetings, City Council Meetings, Annual Lake Association Meetings, **Parks Board**

Commissioner Wetzel (4): AMC, NACO, Tri-County Solid Waste, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, ~~German—Jefferson Sewer District~~, Roads & Bridges, Le Sueur County Developmental Services (LCDS), EMS Joint Powers, MVCOC, Cannon River Watershed, Public Health Advisory Committee, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory, Family Services Collaborative, Regional Radio Board, AMC Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee, Le Sueur – Rice Joint Drainage Authority, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority and Transportation Alliance, Personnel Committee, 3 County Transit, West Jefferson Sewer District, Township Board Meetings, City Council Meetings, Annual Lake Association Meetings, 1W1P,

Commissioner Rohlffing (5): MVAC, AMC, NACO, Tri-County Solid Waste, Le Sueur-Waseca Board of Health, ~~German—Jefferson Sewer District~~, Roads & Bridges, MCIT, Mental Health Advisory, Immtrack Joint Powers Board, Transportation Alliance, VIP, Scenic Byway Alliance, MN River Basins, Region 9, SBA, Le Sueur County Developmental Services (LCDS), Le Sueur – Waseca Regional Library, Mental Health Advisory, AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee, Historical Society, Le Sueur – Blue Earth Joint Drainage Authority, Airport Commission for Mankato, SHIP Community Leadership Team, West Jefferson Sewer District, Township Board Meetings, City Council Meetings, Annual Lake Association Meetings, 1W1P, **Parks Board**

Chair and Vice Chair:

- Chair and Vice Chair - Human Resources Committee (Recruitment, Labor Relations, Employee Benefits, Employee Relations, Compensation/Classification, Staff Development and Strategic Planning),
- Chair and Vice Chair - Extension Committee
- Board Chair - Planning & Zoning Commission

Hello Rudy-

I apologize for the delay in my response, I was out of the office until Tuesday. Yes, your new commissioner is welcome to come to the conference. You should check with your county attorney and administrator, but I believe the state statutes allow the county board to reimburse a newly elected commissioner for attending the conference ([375.055 subd. 8](#); copied below).

Subd. 8. Training expenses. The county board may reimburse a newly elected county commissioner for expenses incurred prior to assuming office for attendance at a training or education program which will familiarize the commissioner with official duties.

The newly elected commissioner does not need to do anything special to register for the conference. They can register at this link:

http://www.mncounties.org/meetings_and_education/amc_annual_conference/registration.php

If they have trouble getting a hotel room or being added to the waiting list for a hotel room, please contact Laurie Klupacs AMC's deputy director (lkupacs@mncounties.org).

Best-
Jill

1. STATE ENCUMBRANCE
VERIFICATION

Individual certifies that funds have been encumbered
as required by Minn. Stat. '§ 16A.15 and 16C.05.

By: Kristel Peters

Date: 10/24/18

Purchase Order Number:

3-142827

Contract #: 149528

3. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By: _____
with delegated authority

Name: James T. Leach

Title: Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife

Date: _____

2. GRANTEE

The Grantee certifies that the appropriate person(s)
have executed the grant contract on behalf of the
Grantee as required by applicable articles, bylaws,
resolutions, or ordinances.

By: Tyler Luethje

Name: Tyler Luethje

Title: Parks Director / Land Manager

Date: 10/31/18

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: County Administrator / Project Manager

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Application

Printed 2018-10-10

Project Contact

Project name

Lake Washington Regional Park Restoration

Organization name

Le Sueur County

Organization type

Government

Mailing address 1

88 South Park Ave

Mailing address 2

City

Le Center

State

MN

Zip code

56057

Project manager

Darrell Pettis

Title

County Administrator

Phone

507-357-8220

Email

dpettis@co.le-sueur.mn.us

Project Overview

Sites / Locations

County name:

Le Sueur

Project site name:

Lake Washington Regional Park

Total project sites:

3

Total project sites:

3

Total project acres:

49

Land Ownership

Primary land ownership:

County

Additional land ownerships:

Habitat

Primary habitat type:

Prairie

Additional habitat types:

Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat

Activities

Primary activity:

Restoration

Additional activities:

ECP activities:

Establish New Prairie/Grassland, Mow/Herbicide For Invasives Or Recent Est.
Grassland/Prairie, Seed Purchase Of Native Species, Site Prep for Habitat Enhancement,
Tree Planting, Upland Vegetation Enhancement

Project Finding Summary

Total grant amount requested	\$22,329
Total match amount pledged	\$2,558
Additional funding amount	
Total project cost	\$24,887

Project Summary

Have you ever received a CPL grant before? No

Project Location Summary

Primary county

Le Sueur

Project site name

Lake Washington Regional Park

Primary land ownership

County

Habitat and Activity Summary

Habitat type

Prairie

Primary activity

Restoration

Total project sites

3

Total project acres

49

Site information

Lake Washington Regional Park is a 166 acre county park that is located along nearly one mile of shoreline on Lake Washington in Le Sueur County. The park currently has diverse habitat and we are looking to continue our restoration of the park to enhance the habitat. Presently, there are 26 acres of wetlands, 62 acres of forest or timber areas, 2 acres of mowed grass for recreational purposes, 4 acres of a walnut tree grove, 12 acres of campground, and 49 acres of tillable cropland, along with 1 mile of Shanaska Creek flowing out of Lake Washington through the park. The restoration project with the CPL Grant is going to be used on taking the 49 acres of tillable land out of crop production and restoring it with native grasses and trees. To get the full benefit of the land, improve wildlife habitat, promote outdoor recreation, and do our part to enhance water quality within Lake

Washington and the surrounding area, it is in the best interest of the county to restore the 49 acres of tillable cropland with native prairies and trees. While the county park is not open to public hunting, it provides an abundance of wildlife habitat for several species common to the region, including Deer, Waterfowl, Rabbits, Squirrels, Turkeys, Pheasants, Raccoon, Fox, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, and Otter, along with a number of different bird species and pollinators. Within our native prairie restoration, we will also be including 2 separate 1 acre pollinator plots. Lake Washington's shoreline is fully developed with residential houses, except for the 1 mile of shoreline along the county park and the 166 acres within the park. With the surrounding area being dominated by agriculture, the county park provides one of the few year round areas for a number of species to survive and thrive. By adding an additional 49 acres of native prairie and trees to the area, we will be providing excellent habitat for a number of animals and pollinators within the area. In addition to providing nature and wildlife benefits by adding 49 acres of native prairie and trees, we will be providing additional outdoor recreation opportunities for the public within the region. The park currently features a 12 acre campground and 3.5 miles of natural trails for hiking. Our plan is to provide additional self guided hiking trails for the public along the perimeter of the newly restored land. The public will be able to enjoy hiking, birding, observing wildlife and nature, amongst others.

Methods

Le Sueur County Parks Department has worked closely with the Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District on how we can get the results we want on our land, which types of seeds to plant, how to manage them, and even on this grant application. Between the Parks Department and the SWCD, a large amount of the work will be done by staff and/or volunteers, and equipment from each department. The 49 acres currently has soybeans growing in it for the 2018 season, SWCD has recommended doing our restoration work following a soybean season rather than a corn season. If awarded this grant, we would start our prairie restoration work right away in the spring of 2019. Le Sueur County Highway Department will provide an in-kind donation of their tractor, SWCD will provide an in-kind donation of their drill. We anticipate approximately 15 hours of staff time to plant the prairie restoration. In addition to the native grass plantings, Le Sueur County Parks will be in charge of any and all long term management of the land. To help with the growing, we plan on mowing it down twice within the two years of planting with a goal of really seeing the prairie take off in year 3. Along with restoring a native prairie, we are also planting 350 bur oak trees. The trees will be 3-4 feet tall at the time of planting. Again, with the help of the Le Sueur County Highway Department and the Le Sueur County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Parks Department and volunteers will be planting the trees using a tractor and tree planter. To help with the long term success of the trees, we will be planting them in rows with tree fabric at the base and tree tubes around the trunks.

Need for funding

Receiving CPL funding to work on our native prairie restoration would greatly increase the quality of land, life, habitat, and water for the region, animals, plants, people, and Lake Washington. Le Sueur County does not have the funds allocated towards the native seeding that would take place on this land. Le Sueur County Parks Department also receives rent

each year on the tillable cropland. By taking that land out of crop production and replacing it with a native prairie, the county is already taking a large financial hit each year. If the county were to pay for the restoration work themselves while losing income on the land, it simply will not get done in the foreseeable future and the land will stay in row crops until another funding source becomes available. Le Sueur County Parks Department is prepared to lose the income on the land and has begun work on future budgets to prepare for the income loss, but adding a large restoration cost is not feasible. While our park is not open to public hunting, it does provide all the habitat that is needed for a wide range of animals in the region to thrive. Adding 50 acres of native grasses and trees to our 166 acre park will be a huge benefit for the area. In addition to the wildlife, we will also be including two separate 1 acre pollinator plots within the prairie to provide an essential piece of habitat for pollinators that are missing in the area. Lastly, this will all be accessible to the public through different forms of outdoor recreation. The perimeter of the area we will be restoring is currently a mowed hiking trail. That trail will remain in place but will be greatly enhanced by allowing the public to now hike along the borders of a restored prairie that is abundant with wildlife, rather than a field full of row crops.

Project Timeline

Time Frame (month, season and/or year)

2019-2022

Goal

Plant in 2019, mow and enhance each year after to complete by 2022

Estimated project completion date

2022-06-30

(must be complete by 2022-06-30)

Budget Information

Name

Tyler Luethje

Title

Parks Director

Email

tluethje@co.le-sueur.mn.us

Phone

507-357-8201

Street address 1

88 South Park Ave

Street address 2

City

Le Center

State

MN

Zip Code

56057

Budget Details

Personnel

Name	Title / work to be completed	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Parks Dep./SWCD	Planting Native Seed Mix	\$300	Match	In-kind
Parks Dep./SWCD	Mowing 2 times after planting	\$500	Match	In-kind
Parks Dep./SWCD	Treen Planting	\$480	Match	In-kind

Contracts

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Contractor Name	Contracted Work	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
N/A	Site Prep/Spray/Cultivate	\$1,250	Grant	

Equipment/Tools/Supplies

Item	Purpose	Amount	Grant/Match	In-kind/Cash
Native Seed Mix	Seed	\$16,121	Grant	
Pollinator Seed	Seed	\$1,045	Grant	
Mowing - Two times	Enhance native prairie	\$1,800	Grant	
Bur Oak Trees 3-4'	350 Trees	\$737	Grant	
Tree Tubes	Protect Trees	\$1,026	Grant	
Tree Fabric	Protect Trees	\$350	Grant	
Tractor Rental	Plant Native Prairie Mix	\$156	Match	In-kind
Drill Rental	Plant Native Prairie Mix	\$600	Match	In-kind
Mowing Tractor Rental	Rent tractor to mow	\$300	Match	In-kind
Tree Planter Rental	Plant Trees	\$30	Match	In-kind
Tractor Rental	Plant Trees	\$192	Match	In-kind

Additional Funding

Additional Funds are dollars used towards the project that are not grant funds or counted as match.

Additional funding amount

Budget Overview

Item Type	Grant	Match	Total
Personnel		\$1,280	\$1,280
Contracts	\$1,250		\$1,250
Travel (in-state)			
Professional Services			
Equipment/Tools/Supplies	\$21,079	\$1,278	\$22,357
Additional Budget Items			
Total:	\$22,329	\$2,558	\$24,887

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Site Information

Land Manager

Name

Tyler Luethje

Organization

Le Sueur County

Title

Parks Director

Review and approval form

lm-approval.pdf

Phone

507-357-8201

Email

tluethje@co.le-sueur.mn.us

Site Information

Site name

Lake Washington Regional Park

Habitat

Fish, Game or Wildlife Habitat

Activity

Restoration

Land ownership

County

Pls section

T: 109 R: 26 D: W S: 12

Project acres

166

Open to public hunting?

No

Open to public fishing?

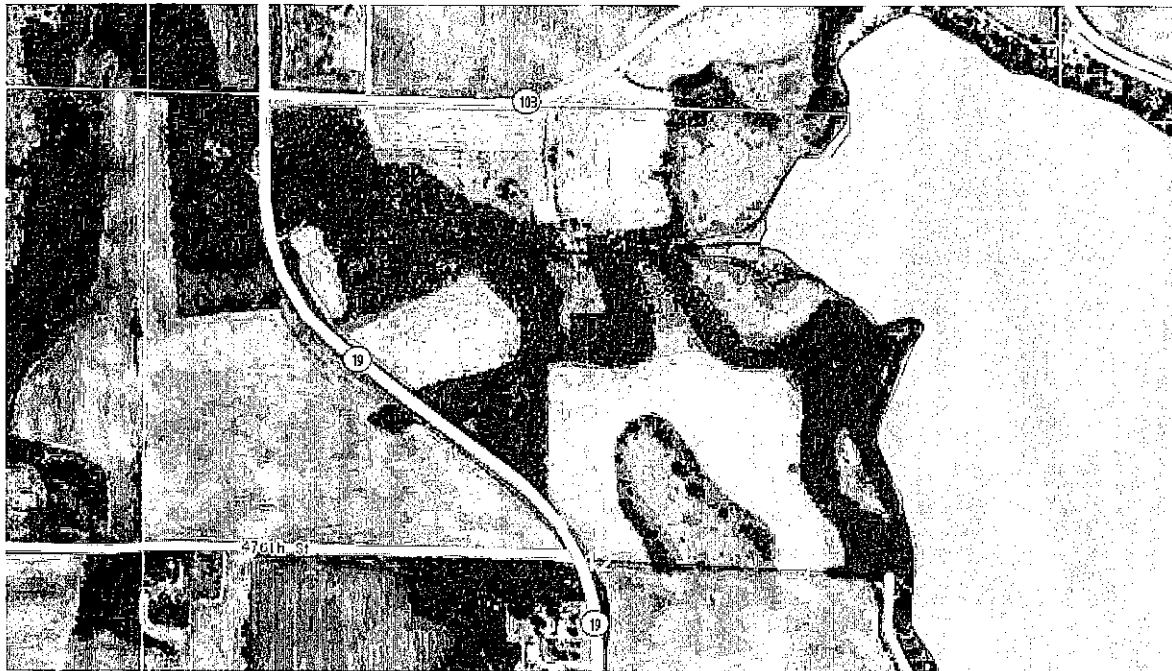
Yes - all

ECP activities

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Grassland/Prairie, Seed Purchase Of Native Species, Site Prep for Habitat Enhancement,
Tree Planting, Upland Vegetation Enhancement

Will you receive any revenues during the grant period from activities on this land?

Yes



Natural Heritage Database Review

Answer the following questions

Natural Heritage elements were found within one mile of my project site(s)

No

List all elements found within one mile of site(s) and discuss how you will mitigate or avoid impacts to these elements.

N/A

Attachments

Additional Documentation

Attach additional documentation as applicable using the appropriate categories below. If you exceed the size limit while uploading, contact CPL staff to discuss your options.

Letters of Support

File	Description
Parks_Board_Letter.pdf	Le Sueur County Parks Board Letter of Support
2018_9_LWIA_cty_park_grant_support.pdf	Lake Washington Improvement Association Letter of Support

Partner Commitment Letters

File	Description
Letter_of_Support_SWCD.pdf	SWCD Letter of Support & Partner Commitment

Photos

File	Description
2018_CPL_Grant_Map_Updated.pdf	Lake Washington Regional Park Map

Restoration Plans

Engineering/Survey/Design Plans

Supplemental Documents

File	Description
Land_Manager_Review_Form.pdf	Land Manager Review Form

Final Application Submission

This completes your CPL Grant Application. Please take the time to revisit the previous sections and make sure you have entered everything completely and correctly. Once you hit the submit button below, you will not be able to return to this application to make changes.

- ✓ I certify that I have read the Conservation Partners Legacy Grants Program Request for Proposal, Program Manual and other program documents, and have discussed this project with the appropriate public land manager, or private landowner and easement holder.

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- ✓ I certify that all of the information contained in the application is correct as of the time of the submission. If anything should change, I will contact CPL Grant Staff immediately to make corrections.

- ✓ I certify that if funded I will give consideration to and make timely written contact to Minnesota Conservation Corps or its successor for consideration of possible use of their services to contract for restoration and enhancement services. I will provide CPL staff a copy of that written contact within 10 days after the execution of my grant, should I be awarded.

- ✓ I certify that I am aware at least one Land Manager Review and Approval form is required for every application and at least one Public Waters Contact form is required for all public waters work. I am aware I must submit all completed forms by uploading them into this application. I have attached the required type and number of forms as necessary for this project.

- ✓ I am aware that by typing my name in the box below, I am applying my signature to this online document.

Signature

Tyler Luethje

Title

Parks Director

Organization / Agency

Le Sueur County

Date

2018-09-14