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\$259,500 in Clean Water grants awarded to Roseau River Watershed District

Roseau, MN—Roseau River Watershed District (RRWD) announced today that two of their projects have been awarded funding from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) through the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

The CD 8 Sub-watershed Sediment Reduction Project was proposed to help landowners in that drainage are reduce soil erosion in their fields by installing 21 side-water inlets, 2 grade stabilization drop structures and 325 linear feet of channel stabilization. The proposed work will keep an estimated 275 tons of sediment out of the Roseau River annually. Sites were chosen after being identified and prioritized based on the amount of sediment contribution.

The Roseau Lake Water Quality Improvement Project will develop a report that will include an implementation plan to improve water quality in the Roseau Lake Sub-watershed. The project is being completed in cooperation with the International Water Institute and will result in the development of site specific actions through the use of the Prioritize, Targeting, and Measuring Application (PTMApp).

“Thanks to the Legacy funding, we’ve been able to accelerate our work on water quality issues. The Roseau River is an important natural resource and we will continue our efforts to work with landowners and other agencies to implement good water quality strategies” Chairman LeRoy Carriere said.

Since the Amendment was passed by Minnesota voters in Nov. 2008, more than \$112 million has been invested in “on-the-ground” projects. Citizens and local governments have installed more than 4,100 conservation practices to improve the quality in the state’s lakes, rivers and wetlands.

“Using sound science and the on-the-ground knowledge and experience of our local government partners we are able to fund projects that are targeted towards the most critical areas,” BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke said. “This work, and the state, local, and private landowner partnerships that support it, help move our state towards its water quality goals.”

In this grant cycle 133 applications were received, totaling \$31.4 million in requests for the \$12 million in available funds. 64 applications were funded. The projects will begin in 2016.

For more information about RRWD’s Clean Water Fund projects, please visit the website at www.roseauriverwd.com