

*j. mark wedel
county board chairperson;*

august 9, 2012

mr. wedel, i am writing because of concerns of the maintance on our small road , 396th lane, on portage lake, unorganised township. we have been paying taxes on this property for 37 years, and have asked for very little maintance, gravel, grading, etc. in this time period. every time we have contacted the county engineer, we get the same response, " when they want to do something on the road, some one on the road gives them heck " well we out here know who that person most likely is, but he is not the only tax payer in here!! he is always worried about the taxes going up if we get gravel or graded. he tells the blade operator when to come in, shovels the pot holes in up to his place. we have had the grader in once last spring and not since then, last year the county brought gravel in on the first one third of the road (the area that needed it the least,) i called the engineer that day and asked why they didnt continue further. got the same old story. two years ago we got a small load of gravel in part of the road where they repaired a culvert damaged by the snow plow. my sister who lives at the end of the road has been in to the county office, our neighbor lady has made phone calls, and several of the people on the road think we should be getting a little better service. we dont need the road graded every time they do the rest of the township, but more than once a year would be nice !!! as you can see by the pictures, we hauled in some sand from nelsons pit last year, and now i went to mark demenge and bought class five gravel to fill the holes. five trips at one yard at a time, for five yards at my own expense and time.. at a cost of \$40.00 plus thirty miles of driving and most of one day.. we are not asking for the world, but just some cooperation.. thanks for your consideration..

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gloria yerigan, 396th lane 218-768-2719

pat and randy kuschke 25910 396th lane, 218-768-7051

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RE: Investments and Yield

Dear Mr. Wedel:

I have enclosed some ideas to assist you in increasing the yield on your investments. The fund is one I use with other municipalities, and has been approved by their auditors as allowable under their investment policy statements and **Minnesota Statute Chapter 118A**.

The taxable municipal bonds are rated A or better with maturities under 10 years.

I am a fee-only Registered Investment Advisor and my experience and credentials can be found at the website above. Let me know if I can help you increase the revenues for your county.

Sincerely,



Paul Bryan J Zenke, JD

Enclosures

Enhanced Government Fund, Inc.

NYSE: EGF

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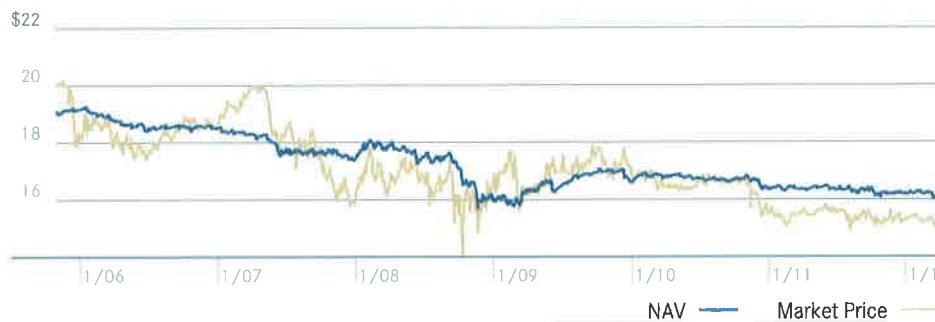
Growth of Hypothetical \$10,000 Investment Over Time (10/31/05 - 3/30/12)



The chart illustrates the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's common shares based on market price beginning on the date noted with all distributions reinvested. Ending value as of 3/30/12. Performance does not reflect sales charges or fees that may be incurred. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

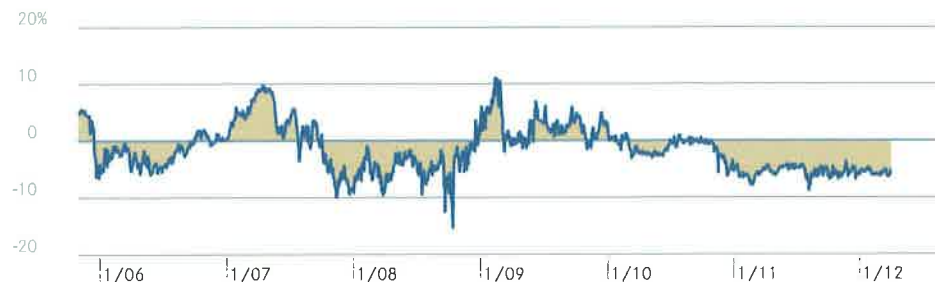
Source: BlackRock

Market price and NAV history – 10/31/05 - 3/30/12



Source: BlackRock

Premium-discount – 10/31/05 - 3/30/12



Premium-discount graph illustrates the amount by which the market price trades above or below net asset value.

Source: BlackRock

Fund Inception Date

10/31/2005

Fund Overview

Enhanced Government Fund, Inc. seeks to provide shareholders with current income and gains. The fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in a portfolio of U.S. Government securities and U.S. Government Agency securities, including U.S. Government mortgage-backed securities, that pay interest in an attempt to generate current income, and by employing a strategy of writing (selling) call options on individual or baskets of U.S. Government securities, U.S. Government Agency securities or other debt securities held by the fund in an attempt to generate gains from option premiums.

Fund Data (3/30/12)

Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share	\$16.14
Share Price	\$15.30
Premium/Discount	-5.20%
Current Yield†	5.49%

Source: BlackRock. † Current yield is calculated by dividing the last distribution per share (annualized) by market price.

Top 5 Industries (3/30/12) *

1. Mortgage	51.3%
2. Sovereigns	29.5%
3. CMBS	10.5%
4. Agency	2.6%
5. ABS	2.4%

* Based on Managed Assets

Top 5 Issuers (3/30/12) *

1. FNMA 30 yr. 2010 Prod. 4.0%	10.8%
2. Treasury Note 0.875%	6.4%
3. FNMA 30 yr. TBA 6.0%	6.3%
4. FNMA 30 yr. 2004 Prod. 5.5%	6.3%
5. FNMA 30 yr. 4.5%	5.6%

* Based on Managed Assets. TBA securities represent a pool of mortgage pass-through securities to be delivered at some time in the future.

Credit Quality (3/30/12) *

AAA rated or above	93.2%
A	2.0%
BBB	1.1%
BB	1.9%
B	0.6%
CCC	0.4%
CC & Below	0.8%

* Based on Managed Assets. Please see "Important information on the fund" below

Portfolio Breakdown (3/30/12) *

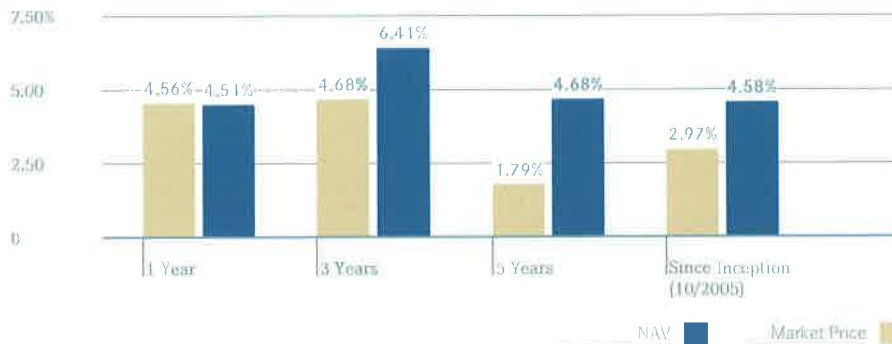
Mortgages	57.5%
U.S. Government	30.8%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	8.6%
Preferred Stock	2.6%
Taxable Muni Bonds	0.5%

* Based on Managed Assets

Distribution History (3/30/12)

Ex-Date	Dividend Per Share
3/13/2012	\$0.070000
2/13/2012	\$0.070000
12/28/2011 *	\$0.070000
12/12/2011	\$0.070000
11/11/2011	\$0.070000
10/12/2011	\$0.070000
9/13/2011	\$0.080000
8/11/2011	\$0.080000
7/13/2011	\$0.080000
6/13/2011	\$0.080000
5/12/2011	\$0.080000
4/13/2011	\$0.080000

* Represents the January monthly distribution.

Average annual total returns (3/30/12)*


Source: BlackRock. * Returns for less than one year are not annualized.

Performance data quoted represents past performance of common shares and does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares may be worth more or less than the original cost. The fund's market price and net asset value will fluctuate with market conditions. All return data assumes reinvestment of all distributions. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For more information, please refer to www.blackrock.com.

Portfolio Characteristics (3/30/12)

Net Assets *	\$177.6 million
Managed Assets †	\$254.1 million
Leverage §	\$76.5 million
% Leveraged	30.1%
Option-Adjusted Duration	2.98 years
% Overwritten (Swaptions) ‡	45.3%
Dividend Frequency	Monthly

* Does not include the impact of certain securities, including mortgage TBA securities, which may result in a form of leverage and which have risks similar to those generally associated with leverage.

† Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund (including any assets attributable to leverage) minus the sum of accrued liabilities (other than debt representing financial leverage). Does not include the impact of certain securities, including mortgage TBA securities, as discussed above.

§ Leverage is based on a percentage of short-term borrowing in relation to the long-term investments of the Fund

‡ Based on Managed Assets

Important information on the fund: All information and data, including portfolio holdings and performance characteristics, is as of 3/30/12, unless otherwise noted, and is subject to change. Note that closed-end funds often trade at a discount to NAV but may trade at a premium. The two main risks related to fixed income investing are interest rate risk and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in the market value of bonds. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of the bond will not be able to make principal and interest payments. The leverage strategy of the Fund assumes a positive slope to the yield curve (short-term interest rates lower than long-term rates). Otherwise, the benefits of leverage will be reduced or eliminated completely. The Fund may utilize leveraging to seek to enhance the yield and net asset value of its common stock, as described in the Fund's prospectus. These objectives will not necessarily be achieved in all interest rate environments. The use of leverage involves risk, including the potential for higher volatility and greater declines of the Fund's net asset value, fluctuations of dividends and other distributions paid by the Fund and the market price of the Fund's common stock, among others. BlackRock receives credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund from the three major reporting agencies - S&P, Moody's and Fitch. The credit quality breakdown is provided by BlackRock by taking the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security. BlackRock will use the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security, and BlackRock will use one rating if that is all that is provided. Securities that are unrated by all three agencies are reflected as such in the breakdown. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and Below. BlackRock converts all ratings to the equivalent S&P major rating category for purposes of the category shown. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. The fund itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency.

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Example of Available Taxable Municipal Bonds as of 8/9/12

Municipal Offerings Report
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State	Ratings	Qty	CUSIP/Issue	Coupon	Maturity	Yield	Price
CA	Aa2/A+/A	5	672319-BA-7 OAKLAND CALIF PENSION OBLIG TAXABLE PENSION OBLIG GEN PURP/PUB IMPT REV ALL BONDS Ser 2001, Non Callable, Subject to Income Tax, NATL	0.000	12-15-2020	5.258	64.878
CA	Aa3/AA-/	190	786056-BD-2 SACRAMENTO CALIF PENSION OBLIG TAXABLE PENSION OBL GEN PURP/PUB IMPT REV ALL BONDS Ser 2011 A, OID: 99.247, Non Callable, Subject to Income Tax, SEC MKT AGMC	5.850	08-01-2019	4.670	106.947
IL	A2/A+/A	10	452152-DN-8 ILLINOIS ST GO BDS PRIM/SECNDRY ED ULT G.O. ALL BONDS Ser 2010-2, Non Callable, Subject to Income Tax	5.750	03-01-2021	3.641	115.367

YTM = Yield to Maturity YTW = Yield to Worst

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Sue Bingham

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Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2012 8:28 AM
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Cc: 'Sue Bingham'
Subject: FW: Special session flood bill - BWSR background #2
Attachments: Flooddamageassessment Lake SWCD_080312.pdf; ATT00016.htm; Flood 2012 Maps with comps to 2010 and 2007.pdf; ATT00019.htm; ATT00022.pdf; ATT00025.htm

FYI

Sue please place a copy in County Board Correspondence.

From: Brian Napstad [mailto:bnapstad@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 8:38 PM
To: Patrick Wussow
Subject: Fwd: Special session flood bill - BWSR background #2

FYI please copy all board members.....Brian

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jaschke, John (BWSR)" <john.jaschke@state.mn.us>
Date: August 8, 2012 4:11:39 PM CDT
To: Brian Napstad <bnapstad@yahoo.com>, "Gerald Van Amburg (vanambur@cord.edu)" <vanambur@cord.edu>, "kmykleseth@TNC.ORG" <kmykleseth@TNC.ORG>, "paul.langseth@gmail.com" <paul.langseth@gmail.com>, "gtiedemann@rrv.net" <gtiedemann@rrv.net>
Cc: "Anderson, Mary Jo M (BWSR)" <mary.jo.anderson@state.mn.us>
Subject: FW: Special session flood bill - BWSR background #2

BWSR AAC members: Legislative work underway for possible special session on Aug 24th. Lots of the details we are working on are below/attached. Just keeping you in the loop as it evolves.
JJaschke

From: Jaschke, John (BWSR)
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2012 4:09 PM
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Subject: RE: Special session flood bill - BWSR background #2

Attached are three more items that include comparisons to the past flash floods in 2007 (Southeast) and 2010 (Southern) and a response to the request for specific needs assessments.

1. Climatological data/analysis for the recent flash floods assimilated in one document from the State Climatology web site (<http://climate.umn.edu>).
2. BWSR recent funding and outcomes for: Erosion, Sediment, and Water Quality Control and Watershed Protection Projects & Land Retirement via Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Conservation Easements.
3. We won't have lists of specific projects to fix the 2012 damages until applications are submitted to the MN Recovers Task Force. We won't know which projects are eligible and will be funded until the applications are prioritized and funding (from the ordered list of: insurance, federal, state, local/owner) is known. Attached is one example (Lake County) that has some of the details after having completed an estimated 85% of known sites that need assessments.

/s/

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Subject: Special session flood bill - BWSR background

<< File: BWSR 3rd NE preliminary flood numbers July 31 2012.pdf >> << File: So St Louis SWCD PR register flood July 18 2012.pdf >>

Committee Admin. Staff - Amy/Mike/Harry/Jennifer: Attached (#1) is the latest information we have from the local assessment effort which was the information used to make preliminary needs estimates. Assumptions used to prepare the latest estimates are:

1. The assessment work – although incomplete – has identified the most significant damages early in the process even as local governments continue to outreach to citizens (see attachment #2 example) and make site assessments.

2. Federal funding (mostly via USDA-NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection – EWP) will be minimal except for potential help on a few large projects. This federal funding, if it does come from a Congressional appropriation, cannot be used to reimburse prior work by others.
3. The stream restoration work (40+ streams in/near Duluth) that is also connected to the stormwater conveyances and that needs to protect infrastructure in the City of Duluth and neighboring communities and sustain the aquatic/trout habitat will be accomplished with a combination of funding, including some from FEMA public assistance^ (e.g. areas in or connected to city parks or streets).
4. Based on past experience/expectations for the kind of work needed and the federal funding that can be expected from prior flood disaster events on various landscapes (2007 - Southeast, 2009 - Red River, 2010 - South Central).

^ As was mentioned by Kris Eide, a Duluth Streams Restoration Work Group was formed late last week that includes local officials and state (DNR, BWSR) and federal staff that is meeting tomorrow to begin the coordination work that will be needed. As also noted, getting some of the work underway and buttoned up before winter is important.

Subd. 2: Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Conservation Easements. Range \$1.0-\$2.9M. Best estimate = \$2M

This is for land that is too damaged to repair too likely to be flooded again and is thus put into a conservation purpose via acquisition of a state conservation easement. No federal funding expected.

Subd. 3: Erosion, Sediment, and Water Quality Control and Watershed Protection Projects. Range \$7-\$29M. Best estimate = \$15M

This is to repair streambanks, hillsides, stormwater conveyance and treatment systems and soil erosion problems via engineered or biologically designed standards to fix the infrastructure or natural resource so that future floods do not cause similar harm. A local government sponsor is needed for each project. Partial federal funding for a few of the largest projects is possible.

Finally, a summary of what was done in southeastern MN for the 2007 Flood is at: http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/publications/flood_recovery-2009.pdf. Each disaster event is different and each site needs to be assessed and fixed uniquely, but it may give a sense of what the proposed funds will be used for and result in. Let me know if you have any questions.

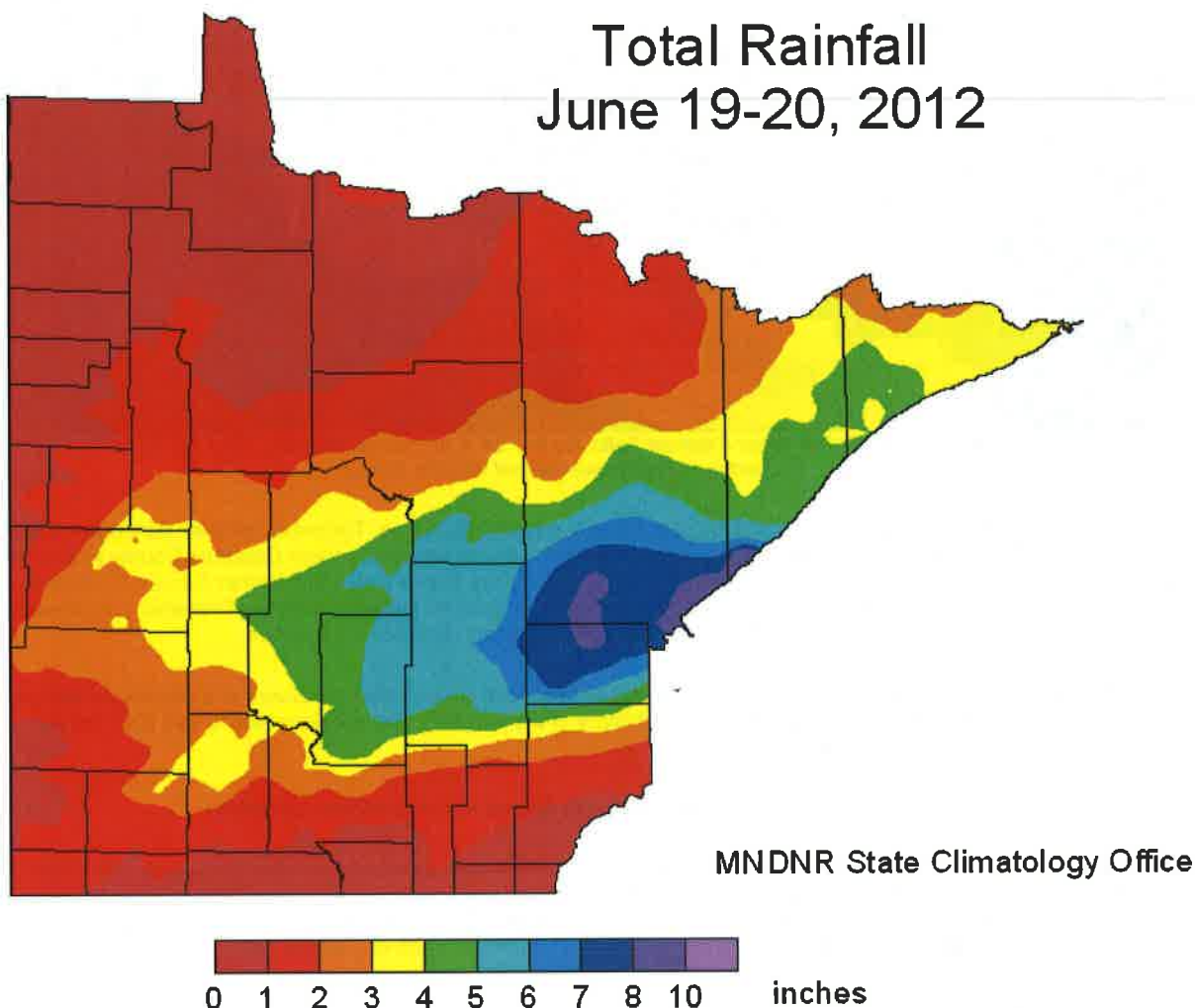
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Recent Minnesota Flash Floods with Major Federal Disaster Declarations: 2012, 2010, 2007

(Minnesota Climatology Working Group, State Climatology Office - DNR Division of Ecological & Water Resources / University of Minnesota)

Duluth Area Flash Flood of June 19-20, 2012

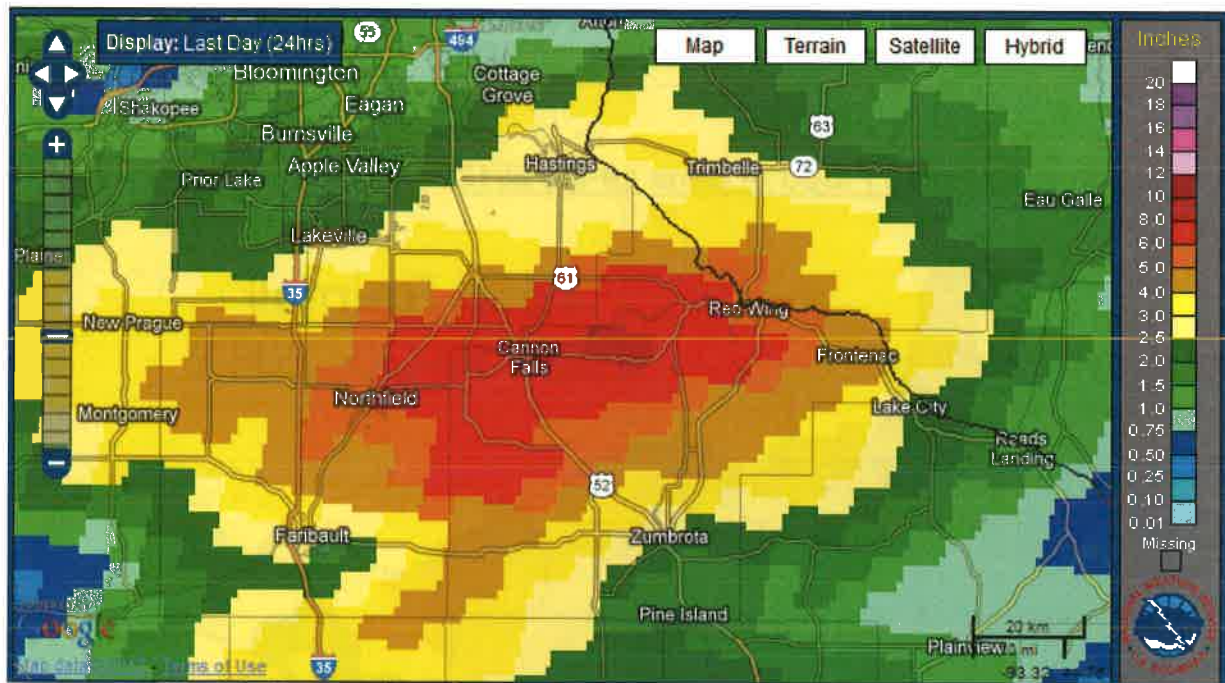


The most damaging flood in Duluth's history. The most damaging flood in Duluth's history began when heavy rains fell over already saturated ground, making the situation worse. The main event occurred from around noon on the 19th through about noon on the 20th. At the Duluth National Weather Service the rainfall total on June 19th was 4.14 inches, with the two day total of 7.24 inches. The record one day total rainfall for Duluth is 5.20 inches on July 21, 1909. The highest precipitation total found so far for the multi-day event is 10.10 inches from a NWS employee just northeast of Duluth. Two Harbors saw 9.93 inches of rain.

The focal point for the heavy rain was north of a slow moving warm front draped across central Minnesota. Waves of thunderstorms developed and affected areas from Brainerd to Duluth, with southern St. Louis County and Carlton County hit especially hard. Substantial flooding was reported in many areas around Duluth, including the Lake Superior Zoo. I-35 was closed for a time in Duluth. Highway 61 was still closed through June 21 between Duluth and Two Harbors. Road closures were commonplace in Itasca, Aitkin, Carlton, southern Lake, and southern St. Louis Counties.

The St. Louis River at Scanlon rose 11 feet and hit a record crest of 16.62 ft, breaking the old record of 15.8 feet that was set on May 9, 1950. Some evacuation of homes was necessary. This storm eclipsed a heavy rain event in [August 1972](#) that caused serious damage in the Duluth area.

Cannon Falls Flash Flood of June 14, 2012



Precipitation Totals Near Cannon Falls for the 24 hour period ending June 15, 2012

Courtesy: Chanhassen National Weather Service

Torrential rains fall on Goodhue, Rice and Dakota County causing flooding. Torrential rains fell during the afternoon and evening of June 14 in Goodhue, Rice and Dakota Counties. Hardest hit was northern Goodhue County with reports of six to eight inches. The highest 24 hour total found so far is 8.83 inches from a National Weather Service Cooperative observer located in Cannon Falls. Another volunteer observer reported 8.40 inches in Stanton Township in northwestern Goodhue County. Another observer located in Northfield in Rice County recorded 7.13 inches.

The 8.83 inches measured at Cannon Falls is the largest 24-hour total June rainfall measured at a Minnesota National Weather Service Volunteer Cooperative station in the history of the program. The previous record was 8.67 inches measured on June 17, 1957 at Minnesota.

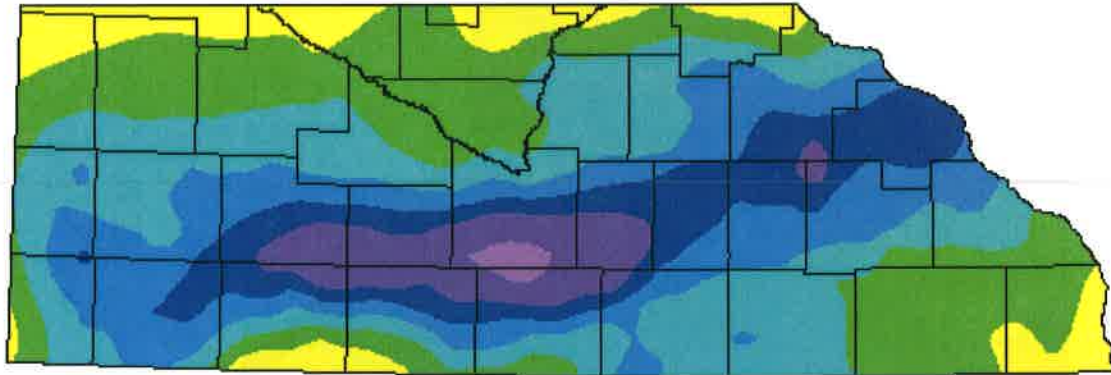
The focus for the heavy rain was a stalled warm front that was draped across southern Minnesota.

The heavy downpours caused flooding in basements in the hard hit areas, as well as rapidly rising rivers. The Little Cannon River near Cannon Falls rose twelve feet in about ten hours and set a new record crest. The Cannon River at Welch was near a record crest by 10am June 15. Numerous roads were closed in Goodhue County, including Highway 52 during the evening of the 14th. People were being asked to evacuate their homes in parts of Cannon Falls.

The Chanhassen National Weather Service has produced a summary about the June 14-15, 2012 flooding.

2010 Southern Minnesota

Total Rainfall September 22-23, 2010

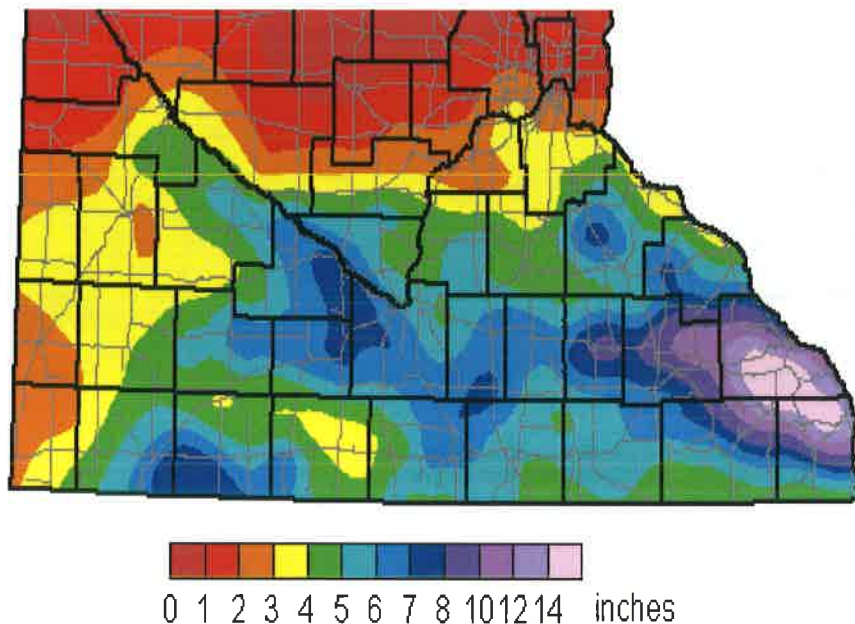


MNDNR State Climatology Office

There was one major flash flood of six or more inches in 24 hours in 2010 and that was the September 22-23, 2010 event over southern Minnesota. It was the largest flash flood event to hit the state since the August 18-20, 2007 flood. The National Weather Service observer in Amboy reported 10.68 inches in 24 hours and the highest two-day total from the MNGage network was 11.06 inches near Winnebago in Faribault County. Post-event Report: [Floods of September 2010 in Southern Minnesota PDF](#) (US Geological Survey)

2007 Southeast Minnesota

Rainfall Totals for Southern Minnesota August 18 through August 20 (8:00 AM CDT), 2007



State Climatology Office - DNR Waters

August 18-20, 2007: Southeast Minnesota

The most memorable singular event of 2007 is the southeast Minnesota flood of August 18-20, 2007. A series of thunderstorms moving along a stalled frontal boundary dropped extremely heavy rain on much of southern Minnesota beginning August 18. The most intense precipitation rates occurred during the afternoon and evening hours of Saturday, August 18, and the early morning hours of Sunday, August 19. Over the course of the event, all or portions of 28 counties received at least four inches of rain. Six-inch totals were common across the region, and portions of southeastern Minnesota reported astounding rainfall amounts ranging from 8 to 18 inches. The heaviest rainfall reports came from Winona, Fillmore, and Houston counties, where 36-hour totals exceeded 14 inches. The largest multi-day rainfall total reported was 18.17 inches observed west of La Crescent in northern Houston County. An official National Weather Service climate observer near Hokah in Houston County reported a storm total of 16.27 inches. Of the 16.27 inches, 15.10 inches fell within the observer's 24-hour observation cycle ending at 8:00 AM on Sunday, August 19. This is the largest 24-hour rainfall total ever recorded by an official National Weather Service reporting location in Minnesota. *The previous Minnesota record was 10.84 inches, measured at the city of Fort Ripley in Crow Wing County on July 22, 1972.*

The deluge produced flooding tied to seven fatalities. Major flood damage occurred in many southeastern Minnesota communities. Hundreds of homes and businesses were impacted. Reports of stream flooding, urban flooding, mud slides, and road closures were numerous throughout southern Minnesota. The combination of huge rainfall totals and a very large geographic extent, make this episode one of the most significant rainfall events in Minnesota's climate history. A six-inch rainfall total for a given location in this region over a 24-hour period is said to be a "100-year" (1% probability) storm. The area receiving six or more inches during a 24-hour period in the midst of this torrent encompassed thousands of square miles. Other heavy rainfall events during this decade of comparable magnitude and spatial coverage include extraordinary rainfalls in northwestern Minnesota on June 9-10, 2002 and in southern Minnesota on September 14-15, 2004.

Lake County SWCD Flood Damage Assessment
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Landowner Contact	Location/Twp./Sec	Description	Repair of Existing Conservation Practices	Type of Damage			Site Assessment Date	Type of Project	Engineering Yes/No	Cost Estimate	Other Funding Source Available	State C-S Eligible?
				New Practices on Flood Damage Areas	New Cons. Practices Mitigate Future Flood Damage	Possible RIM Site						
SWCD Priorities												
Louise Thureen, 2398 Hwy 61, Two Harbors, MN 55616 218-834-6550	T53N, R10W, Sec 12	shoreline erosion, loss of metal staircase, loss of ~20 ft of yard, impacting septic drainfield on Lake Superior	X	X		No	6/21/2012	shoreline stabilization, septic drainfield repair and/or total replacement	Yes	\$30,000	TBD	Yes (Lake Superior)
Barb Ion, 1798 Hwy 61, Two Harbors, MN, 55616, 218-834-6483	T53N, R10W, Sec 21	Slump on Lake Superior shoreline. Lost large balsam poplar, sediment stayed above OHWL. Minimal damage to yard, gardens, and staircase	X	X		No	6/25/2012	shoreline stabilization	Yes	\$5,000	TBD	Yes (Lake Superior)
John Haase, 2792 Hwy 61, Castle Danger, MN, Gooseberry Cabins and Campground- last cabin before the big house, wood moose cutout. 612-750-1531	T54N, R9W, Sec 32	Lake Superior shoreline erosion. Check culvert under highway to see if it could be causing problems. Update 7/19; Mn/DOH confirmed the culvert dead-ends underground. They will be excavating it and correcting drainage. Landowner is applying some erosion control blanket, straw mulch, and grass seed to shoreline.	X	X		No	6/25/2012	Shoreline stabilization	Yes	\$5,000	TBD	Yes (Lake Superior)
Tom & Tracy Berscheid, 1788 Hwy 61, Two Harbors, MN, 55616, 612-220-82285 (Tom cell), 612-220-1114 (Tracy cell)	T53N, R10W, Sec 21	Lake Superior shoreline erosion threatening deck, house	X	X		No	6/26/2012	Shoreline stabilization. House may need to be moved	Yes	\$15,000	TBD	Yes (Lake Superior)
Penny Junemann, 1454 Press Camp Road, Two Harbors, MN, 55616, 218-834-4642	T53N, R10W, Sec 19	Bridge damage over Little Stewart River, River 3 feet deeper than usual (scoured), driveway erosion	X	X		No	6/26/2012	Streambank stabilization; bridge replacement	Yes	\$50,000	TBD	Yes (Stewart River Watershed)
City of Silver Bay Municipal Golf Course, 19 Golf Course Road, Silver Bay, MN 55614, 218-226-3111	T55N, R8W, Sec. 2	loss of golf cart bridge, streambank erosion, potential need to design spillway or alternate channel for Beaver River, woody debris piles	X	X		No	6/22/2012	shoreline stabilization; potential design to include rerouting stream; replacement of lost bridge and damaged asphalt	Yes	\$20,000	TBD	Yes (Beaver River Watershed)
Lake County Forestry Department	Various	Additional costs for flood mitigation BMPs beyond anticipated FEMA funding.	X	X	X	No	Various	Culverts, bridges, road design, etc.	Yes	\$160,857	FEMA (\$182,782)	Various
Lake County Highway Department	Various	Additional costs for flood mitigation BMPs beyond anticipated FEMA funding.	X	X	X	No	Various	Culverts, bridges, road design, etc.	Yes	\$60,020	FEMA (\$1,200,000)	Various
Ruth Boulanger, 720 Hawk Hill Road, 834-3540	T52N, R11W, Sec 18	Driveway, 1000' driveway, some washouts are 3' deep.	X	X		TBD	6/26/2012	Road repair, Gravel fill and grading	Yes	\$7,500	TBD	Yes
Tim Anderson, Knife River, 428-2458. Last house on Alger Smith Road	T52N, R11W, Sec 31	Shoreline erosion. Loss of vegetation, yard.		X			7/10/2012	shoreline stabilization, vegetation planting	No	\$2,000	TBD	Yes
Ray Salakka, 176 East Alger Smith Road, 218-834-4510	T52N, R11W, Sec 31	Been there since 1955, extreme event. Lost furnace and hot water heater. 6 ft. Trees and rock gone.	X	X		No	7/10/2012	shoreline stabilization, vegetation planting	No	\$2,000	TBD	Yes
Shari & Joel MacLeod, 820 Marie Ave, Two Harbors, MN 55616, 218-834-5330, 218-830-0742 (Shari cell), 218-830-0282 (Joel cell)	T53N, R11W, Sec 35	Dry creek bed washed out, riparian tree damage	X			No	7/19/2012	shoreline stabilization, rip rap, grading	Yes	\$10,000	TBD	Yes
Rick Magnuson, 2239 Hwy 12, Two Harbors, 218-834-3124	T53N, R11W, Sec 14	15 ft lawn, Stewart River, clay bank 4-6 ft		X			7/18/2012	shoreline stabilization, vegetation planting	TBD	\$15,000	TBD	Yes
City of Two Harbors	T52N, R11W, Sec 1 & T52N, R10W, Sec 6	Skunk Creek culvert replacement and shoreline stabilization		X			7/19/2012	shoreline stabilization, culvert redesign and replacement	Yes	\$500,000	Yes- FEMA, Hwy De	Partially
Paterson's, 1848 Hwy 61, Two Harbors, MN (via John Bathke)		loss of two 18" culverts on footpath to beach (already replaced), shoreline erosion	X	X			7/20/2012	shoreline stabilization	No	\$5,000	Yes	Yes
Encampment Forest Association (via John Bathke)	Various	Private roadway damage, culverts, shoreline erosion to Crow Creek and Encampment River, loss/damage to pedestrian and vehicle bridges	X	X	X	No	7/25/2012	shoreline stabilization, culvert redesign and replacement	Yes	\$36,200	Yes	Partially
Silver Creek Township		Clark Road, Encampment River crossing	X	X		No		open-bottom culvert	Yes	\$20,000	Yes (in-kind covered by FEMA, \$20,000 additional for mitigation)	Yes
Stony River Township		Stony River Grade, Wilbar Creek/Spur End Creek	X	X		No		culvert upsizing	Yes	\$25,000	Yes (in-kind covered by FEMA, \$25,000 additional for mitigation)	Yes
Dave Rausch, 612-799-2200	T53N, R10W, Sec 15	erosion from Hwy 61 to lake within unnamed creek, bordering EFA property. Significant cutting, damage to cabin foundation.	X	X		No	8/2/2012	shoreline stabilization	Yes	15,000	TBD	Yes
Total, SWCD Priorities										\$983,577		

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Not yet assessed by SWCD										
John Jordine, 1573 Hwy 61, MP 28, 218-834-6941		ditch filled with gravel - wants to know if assistance is available								
Erin Labrant, 269-6555	TBD	basement flooding lift msg								
Joann Mindestrom, 5986 North Shore Drive, PO Box 152, Knife River, 218-834-5705	T52N, R11W, Sec. 31	driveway, Referred her to Highway Dept.,								
Erica Oja, 419 6th Ave, Two Harbors, 218-393-3640		lift msg								
Brad Nelson, Silver Creek Township	T53N, R10W, Sec. 16/17	40 ft culvert displaced along power line. installed by Joe Mecklin for \$9,000 a few years ago								
Carrie Bolen, 817 Stanley Road, Two Harbors, MN 55616, 218-349-6271		driveway damage								
Total, Not assessed by SWCD									\$0	



Flood recovery: recent appropriation summary

Prepared Aug. 8, 2012

Land retirement via Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Conservation Easements

Flood event	Appropriations	Easements	
		Number	Acres
2007 Southeast	\$2.1M \$1.0M Special Session appropriation \$1.1M transfer from bonding appropriation \$2.0M Regular Session	44	1,335
2009 Red River	\$0.5M Regular Session	5	223
2010 Southern	\$10M[^] Special Session	94	4,997

[^]Leveraged approximately \$15M of federal USDA-NRCS WRP funding

Erosion, sediment and water quality control and watershed restoration projects

Flood event	Appropriations	Practices applied
2007 Southeast	\$5.2M '07 Special Session \$3.0M '08 Regular Session \$0.725M Transfer from DEED \$1.89M (Jan. '10 budget reduction \$0.4M)	637
2009 Red River	\$1.45M '09 Regular Session \$1M \$0.25M transfer from DoR \$0.20M transfer from DEED	40
2010 Southern	\$3M Special Session	170*

*Practices are still being applied (\$380k balance)



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2012003035 STATE HWY 65, 2720	MN0010000	08/01/2012 02:39	204	Accident
2012003036 27317 300TH PL, AITKIN, 1902	MN0010000	08/01/2012 06:22	996	Ambulance Call
2012003037 400 MADDY ST, McGregor, 0500	MN0010000	08/01/2012 06:46	209	Suspicion Complaint
2012003038 41469 OSPREY AVE, AITKIN, 3630	MN0010000	08/01/2012 06:57	209	Harassment Complaint
2012003039 34703 STATE HWY 47, AITKIN, 3036	MN0010000	08/01/2012 08:11	208	Fraud/ID Theft
2012003040 20741 Pike Ave, Aitkin, 1706	MN0010000	08/01/2012 10:35	208	Animal Complaint
2012003041 STATE HWY 210, 3733	MN0010000	08/02/2012 01:08	210	Other (Start Code)
2012003042 25607 480TH ST, PALISADE, 4428	MN0010000	08/02/2012 08:53	498	Ambulance Call
2012003043 3019	MN0010000	08/02/2012 07:16	254	Follow Up
2012003044 2500	MN0010000	08/02/2012 09:30	217	Boat and Water
2012003045 44200 TAME FISH LAKE RD, AITKIN, 1708	MN0010000	08/02/2012 09:43	208	Vehicle in Ditch
2012003046 15538 STATE HWY 18, FINLAYSON, 1207	MN0010000	08/02/2012 11:32	203	Financial Exploitation
2012003047 2 2ND ST NE, Aitkin, 0100	MN0010000	08/02/2012 12:31	254	Burglary/Theft
2012003048 28596 447TH PL, AITKIN, 2332	MN0010000	08/02/2012 12:41	225	ATL/Welfare Check
2012003049 43882 330TH LN, AITKIN, 2304	MN0010000	08/02/2012 17:02	219	Assist Other Department
2012003050 39788 Deer St, Aitkin, 3031	MN0010000	08/02/2012 17:22	995	Ambulance Call

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<i>Location</i>				
2012003051	MN0010000	08/02/2012 18:52	224	Trespass
40991 328TH LN, AITKIN, 2312				
2012003052	MN0010000	08/02/2012 21:28	256	Harassment Complaint
610 AIR PARK DR, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003053	MN0010000	08/02/2012 22:59	256	Disturbance
105 2ND ST NW, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003054	MN0010000	08/02/2012 23:26	995	Ambulance Call
215 3RD ST SE, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003055	MN0010000	08/03/2012 00:52	212	Accident
3329				
2012003056	MN0010000	08/03/2012 01:53	256	Disturbance
200 BUNKER HILL DR, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003057	MN0010000	08/03/2012 07:58	254	ATL/Welfare Check
215 3RD ST SE, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003058	MN0010000	08/03/2012 08:30	IFD	Fire Call
20075 327TH AVE, ISLE, 1308				
2012003059	MN0010000	08/03/2012 08:48	219	Suspicion Complaint
27819 438TH LN, PALISADE, 3818				
2012003060	MN0010000	08/03/2012 09:24	225	Threat Complaint
48235 GREAT RIVER RD, PALISADE, 4323				
2012003061	MN0010000	08/03/2012 09:53	254	Driving Complaint
2900				
2012003062	MN0010000	08/03/2012 10:20	254	Accident
216 MINNESOTA AVE N, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003063	MN0010000	08/03/2012 14:11	995	Ambulance Call
44776 378TH LN, AITKIN, 2925				
2012003064	MN0010000	08/03/2012 15:08	219	ATL/Welfare Check
5400				
2012003065	MN0010000	08/03/2012 13:55	264	Gas drive off
101 STATE HWY 200 E, Hill City, 0200				
2012003066	MN0010000	08/03/2012 15:42	264	Property damage
142 HENRIETTA AVE SE, Hill City, 0200				
2012003067	MN0010000	08/03/2012 16:06	498	Ambulance Call
20849 370TH LN, MCGREGOR, 3320				
2012003068	MN0010000	08/03/2012 17:42	252	Assist other agency
301 MINNESOTA AVE S, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003069	MN0010000	08/03/2012 18:11	219	Property dispute
102 S 1ST ST, McGregor, 0500				

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2012003070	MN0010000	08/03/2012 18:28	219	Gas drive off
200 W HWY 210, McGregor, 0500				
2012003071	MN0010000	08/03/2012 21:40	212	Harassment Complaint
22875 412TH LN, MCGREGOR, 3825				
2012003072	MN0010000	08/03/2012 22:22	995	Ambulance Call
301 MINNESOTA AVE S, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003073	MN0010000	08/04/2012 09:44	252	Burglary/Theft
403 3RD ST NW, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003074	MN0010000	08/04/2012 12:04	225	Property Damage
29927 US HWY 169, 2327				
2012003075	MN0010000	08/04/2012 13:45	225	Driving Complaint
500th Ln, 4210				
2012003076	MN0010000	08/04/2012 14:09	208	Burglary/Theft
48457 193RD AVE, MCGREGOR, 4521				
2012003077	MN0010000	08/04/2012 14:59	IFD	Fire Call
STATE HWY 47, 1305				
2012003078	MN0010000	08/04/2012 15:31	219	Civil issue
44889 238TH LN, AITKIN, 1729				
2012003079	MN0010000	08/04/2012 16:11	252	Assist Other Department
535 4TH ST SE, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003080	MN0010000	08/04/2012 18:06	212	Animal Complaint
Main St, Palisade, 0600				
2012003081	MN0010000	08/04/2012 20:03	502	Ambulance Call
Palisade, 0600				
2012003082	MN0010000	08/04/2012 21:16	224	Suspicion Complaint
18021 480TH LN, MCGREGOR, 4527				
2012003083	MN0010000	08/04/2012 23:50	219	Suspicion Complaint
33123 STATE HWY 18, AITKIN, 1930				
2012003084	MN0010000	08/05/2012 00:13	224	ATL/Welfare Check
20312 DRIFTWOOD ST, MCGREGOR, 3332				
2012003085	MN0010000	08/05/2012 00:38	256	Driving Complaint
Aitkin, 0100				
2012003086	MN0010000	08/05/2012 00:45	212	Accident
McGregor, 0500				
2012003087	MN0010000	08/05/2012 01:13	212	Disturbance
21436 310TH AVE, ISLE, 1303				
2012003088	MN0010000	08/05/2012 10:30	225	Burglary/Theft
47185 188TH AVE, MCGREGOR, 4527				

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2012003089	MN0010000	08/05/2012 11:41	253	Alarm
116 MINNESOTA AVE N, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003090	MN0010000	08/05/2012 12:32	225	Burglary/Theft
35483 200TH AVE, MCGREGOR, 3329				
2012003091	MN0010000	08/05/2012 15:27	253	Ambulance Call
215 3RD ST SE, Aitkin, 0100				
2012003092	MN0010000	08/05/2012 15:51	219	Burglary/Theft
34257 DEER ST, AITKIN, 1802				
2012003093	MN0010000	08/05/2012 18:17	sp309	Ambulance Call
208 W HWY 210, McGregor, 0500				
2012003094	MN0010000	08/05/2012 19:13	224	Vehicle in Ditch
3030				
2012003095	MN0010000	08/05/2012 21:57	224	Traffic Stop
52012 183RD AVE, MCGREGOR, 4503				
2012003096	MN0010000	08/05/2012 23:17	212	Traffic Stop
Hill City, 0200				
2012003097	MN0010000	08/06/2012 05:15	212	Burglary/Theft
259 W HWY 210				
2012003098	MN0010000	08/06/2012 08:39	208	Burglary/Theft
28965 US HWY 169, AITKIN				
2012003099	MN0010000	08/06/2012 09:22	218	Property Damage
148 S 2ND ST				
2012003100	MN0010000	08/06/2012 09:42	254	Other (Start Code)
39625 DEER ST, AITKIN				
2012003101	MN0010000	08/06/2012 10:18	208	Burglary/Theft
151 N MADDY ST				
2012003102	MN0010000	08/06/2012 10:20	208	Property Damage
415 COUNTRY MEADOW DR, MCGREGOR				
2012003103	MN0010000	08/06/2012 12:09	208	Other (Start Code)
co rd 38 & co rd 26				
2012003104	MN0010000	08/06/2012 12:42	208	Other (Start Code)
22120 519TH LN				
2012003105	MN0010000	08/06/2012 14:30	995	Ambulance Call
840 2ND ST NW				
2012003106	MN0010000	08/06/2012 14:47	219	Suspicion Complaint
148 S 2nd St				
2012003107	MN0010000	08/06/2012 16:02	208	Animal Complaint
46970 165TH PL, MCGREGOR				

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2012003108 32435 347TH PL, AITKIN	MN0010000	08/06/2012 17:11	SAFR	Ambulance Call
2012003109 47136 198TH AVE, MCGREGOR	MN0010000	08/06/2012 17:29	498	Ambulance Call
2012003110 91 S 2nd St	MN0010000	08/06/2012 19:00	224	Burglary/Theft
2012003111 169 / HILL CITY	MN0010000	08/06/2012 22:11	261	Other (Start Code)
2012003112 34747 670TH ST, HILL CITY	MN0010000	08/07/2012 01:55	224	Traffic Stop
2012003113 hazelton township	MN0010000	08/07/2012 08:44	208	Burglary/Theft
2012003114 341 HENRIETTA AVE SE	MN0010000	08/07/2012 10:13	261	Burglary/Theft
2012003115 2 CENTER AVE	MN0010000	08/07/2012 10:48	498	Ambulance Call
2012003116 co rd 30	MN0010000	08/07/2012 11:18	218	Other (Start Code)
2012003117 50540 LILY AVE, MCGREGOR	MN0010000	08/07/2012 11:55	208	Other (Start Code)
2012003118 41561 STATE HWY 65, MCGREGOR	MN0010000	08/07/2012 12:57	218	Disturbance
2012003119 47178 187TH AVE, MCGREGOR	MN0010000	08/07/2012 13:02	498	Ambulance Call
2012003120 2 CENTER AVE	MN0010000	08/07/2012 12:58	208	Disturbance
2012003121 39625 Deer St	MN0010000	08/07/2012 13:40	219	Burglary/Theft
2012003122 36797 GROVE ST, PALISADE	MN0010000	08/07/2012 13:54	219	Burglary/Theft
2012003123 32252 250TH LN, AITKIN	MN0010000	08/07/2012 16:32	219	Burglary/Theft
2012003124 1 MINNESOTA AVE S	MN0010000	08/07/2012 16:40	253	Burglary/Theft
2012003125 212 Linden Ave	MN0010000	08/07/2012 18:01	HCFR	Ambulance Call
2012003126	MN0010000	08/07/2012 18:07	208	Other (Start Code)

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2012003127	MN0010000	08/07/2012 19:43	224	Animal Complaint
<i>Location</i> 36204 200TH AVE, MCGREGOR				
2012003128	MN0010000	08/07/2012 20:27	212	Property Damage
39625 DEER ST, AITKIN				
2012003129	MN0010000	08/07/2012 21:14	995	Ambulance Call
801 4th st se				
2012003130	MN0010000	08/07/2012 22:46	219	DWI arrest
STATE HWY 65, McGregor, 0500				

Total Records: 96

Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID)

* Answers to your most frequently asked questions and Thank-You to the people who have worked hard to get us here *

What is the purpose of the proposed Lake Minnewawa Lake Improvement District (LMLID) ?

The purpose of Lake Minnewawa Lid is to provide a source of funds so that the LMA can continue to meet their mission today and for future generations. The LID will act as a liaison between LMA and Aitkin County. The LID will be responsible for reporting requirements to Property Owners; Aitkin County; DNR and LMA as directed by County and State ordinance. On behalf of the LID; Aitkin County will assess \$65 annually per lakeshore property. The total Lake Minnewawa LID assessment is based on the need to provide 75% of the current LMA expenses, provide for additional harvesting equipment and a small amount for LID reporting expense.

I think that the current lake condition is adequate; why do we need a LID, and the tax increase ?

We think that you'll agree that every year after the 4th of July, into August (some of the best times of the Summer) the weeds start becoming 'in the way'. Some years worse than others...

Let's keep in mind that our Weed Problem will never go away. It is a natural part of being a relatively low-depth, Eutrophic classified lake. Without our weed harvesting operation and work with the Minnesota DNR; Lake Minnewawa would become a dried out weed bed. http://www.lakeminnewawa.org/Membership_info.html

The current weed-harvesting operation is doing a great job, but there is room for improvement. A Lake Improvement District will guarantee that we do not regress, and it will position us for continued success into the future.

Lake Minnewawa Association has 126 donation paying members. A Lake Improvement District (LID) will expand the participating lakeshore owners to approx. 500. There are approx. 500 taxable shoreline properties in the LID. These 500 property owners will be charged the special assessment of \$65 per property each year. The LID will put a process in place so that every benefiting lakeshore property owner will contribute to our joint success. We will all benefit from the improved Lake quality and higher property values, and will all participate in the costs.

Our Lake association has been successful for many years, but is currently at a place where continued success is uncertain. Our Weed Harvester was purchased used in 1987 has almost 15,000 running hours on it. We have a large pole barn/storage-office building; a heavy duty truck and trailer/conveyor, and we have a very special bunch of people who have managed to keep our current harvesting operation running; but another new/used harvester is needed. A second harvester will provide insurance and give us the capacity to escalate our weed harvesting during the high growth periods. Payment for this needed equipment is not possible without additional funds. Current fund raising efforts have been good and a lot of improvements have been made. But we continue to be threatened with not being able to adequately staff our annual garage sale. Continuation of this fund raiser is doubtful. Other fund raisers have been fun and successful and will continue; but the need to have a stable, guaranteed source of funds is necessary for continued success.

What are the goals of LMA?

The purpose of Lake Minnewawa Association is to promote lake stewardship by providing education and services about controlling pollution, beautification, water safety and clear passage. In general it is dedicated to maintaining and improving the natural resources of Lake Minnewawa by educating, creating, promoting, and implementing methods of improving and preserving the overall condition of the lake. <http://www.lakeminnewawa.org/>

What will happen to Lake Minnewawa Association (LMA)?

The LMA will continue to exist; non-profit status and 501 3C designation will continue.

Community service activities will continue. Management of the weed harvesting operation will continue in compliance with the Lake Management Plan. Fund raising efforts will continue. (exception here could be discontinuance of annual garage Sale) Kids fishing; collection for McGregor food shelf; highway cleanup; Spring Clean up.... will continue.

Water Quality Monitoring will continue. The purpose of the LID is to provide funding for the LMA.

Will the \$65 per property replace the LMA Membership dues?

The LID assessment if approved by the County will not be effective until 2013. Between now and then the current \$75 LMA donation request stays. Beginning in 2013 the LMA should begin receiving funds from the County. At that time; the majority of the prior LMA donations will be replaced by the new collected special assessment from Aitkin County. The LMA will continue to solicit donations - possibly \$10 each year. More detail on this as we move forward.

Which properties will be included in the Lake Minnewawa Lid?

All Lakeshore properties will be included in the LID. The LID will also include those back-lot properties with deeded access to lakeshore property on the lake and those properties abutting state owned lakeshore property. All of these properties have direct access to the lake with the ability to place a personal dock. As such they all benefit from the increased values which the LID will provide. Those properties which are part of a larger development such as Savanna Ridge, will receive the assessment in the year after they are sold from the developer.

I own 3 parcels, so will my annual assessment be \$195.00?

NO! As long as the parcels are in consecutive order and attached to 1 property, you will only be assessed \$65.00.

How can the \$65 assessment be changed?

Any change to any of the statements in the Petition would need to be agreed to by the LID membership. The LID membership includes all 500+ property owners. A vote would be required at the annual meeting which would be announced in advance, tentatively to be scheduled last week of every August. Any changes would also be communicated to the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners who maintain ultimate authority.

Will the LID allow us to use chemicals to eradicate the weeds?

Not necessarily. The LID provides a source of funds to LMA which will continue to be guided by the DNR sponsored Lake Management Plan.

Will the LID board of directors receive payment for their work?

No; these positions just like LMA directors will be volunteer positions.

Why assess property owners only 75% of current LMA expenses?

In an effort to minimize the property tax impact; we expect that the 25% difference can be met with continued LMA volunteer work, which includes; Business Sponsors; Minnewawa Sportsman's Club and Shamrock Township grants; current and future annual funding raising events. The LMA Board of Directors is committed to achieving their mission through a mix of lakeshore property owner special assessments from the LID, with continued volunteer and community donations.

What if the LMA does not use all of the money allocated in a given year? What if it needs more?

The LMA will manage their allocated funds as they will. Use of a long term capital fund; money market account for short term needs and loans are financial tools which have proven to be successful. The LMA will receive all funds (minus a small amount for LID administrative costs) which are collected by the county from the LMLID special assessment and no more.

Why not establish the LID by means of a County Board Resolution instead of the majority lakeshore property owner petition ? It seems like that would be a lot less work.

The LMA Board of Directors believes that a Petition with the signatures from a majority of lakeshore property owners is the right way to go. The LMA serves to meet the needs of all Lake Minnewawa property owners with direction from our Minnesota DNR.

Thank-You to all will support this LMA project to implement a LID.

Thank-You to all LMA volunteers who have contributed time and resources to our success.

Thank-You to all of the LMA members who have supported the DNR sponsored weed harvesting operations.

Thank-You to all of the SMA (remember when LMA was called Save Minnewawa Association ?) members who went out of their comfort zone and took action when the Lake Minnewawa was close to death many years ago.

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