

# Goodhue County Land Use Management

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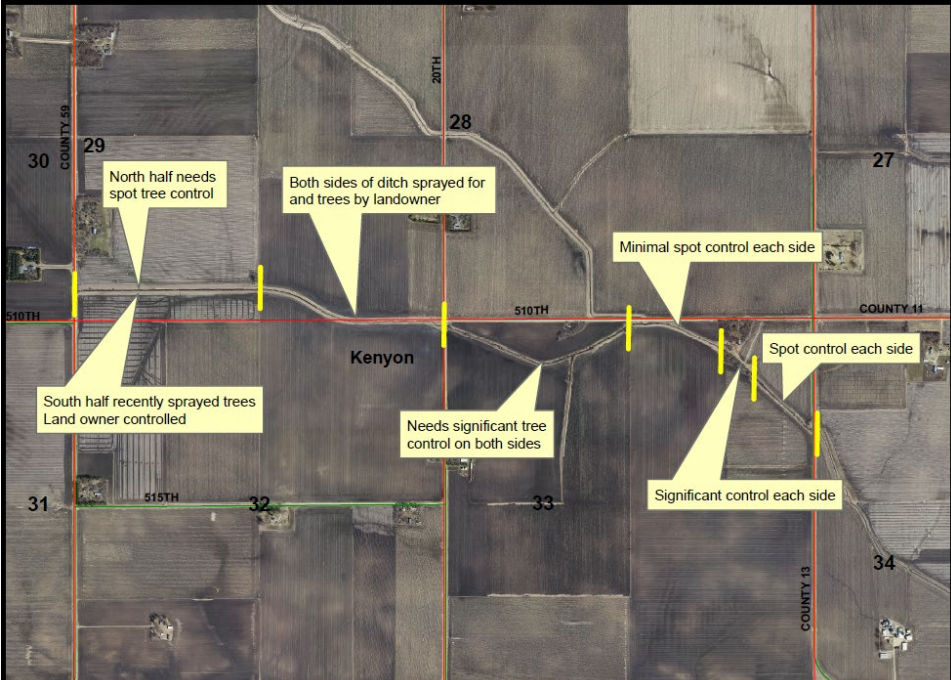
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TO: Goodhue County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Lisa M. Hanni, LUM Director / County Surveyor / County Recorder  
DATE: May 2, 2023 County Board meeting  
RE: Goodhue County Ditch 1 updates

- 1) SWCD staff (Chris Fritz) has outlined some maintenance needs for 2023 along the ditch banks. We will work with the SWCD to contract for the spraying.
- 2) Staff is working with SWCD to develop an Agreement for Drainage Inspection Services to outline our coordination for future tasks on Ditch 1.
- 3) The Finance department has prepared a financial update as to the current status of the Fund and proposed expenses in 2023.

**GOODHUE COUNTY DRAINAGE INSPECTOR'S REPORT**  
**(MN Statute 103E.065)**

<b>DITCH SYSTEM:</b>	CD 1
<b>CONTACT OR PERSON REQUESTING THE REPAIR:</b>	Chris Fritz Goodhue SWCD
<b>DATE OF CONTACT:</b>	8/25/2022
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<p>Sections 29/33 of Kenyon Township</p> 
<b>PROBLEM:</b>	<p>During the process of cleaning out the ditch in 2021, are large number of trees were removed and/or shredded. There are now a significant amount of trees stump sprouting and or root sprout after this process. During a recent routine visit to the site, it was noted that 2 landowners had treated the banks for trees by spot spraying herbicide. It was identified that some of the other stretches have limited trees growing, and could be treated by spot spraying while other stretches will need more intensive control. Herbicide applications should be sufficient if dealt with soon.</p>
<b>FINDINGS AND ACTION:</b>	<p>There are a significant number of tree's stump/root sprouting along different stretches of the ditch. With Buffers now in place along both edges of the ditch, we have the ability to use herbicides during the growing season.</p>

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	<p><b><u>Accomplished 2022</u></b>              8000 ft. of ditch has been sprayed during the <b>2022</b> growing season by the landowners.</p> <p><b><u>2023 needs</u></b>              7500 ft needs spot treatment, random trees along the banks              6800 ft needs intensive treatment</p> <p><b>Recommendations to control</b>              Herbicide treatment during the active growing season of the trees during summer of 2023</p> <p><b>Options</b>              Bids from any available contractors in the area              Work with township spray vendor              Contract with local landowners currently treating portions of ditch              Other options?</p>		
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	<i>Chris D Fritz</i>		
<b>DATE PRESENTED TO COUNTY BOARD:</b>	5/2/2023	<b>DATE OF BOARD ACTION:</b>	
<b>CONTRACTOR NAME AND ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>COST: CONTRACT OR PER HOUR</b>			
<b>COMPLETION DATE:</b>			



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TO: County Board of Commissioners  
FROM: Lucas Dahling, Finance Controller  
SUBJECT: CD 1 Financial Update  
DATE: May 2, 2023

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**Background:**

The purpose of this report is to give an update on the Financial Status of the Ditch Fund, specifically County Ditch 1.

**Discussion:**

The Ditch Fund began the year with approximately \$130,000 of cash and a loan payable to the General Fund of \$700,000. During the first quarter the Fund had revenues of approximately \$8,800 which were offset by \$55,000 of expenditures. Approximately \$46,000 of these expenditures were damages payments to landowners either for the purchase of the one rod easement on each side of the ditch, or for payments related to unusable areas of fields during the construction period. The Fund ended the quarter with approximately \$83,000 of cash.

During the remainder of 2023, we expect the Ditch Fund to receive another \$372,000 of revenues, \$330,000 of which are prepayments received on the assessment. The remaining balance is made up of assessments payable with property tax payments. We also expect the Ditch Fund to have another \$436,000 of expenditures in 2023. This will be made up of \$407,650 of principal and interest payments on the loan payable to the General Fund, \$10,000 of maintenance expenditures, the remaining damages payments of \$9,800, and the final contractor payment of \$8,900. The Ditch Fund should end the year with approximately \$18,000 of cash and a loan balance of \$300,000 payable to the General Fund.

Going forward the revenues and expenditures of the Fund will decrease significantly, however ongoing maintenance will be required. The annual maintenance cost must be recuperated via assessments. For example, if the Ditch Fund pays \$10,000 in maintenance costs during 2023 it will assess \$10,000 to the benefitted landowners of the ditch in 2024.

**Recommendation:**

No action is required at this time.

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**County Ditch #1  
Financial Update**

	2023				
	Actual Jan-Mar	Projected Apr-Jun	Projected Jul-Aug	Projected Sep-Dec	Projected Full Year 2023
Beginning Balance	129,359.67	82,950.72	29,827.12	24,827.12	<b>129,359.67</b>
<b>Revenue</b>					
Assessment - Improvement	-	20,939.85	-	20,939.85	<b>41,879.70</b>
Assessment - Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Assessment - Prepayments	8,769.35	329,876.29	-	-	<b>338,645.64</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>8,769.35</b>	<b>350,816.14</b>	-	<b>20,939.85</b>	<b>380,525.34</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Loan Principal Payment	-	380,000.00	-	20,000.00	<b>400,000.00</b>
Interest Expense	-	5,250.00	-	2,400.00	<b>7,650.00</b>
Maintenance	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	<b>10,000.00</b>
Damages Payments	45,946.76	9,796.38	-	-	<b>55,743.14</b>
Contractor Expense	-	8,893.36	-	-	<b>8,893.36</b>
Engineering Fees	6,865.25	-	-	-	<b>6,865.25</b>
Legal Fees	2,336.50	-	-	-	<b>2,336.50</b>
Other Expenses	29.79	-	-	-	<b>29.79</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>55,178.30</b>	<b>403,939.74</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>27,400.00</b>	<b>491,518.04</b>
Ending Cash	82,950.72	29,827.12	24,827.12	18,366.97	18,366.97
Beginning Loan	700,000.00	700,000.00	320,000.00	320,000.00	<b>700,000.00</b>
Principal Payments	-	(380,000.00)	-	(20,000.00)	<b>(400,000.00)</b>
Ending Loan	700,000.00	320,000.00	320,000.00	300,000.00	<b>300,000.00</b>
Fund Balance (Deficit)	(617,049.28)	(290,172.88)	(295,172.88)	(281,633.03)	<b>(281,633.03)</b>