



# LOWER MINNESOTA RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

## Executive Summary for Action

Lower Minnesota River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting  
Wednesday, June 15, 2022

### Agenda Item

#### Item 5. A. – 2023 Budget

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#### Summary

It is time to begin work on the 2023 budget for the LMRWD. According to the implementation plan contained in Section 4 of the 2018 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan the total levy planned is \$775,000, a \$25,000 increase from the 2022 levy. The \$775,00 is comprised of a general levy of \$250,000 for LMRWD operations and a planning and implementation levy of \$525,000.

The planning and implementation levy consists of the following expenses:

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| • \$20,000         | Cost Share Incentive and Water Quality Restoration Program |
| • \$30,000         | Education and Outreach Program                             |
| • \$25,000         | Fen Stewardship Program                                    |
| • \$75,000         | Monitoring Program   |
| • \$125,000        | Water Resources Restoration Fund                           |
| • <u>\$250,000</u> | Minnesota River Study Area 3 – Bluff Stabilization Project |
| <b>\$525,000</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |

Staff will be meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee to update the implementation plan. It is likely that some of the projects will change before the budget must be adopted and the preliminary levy is certified to the Counties.

Preliminary certification of the levy is due to the Counties September 30<sup>th</sup>. Counties must be notified of the final certification by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The final levy can be less than the preliminary levy certified to the Counties but can't be higher. The Board should provide direction to staff regarding the amount of levy certified by the LMRWD and any other guidance they may wish to provide.

#### Attachments

No Attachments

#### Recommended Action

Provide direction to staff with regards to the amount of levy to be certified.