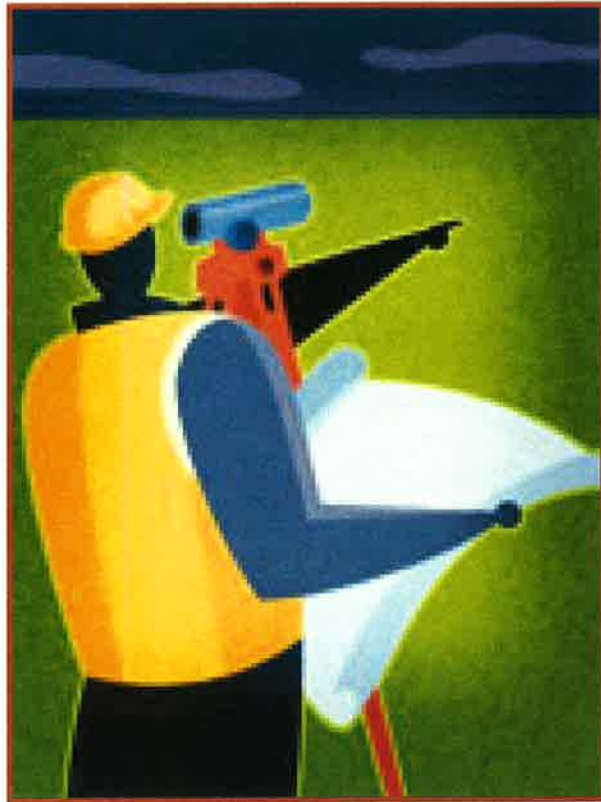


BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2019



Member Counties

*Brown • Cottonwood • Lac qui Parle
Lincoln • Lyon • Murray • Pipestone
Redwood • Yellow Medicine*

AREA II MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN PROJECTS

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2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

BROWN COUNTY

DENNIS POTTER – VICE CHAIR

DEAN SIMONSEN (ALTERNATE)

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

NORMAN HOLMEN

JIM SCHMIDT (ALTERNATE)

LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY

JOHN MAATZ

ROY MARIHART (ALTERNATE)

LINCOLN COUNTY

JOE DRIETZ

COREY SIK (ALTERNATE)

LYON COUNTY

RICK ANDERSON - SECRETARY/TREASURER

GARY CROWLEY (ALTERNATE)

MURRAY COUNTY

LORI GUNNINK

GERALD MAGNUS (ALTERNATE)

PIPESTONE COUNTY

LUKE JOHNSON – CHAIR

BRUCE KOOIMAN (ALTERNATE)

REDWOOD COUNTY

LON WALLING

DENNIS GROEBNER (ALTERNATE)

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

GLEN KACK

RON ANTONY (ALTERNATE)



WORK PLAN NARRATIVE

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

Area II, formed in 1978 as a non-profit organization, works to alleviate the recurrent flood problems which plague this area of southwestern Minnesota. This organization is recognized as a leader in flood damage reduction by the installation of dams, reservoirs, grade stabilizations and road retentions. Area II assists its member counties with the engineering design, hydrologic and hydraulic modeling, construction and inspection, and finance of flood damage reduction projects. Due to the unique landforms of this region, particularly the Coteau de Prairies (the Buffalo Ridge), Area II receives a 75/25 cost-share rate for office administration and project implementation. Oversight of this grant-in-aid program is provided by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources.

This Biennial Plan provides direction for a 2-year period while the Technical Office Budget serves one fiscal year. By May 30, 2018, updates to the Biennial Plan as well as to the Technical Office Budget for FY 2019 will be provided for BWSR staff review.

1) Initiative: FY 2018 – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Description: Provide administrative and coordination oversight for the Area II Board of Directors. Provide financial reports and records that meet State accounting and auditing standards, prepare budgets, provide supervision and management of staff, evaluate employee performance, draft agenda and minutes of monthly board meetings. Conduct local government and citizen outreach and education.

Actions:

- Maintain a complete Board of Directors of nine (9) delegates and nine (9) alternates; conduct monthly board meetings.
- Maintain adequate staffing to address the goals of Area II. Evaluate job performance of all employees yearly.
- Utilize engineering consultant services to assist with engineering, hydrologic and project planning and prioritization.
- Maintain policies and procedures. Review and update Operating Policies, Joint Powers Agreement and Bylaws annually.
- Maintain a public outreach and information program. Accomplish by maintaining the Area II web site; conduct tours as necessary to highlight projects completed; prepare an annual report. Complete website reporting requirements by March 15 of each year.
- Provide fiscal accountability by: preparing and adopting an annual budget; reviewing monthly financial reports, and annually obtaining a professional audit of the financial records.
- Provide administrative services to the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA) via an approved Contract for Services Agreement. Each organization maintains its organizational purpose and goals while sharing an executive director and office space. The Area II and RCRCA Boards of Directors meet jointly, however both boards conduct business separately.
- Continue operational efficiency measures with RCRCA. Ensure that office operations, income and expenditures for each organization are clearly separate and documented including time tracking, monthly billing of contract services, and Board approval.
- Meet and communicate with member county commissioners, engineers, water planners, watershed districts, SWCD, NRCS, watershed project staff regarding technical services and potential projects.
- Serve on technical committees (as requested) for watershed projects, TMDL project assessment and implementation efforts.

2) Initiative: FY 2018 – ENGINEERING SERVICES

Description: Employ a senior engineering technician and a registered consultant engineer to provide design services which include planning, hydrologic and hydraulic design, construction and inspection of flood damage reduction projects to the member counties of Area II. Provide engineering services for projects funded through outside sources involving USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Clean Water Funds, Disaster Relief Funds acquired by SWCDs, RCRA and counties.

Actions:

- Continue contracting professional engineering services through Bolton & Menk, Inc.
- Schedule and complete annual inspections and reports for nine (9) existing reservoirs.
- Ensure annual inspection of road retention projects by owners and keep inspection reports on file. Follow up on noted concerns.
- Provide wetland monitoring and annual reporting for mitigation sites associated with constructed project.
- Provide project management and coordination with local/state/federal permitting authorities.
- Coordinate with local/State/Federal agencies for early project review and coordination regarding wetland impacts.
- Process payment requests in a timely manner and provide as-built plans and construction documentation.
- Assist in securing the local matching funds for projects from eligible partners and sources.

3) Initiative: FY 2018 – OPERATIONAL & SUPPORT EXPENSES

Description: Utilize funding for operational and support expenses of Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects for such things as: payroll, consultant engineering fees, field and office supplies, telephone / internet and computer services, training and certification, vehicle and equipment expenses, liability / business / auto insurance, and general business expenses.

4) Initiative: FY 2018 – PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION VIA ADMINISTRATIVE GRANT

Description: See Potential Project List for FY2018 & FY2019 – Page 6 of this document.

5) Initiative: FY 2016 BONDING APPROPRIATION

Description: Provide project management and engineering services to construct flood damage reduction structures to meet the 3:1 match requirement and provide the most floodwater storage as practicable. Highest priority will be given to Road Retention structures which lack other funding resources which dams and grade stabilizations can secure.

Actions:

- Administer the \$1,000,000 appropriation and report project outcomes in eLINK and to the BWSR Board annually.
- Process cost-share contracts with landowners with approval by the Area II Board of Directors.
- Complete fiscal expenditure report due at end of grant period listing total costs and cost-sharing by all partners.
- Facilitate wetland mitigation/creation if required for proposed projects.
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OTHER PROJECT ENDEAVORS

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

- ONE WATERSHED, ONE PLAN (*Yellow Medicine*)

The Yellow Medicine River watershed was awarded one of the five pilot projects offering a plan with a regional approach. This was desirable as many commonalities of the Area II watersheds exist due to the Buffalo Ridge, and the established and active joint powers board would oversee plan development. Although the watersheds have unique issues of their own, topography and flooding bind these southwestern watersheds together.

Area II entered into a grant agreement with BWSR on November 25, 2014. Amendment #1 to the MOA was executed to extend the MOA to December 31, 2016. Amendment #1 to the Grant Agreement was executed to extend the effective period until June 30, 2017 with the Work Plan revised accordingly.

The BWSR Board approved the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan in December 2016 which the partners have all adopted by resolution. The Plan Work Group has been meeting to draft a new MOA for implementation which will be presented to the Policy Committee in June for consideration. \$87.96 remains from the original grant amount.

The Work Plan was amended April 15, 2017 to coincide with Grant Amendment #2. This amendment added \$50,000 to the previous grant for the development of the SAM-ACPF tool linkage and extends the effective period to June 30, 2018.

RESPEC has been contracted to perform the computer modeling which will link the SAM and ACPF tools to create the field-scale targeting of BMPs for the Yellow Medicine One Watershed, One Plan. Outcomes will include: shapefiles identifying each practice location, treatment area, and pollutant loading; additional GIS outputs; spreadsheet ranking each BMP based on treatment potential (pollutant loading); two meetings via WebEx with the Plan Work Group; and a technical memorandum detailing the development of the BMP prioritization process. This work is to be completed by December 31, 2017.

As the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan moves forward, Area II has been identified with a key role in the Priority Concern: **Mitigate Altered Hydrology and Minimize Flooding**. One of the measurable goals is to “Add 1,000 acre-feet of new stormwater storage” by means of capital improvement projects. Although the 1,000 acre-feet is achievable in the 10-year period, a more restrictive calculation is attached to the measurable goal whereby the overall drawdown time must be greater than 48 hours for 10-year summer rainfall event. This may create a challenge as drawdown times cannot always be that long depending on the project.

● LEGISLATIVE REQUEST TO INCREASE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION

A request was made to the 2017 Legislature to increase the annual appropriation to Area II, currently at \$140,000 per year, to \$189,000 per year, a 25% increase. The request was not successful and continued funding of \$140,000 per year was approved for the FY'18 and FY'19 biennium.

Area II's annual appropriation began at \$250,000 per year in 1978, and was reduced to \$189,000 (25%) in the mid-1980's due to budget cuts. After reaching the low of \$105,000 per year in 2004, Area II has been diligently working to increase the appropriation back to previous funding levels.

The increase is needed to provide additional engineering services to local partners to assist with the shortage of professional engineering for BMP project implementation. With the Performance Based Funding forthcoming to the Yellow Medicine One Watershed One Plan, professional engineering services will be necessary to complete capital improvement as well as BMP project designs in order to expend the funding as planned. From a budget standpoint, priority has been directed to Personnel Services and Other Services, thus allowing the Supplies/Equipment to fall behind in the customary replacement plan. The organization operates with only one vehicle and utilizes survey equipment that is not as current as most SWCD and county equipment, yet still compatible. The increasing cost of health insurance and other expenses continue to rise and restrict the budget.



POTENTIAL PROJECTS

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

KEY: *FY 2018 Construction Planned*

BROWN COUNTY

- Leavenworth 11 Grade Stabilization

COTTONWOOD COUNTY

- Stately 11 Grade Stabilization

LINCOLN COUNTY

- *County Ditch 37 Pump Station/Wetland Restoration*
- Marble 11 Wetland Restoration

LYON COUNTY

- Custer 10 NE Grade Stabilization
- Lynd 33 Grade Stabilization Repair
- Monroe 30 Grade Stabilization
- *Nordland 19 Grade Stabilization Repair*
- *Nordland 20 & 20SE Grade Stabilizations (Smith)*
- Shelburne 19 Wetland Restoration
- Sodus 22 Grade Stabilization
- *Sodus 36 Grade Stabilization Repair*
- Milford 12 Grade Stabilization Repair
- Storden 10 Grade Stabilization Repairs (3)
- Hansonville 27 Grade Stabilization Repair
- *Verdi 1 Grade Stabilization Repair*
- Custer 10 SE Grade Stabilization
- *Monroe 16 Grade Stabilization*
- *Nordland 6 Road Retention*
- *Nordland 20SW Grade Stabilization Repair (Mortier)*
- *Nordland 28 Grade Stabilization Repair*
- Sodus 21 Grade Stabilization Repair
- Sodus 24 Grade Stabilization
- Stanley 15 Streambank Stabilization

MURRAY COUNTY

- *Holly 1 Grade Stabilization Repair*
- Holly 22 Road Retention
- Holly 10 Grade Stabilization
- Shetek 23 Grade Stabilization

REDWOOD COUNTY

- *Charlestown 30 Grade Stabilization (Jeckell)*
- Charlestown 34 Grade Stabilization (*permit pending*)
- *Delhi 5 Diversion*
- *Johnsonville 34 & 34W Grade Stabilization Repairs*
- North Hero 34 Road Retention
- *Redwood Falls 18 Grade Stabilization (permit pending)*
- Springdale 19 Grade Stabilization
- *Charlestown 30 Grade Stabilization (Pfarr)*
- *Delhi 5 Grade Stabilization*
- *Gales 26 Grade Stabilization*
- Lamberton 26 Grade Stabilization
- North Hero 31 Grade Stabilization Repair
- Sherman 6 Streambank Stabilization
- Springdale 28 Grade Stabilization

YELLOW MEDICINE COUNTY

- Norman 7 Grade Stabilization Repair
- Norman 10 Grade Stabilization



FY 2018 TECHNICAL OFFICE BUDGET

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

OFFICE OPERATIONS

PERSONNEL SERVICES:

Directors' Compensation.....	\$ 600.00
Directors' FICA.....	45.90
Employees' Salaries.....	134,744.29
Employees' FICA.....	9,661.17
Employees' Medical Insurance.....	25,941.56
Employees' Retirement.....	9,768.96
Employees' FlexPlan.....	50.64
Total Personnel Services.....	\$ 180,812.52

SUPPLIES:

Office & Field.....	\$ 2,250.00
Investigation & Testing	16,000.00
Capital Outlay.....	25,000.00
Total Supplies.....	\$ 43,250.00

OTHER SERVICES AND COSTS:

Directors' Expenses.....	\$ 500.00
Employees' Expenses.....	2,000.00
Contract Services.....	15,000.00
Professional Services.....	50,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs.....	3,000.00
Telephone.....	325.00
Postage.....	300.00
Vehicle Expense.....	3,500.00
Rent.....	10,044.00
Insurance.....	10,355.00
Website Expenses.....	120.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	2,500.00
Total Other Services and Costs.....	\$ 97,644.00

TOTAL OFFICE OPERATIONS.....	\$ 321,706.52
Total Ineligible for Cost-Share by the State.....	1,145.90*
Total Eligible for Cost-Share by the State.....	\$ 320,560.62

** These items not cost-shared by the State*

STATE SHARE OF ELIGIBLE OFFICE COSTS.....	\$ 140,000.00
Local Share of Eligible Office Costs.....	\$ 87,000.00
Income from Other Sources	\$ 111,549.00

AREA II MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN PROJECTS

ATTACHMENTS

BIENNIAL PLAN – FY 2018 & 2019

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ATTACHMENT A

SUMMARY OF FY2016 BONDING APPROPRIATION (\$1,000,000)

COMPLETED PROJECTS:

CHARLESTOWN 28 STABILIZATION – Redwood County	\$ 68,322.88
ISLAND LAKE 2 DAM REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 23,686.13
NORDLAND 34 DAM REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 28,760.33
UPPER DELHI 30 1 DAM REPAIR – Redwood County	\$ 20,101.07
UPPER DELHI 30 11-FLOOD DAM REPAIR – Redwood County	\$ 26,830.51
LAKE STAY 3 GRADE STABILIZATION – Lincoln County	\$ 43,471.62
LAKE BENTON 5 DAM REPAIR – Lincoln County	\$ 21,289.13
LAKE BENTON 25 DAM REPAIR – Lincoln County	\$ 50,105.48
GALES 15 GRADE STABILIZATION – Redwood County	\$ 61,184.14
ANN 4 DAM REPAIR – Cottonwood County	\$ 24,133.04
NORTHHERO 4 DAM REPAIR – Redwood County	\$ 1,569.38
CHARLESTOWN 30 STABILIZATION – Redwood Co. (partial)	\$ 21,634.37
TOTAL	\$ 391,238.08

CONTRACTED PROJECTS:

CHARLESTOWN30 8 STABILIZATION – Redwood Co. (final)	\$ 59,002.45
MONROE 16 DAM REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 60,048.30
LINCOLN COUNTY DITCH 37 PUMP STATION – Lincoln Co.	\$ 101,992.45
NORDLAND 19 DAM REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 20,959.18
REDWOOD FALLS 18 GRADE STABILIZATION – Redwood Co.	\$ 68,148.04
GALES 26 GRADE STABILIZATION – Redwood County	\$ 162.00
NORDLAND 20SE GRADE STABILIZATION – Lyon County	\$ 40,083.30
NORDLAND 20SW STABILIZATION REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 18,969.44
HOLLY 1 GRADE STABILIZATION – Murray County	\$ 26,919.98
NORDLAND 6 ROAD RETENTION – Lyon County	\$ 87,652.35
JOHNSONVILLE 34W DAM REPAIR – Redwood County	\$ 23,663.43
SODUS 36 STABILIZATION REPAIR – Lyon County	\$ 24,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 532,600.92

FY2016 BONDING BALANCE REMAINING \$ 76,161.00

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

(as of June 15, 2017)

Total Project Costs =	\$ 618,921.71
Local Match Provided =	\$ 148,511.15
Other State Funds =	\$ 2,374.22
Federal Funds =	\$ 55,922.77
State/Local Cost-Share Ratio =	1 : 2.62
Acre-Feet of storage created =	83.07
Total Acre-Feet of storage =	246.54

ATTACHMENT B

FY2017 COMPLETED PROJECTS (AS OF JUNE 15, 2017)

Lake Stay 3 Grade Stab. - Lincoln	\$ 57,962.16	Lake Benton 25 Repair - Lincoln	\$ 66,807.30
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 43,471.62	FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 50,105.48
Landowner	\$ 9,524.29	Landowner	\$ 14,847.45
YM River Watershed District	\$ 2,500.00	Lincoln SWCD	\$ 1,000.00
Area II Counties	\$ 2,466.25	Area II Counties	\$ 854.37
Upper Delhi 30_2 Repair - Redwood	\$ 39,168.70	Nordland 34 Grade Repair - Lyon	\$ 38,347.10
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 20,101.07	FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 28,760.33
Landowner	\$ 9,471.55	YM River Watershed District	\$ 2,500.00
Area II Counties	\$ 320.62	Landowner	\$ 6,968.65
EQIP Federal Funds	\$ 9,275.46	Area II Counties	\$ 118.12
Lamberton 26 Streambank - RW	\$ 25,227.00	Lamberton 27 Streambank - RW	\$ 19,130.50
RCRCA 319 Funds	\$ 17,945.25	RCRCA 319 Funds	\$ 13,729.13
Landowner	\$ 5,981.75	Landowner	\$ 4,576.37
Area II Counties	\$ 1,300.00	Area II Counties	\$ 825.00
Gales 15 Grade Stabilization - RW	\$ 98,257.52	North Hero 4 Grade Repair - RW	\$ 23,115.84
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 61,334.14	Clean Water Funds	\$ 15,676.50
EQIP Federal Funds	\$ 12,359.00	Landowner	\$ 5,346.84
Landowner	\$ 23,873.13	FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 1,569.38
Area II Counties	\$ 691.25	Area II Counties	\$ 523.12
Charlestown 30 Grade Stab. - RW	\$ 28,845.83	Lamberton 1 Grade Stab. - Redwood	\$ 47,801.40
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 21,634.37	RCRCA Clean Water Funds	\$ 9,582.96
Landowner	\$ 5,257.21	EQIP Federal Funds	\$ 23,748.00
Area II Counties	\$ 1,954.25	Area II Counties	\$ 2,270.00
<i>*partial payment, complete in FY2018</i>		Landowner	\$ 12,200.44
Lake Benton 5 Repair - Lincoln	\$ 28,385.50	Sherman 22 Streambank - Redwood	\$ 23,110.50
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 21,289.13	Flood Recovery Funds	\$ 11,893.50
Landowner	\$ 6,809.50	Landowner	\$ 3,964.50
Area II Counties	\$ 286.87	Area II Counties	\$ 7,252.50
Island Lake 2 Repair - Lyon	\$ 31,581.00		
Landowner	\$ 7,743.50		
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 23,686.13		
Area II Counties	\$ 151.37		
Ann 4 Grade Repair - Cottonwood	\$ 32,177.39		
Landowner	\$ 7,656.22		
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 24,133.04		
Area II Counties	\$ 388.13		
Upper Delhi 30_1 Repair - RW	\$ 37,606.30		
FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 26,830.51		
Landowner	\$ 8,783.45		
Flood Recovery Funds	\$ 596.20		
Area II Counties	\$ 618.12		
Redwood SWCD Cost-Share	\$ 778.02		

FY2017 COMPLETED PROJECTS

FY2016 Bonding Funds	\$ 322,915.20
EQIP Federal Funds	\$ 45,382.46
Clean Water Funds	\$ 25,259.46
RCRCA 319 Funds	\$ 31,674.38
SWCDs	\$ 1,778.02
Watershed Districts	\$ 5,000.00
Flood Recovery Funds	\$ 12,489.70
Area II Counties	\$ 20,019.97
Landowners	\$ 133,004.85
TOTAL	\$ 597,524.04

NOTE: RW = Redwood County

ATTACHMENT C

AREA II MINNESOTA RIVER BASIN PROJECTS



GRANT PERIOD:

(incl. extensions)
From: October 1, 2015
To: June 30, 2017

AREA II STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

MN Statutes, Sections
103F.171-103F.187

Administrative Services Grant Expenditures

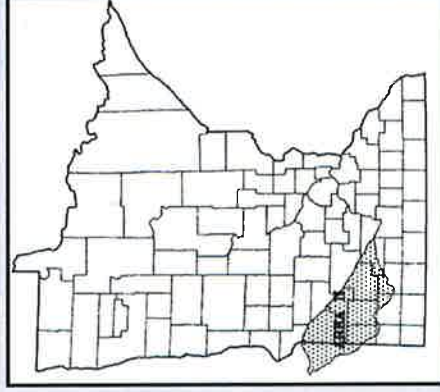
**NOTE: Totals from
Area II Profit & Loss Statement
for the period of
Oct 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**

Personnel Services	\$132,848.64
Other Services	\$98,281.74
Supplies	\$1,584.13
Investigation & Testing	\$29,270.00
Capital Outlay	\$0
Depreciation	\$1,280.98
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$263,265.49

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Project Title: FY'16 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GRANT
CONTRACT NO. P16-4838 \$140,000.00



Member Counties:

Brown
Cottonwood
Lac qui Parle
Lincoln
Lyon
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Area II Minnesota River Basin Projects Watershed Boundary

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(incl. extensions)

From: October 1, 2016
To: June 30, 2018

AREA II STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

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Administrative Services Grant Expenditures

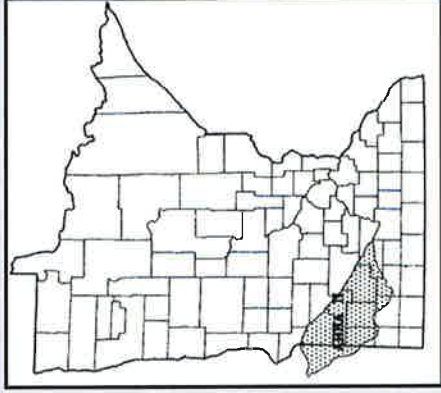
**NOTE: Totals from
Area II Profit & Loss Statement
for the
8 months ended
Oct 1, 2016 - May 31, 2017**

Personnel Services	\$126,971.02
Other Services	\$ 74,002.03
Supplies	\$ 766.43
Investigation & Testing	\$ 20,504.50
Capitol Outlay	\$ 2,995.69
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE	\$225,239.67

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**Project Title: FY'17 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES GRANT
CONTRACT NO. P17-0351 \$140,000.00**



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Lincoln
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