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Item #7
7/24/18

Timothy Huey
Director

To: Mahesh Sharma, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: July 17, 2018

Re: Discussion of funding for Partners of Scott County Watersheds.

The Partners of Scott County Watersheds was formed in 2001 with representatives from the Cities of Bettendorf and Davenport and Scott County Supervisors (elected and staff from each governmental entity), the Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District, Scott County farming community, the QC homebuilding industry, and local citizens that were interested in watershed issues. The partnership was incorporated as a public-private 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The partnership has worked to raise the level of understanding of watershed issues and to develop opportunities for collaborative efforts between the various entities. To that end the partnership has held monthly educational forums on watershed and other environmental issues and provides matching funds for qualified watershed projects administered by a watershed coordinator. The Scott County Soil and Water Conservation District has provided financial management for the partnership and supervision and office space for the watershed coordinator.

Funding for the watershed partnership has been provided by annual contributions of \$5,000 from Davenport, Bettendorf, and Scott County, grants from the Iowa DNR, the RDA & SCRA and other contributions by the Conservation District along with other partners.

The Soil Conservation District has sent the Board of Supervisors the attached letter regarding its FY19 funding. The approved County budget again includes the \$5,000 contribution to the Partners of Scott County Watersheds. The County provides up to \$25,000 for funding of matching funds for Federal and state grants for rural agricultural soil conservation projects. This is in addition to the \$5,000 provided to the partnership for the administration of urban watershed projects and programs.

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District

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July 3, 2018

Attn: Brinson Kinzer
Board of Supervisors
Administration Center
600 W. 4th St
Davenport, IA 52801

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is seeking your continued financial support for a District employee to serve the citizens in Scott County with urban storm water runoff issues. This position is currently vacant, and we are contacting all our financial supporters with the goal of continuing the urban cost share program. The SWCD also requests your input on your current needs as they relate to urban storm water and related issues, so those needs can be addressed.

The support of City of Davenport, City of Bettendorf, Scott County, City of Eldridge, Home Builders of the Quad Cities, Iowa Corn Growers Association and Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District has been essential in providing residents of Scott County with conservation assistance and implementing storm water best management practices.

Attached is a list of Urban Cost Share activity for the month of June 2018.

We need your financial assistance to continue our efforts to educate Scott County residents to become better stewards of our soil & water. Funding has not increased for several years. An increase in funding is needed to hire and retain a quality employee. Please consider increasing your financial commitment if you are able. If you know of any other organizations that might be willing to support our efforts, please include contact information and the SWCD will contact them.

Please respond by July 30, 2018 to Jan McClurg at jan.mcclurg@ia.nacdnet.net with your commitment of \$ _____ for FY2019.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Dexter".

Chad Dexter, Chairperson
Scott County Soil & Water Conservation District

cc: Tim Huey

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June 2018 activity:

Current Cost Share Projects:

Jo Ellen Bunch – SQR – cost share \$1,588.63 (Bettendorf)

Ted Galvin – SQR – cost share \$1,100.42 (Bettendorf)

Gonyer, Robb – SQR – cost share \$2,000.00 (Blue Grass)

McMonagle, Denise – SQR - \$1,897.50 (Davenport)

Jamie White – Native Landscaping - \$2,000.00 (Blue Grass)

Payment pending

Kling, Nancy – SQR – cost share \$637.50 (Davenport)

Payments in June

Merlin Gehrke – SQR - \$340.00 (Davenport)

Krapp, Ronald – SQR - \$2,000.00 (Bettendorf)

Mike Mannix – Permeable Patio - \$2,000.00 (Davenport)

Samantha Valle – SQR - \$462.50 (Davenport)

Dan Breinich – SQR - \$1,300.05 (Davenport)

Mark Wood Builders – SQR -\$2,000.00 (Bettendorf)

New site visits

Becky Esbaum – Eldridge

Andy Thompson – Blue Grass

Phoenix Company – Davenport

Greg Graybill – Blue Grass

Chris Perry – LeClaire

Gary Weber - Bettendorf