

NICOLLET SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Minutes of the Nicollet Soil and Water Conservation District, 424 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter, Minnesota, February 7th, 2018.

Meeting was called to order by Chair – Kral at 8:37 A.M.

Members Present: Chair, John Kral
Treasurer, Robby Gieseke
Secretary, Bruce Hulke
Vice Chair, Tim Braun
Member, Pat Pehrson – Absent

Others Present:
District Manager, Kevin Ostermann
District Watershed Technician, Eric Miller
Administrative Assistant, Judy Beetch
District Technician, Blake Honetschlager
Farmbill Technician, Vacant Position
NRCS, April Sullivan
Great River Greening, Susie Carlin
County Commissioner, John Lupke

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve the agenda. Ayes Gieseke, Braun, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 3rd, 2018 meeting. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to approve 34 paid bills for January 2018 totaling \$89,862.65 (Checking Account), and \$24,503.70 for January 2018 (Grants Account). Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the February 2018 Treasurer's Reports subject to audit. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Watershed Testing for Ridgely Township Contract: The District was approached to participate in a program with the MN Dept. of Ag that will allow the citizens of Ridgely Township to have their drinking water tested for nitrates at no charge. Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve the contract. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Area VI Chair Meeting, Feb 22nd, DNR Office in New Ulm: Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve that Supervisors and Staff attend the Area VI Meeting. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Nicollet Building: The potential floor plan was viewed. Ostermann is waiting on bids from contractors and materials. Tax exempt status may reduce the interest rate on a loan. Contract for deed was mentioned.

Cost Share:

Termination for Nick Peters, Contract TW 13(15) was brought to the Board. Upon a motion by Braun, and seconded by Hulke, it was moved to terminate TW 13(15) for Cover Crop for Nick Peters. Ayes, Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke, Carried.

An amendment request in the amount of \$5,329.75 was presented to the Board for Cost-Share Contract Flood III A 5(16) and Flood III B 1(16) Grade Stabilization Structures project for Jeff Franta. The amendment amount would bring the contract total to \$46,670.25 (instead of \$52,000.00 as stated in the original contract). Upon a motion by Hulke and seconded by Gieseke, it was moved to approve the \$5,329.75 amendment for Cost-Share Contract Flood III A 5(16) and Flood III B 1(16) for Jeff Franta. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

A request was presented to the Board to enter into a Cost-Share Contract with Jeff Franta CS 4(16), 1(17), 1(18) for Grade Stabilization Structures on his property. Total estimated cost of the project is \$30,130.65 with \$22,597.77 being funded. Funds of \$6,896.20 would come from 2016 Cost Share with \$1,723.92 in TA. Funds of \$10,289.60 would come from 2017 Cost Share with \$2,572.40 in TA and funding of \$5,412.19 would come from Cost Share 2018 with TA of \$1,353.05 for a total of \$22,597.99 in Cost Share and \$5,649.37 in Technical Assistance. Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve Cost-Share Contract 4(16), 1(17), 1(18) for Jeff Franta for \$22,597.99. Ayes Braun, Hulke, Kral, Gieseke. Carried

MASWCD Legislative Briefing in St. Paul: The board approved the Supervisors and Staff to attend the MASWCD Legislative Briefing at the Capital on March 12th and 13th. A motion was made by Braun and seconded by Hulke. Ayes Braun, Gieseke, Kral, Hulke. Carried.

Hawk Creek 1W1P Resolution: A request was made for the District to participate in the Hawk Creek 1 Watershed 1 Plan project. Hulke made a motion to approve the Resolution to support the Hawk Creek 1W1P, which was seconded by Gieseke. Ayes Gieseke, Braun, Hulke, Kral. Carried. See attached resolution.

Conservation Volunteer Donation: Upon a motion by Gieseke and seconded by Braun, it was moved to approve a donation of \$100 to Minnesota Conservation Volunteer. Ayes Gieseke, Braun, Hulke, Kral. Carried.

Farmbill Technician Vacancy: A decision was made to table the Farmbill Technician Vacancy until the next meeting so Ostermann can look into the financial obligations of filling the position. Hulke motioned it be tabled and Braun seconded the motion. Ayes Gieseke, Braun, Hulke, Kral.

NRCS Report: Report was given by April Sullivan: see attached report.

Supervisor & Staff Report: Staff reported on various projects and trainings.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: March 7th, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Approved: _____ **Secretary** _____

**Resolution To Support a Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources
Watershed #53) One Watershed, One Plan Project**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorizes Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Soil Resources adopted the One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map on April 23, 2014, combining the Hawk Creek Watershed portion of the Minnesota River – Yellow Medicine River Major Watershed, as delineated in the attached Major Watersheds of Minnesota map, with a portion of the Minnesota River – Mankato Watershed, as delineated in the attached Major Watersheds of Minnesota map, into one watershed entitled the Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed #53), as delineated in the attached One Watershed, One Plan Suggested Boundary Map; and

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed #53), must develop a comprehensive watershed management plan as required by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, subdivision 5, Timelines; administration, which requires the completion of a statewide transition to comprehensive watershed management plans by 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Nicollet SWCD recognizes watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nicollet SWCD is willing to collaborate with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed #53) for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Hawk Creek Watershed portion of the Minnesota River – Yellow Medicine

River Major Watershed, have the option to change the One Watershed, One Plan suggested watershed boundaries for the Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed #53) during the plan development process if they determine it is in the best interest of the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Hawk Creek Watershed portion of the Minnesota River – Yellow Medicine River Major Watershed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nicollet SWCD supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into an agreement with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Hawk Creek Watershed (Board of Water and Soil Resources Watershed #53) to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

Dated: February 7, 2018

Approved John Kral

John Kral, Chair
Nicollet SWCD Board of Supervisors

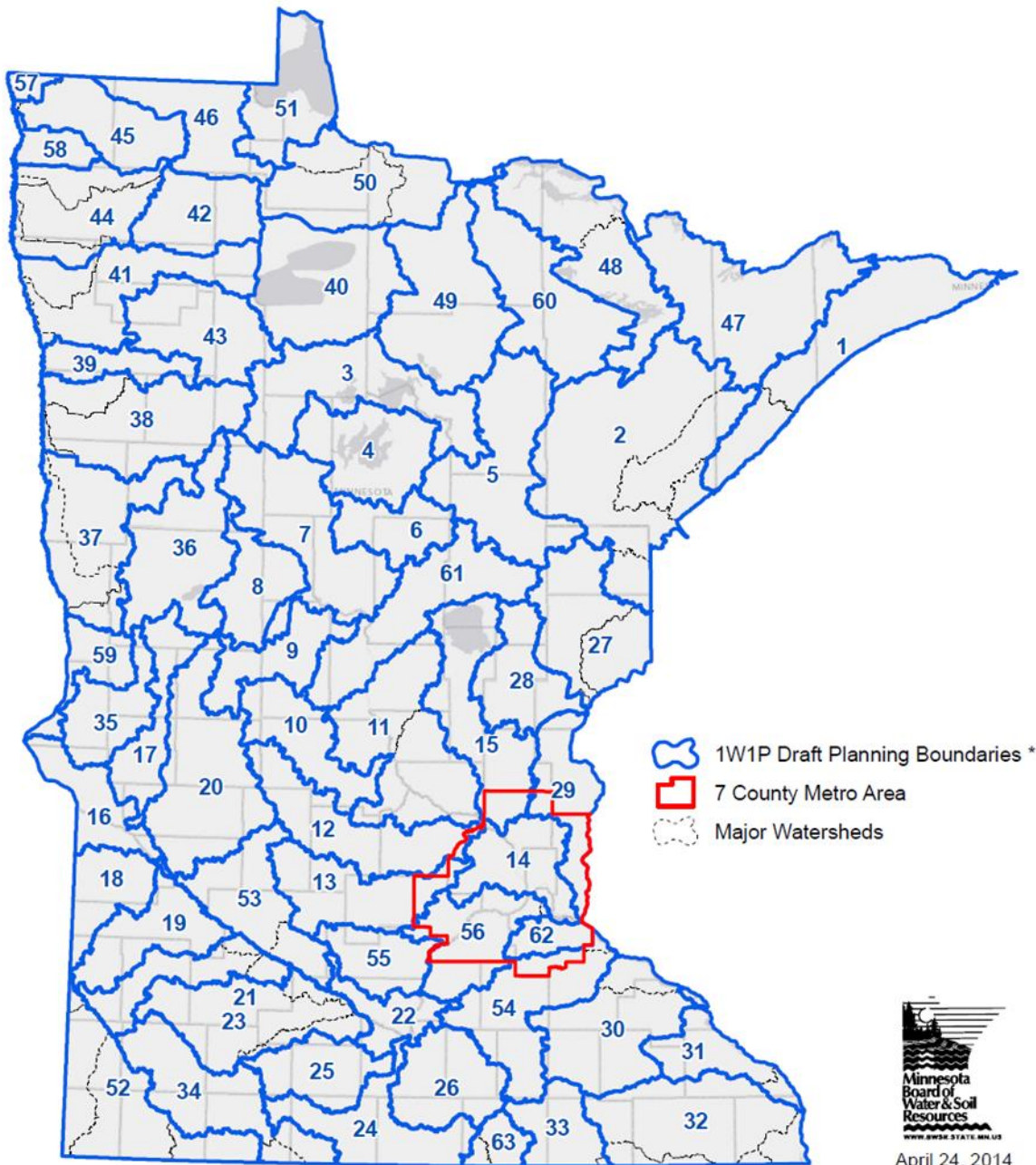
ATTEST:

Kevin Ostermann

Kevin Ostermann, District Manager

One Watershed, One Plan

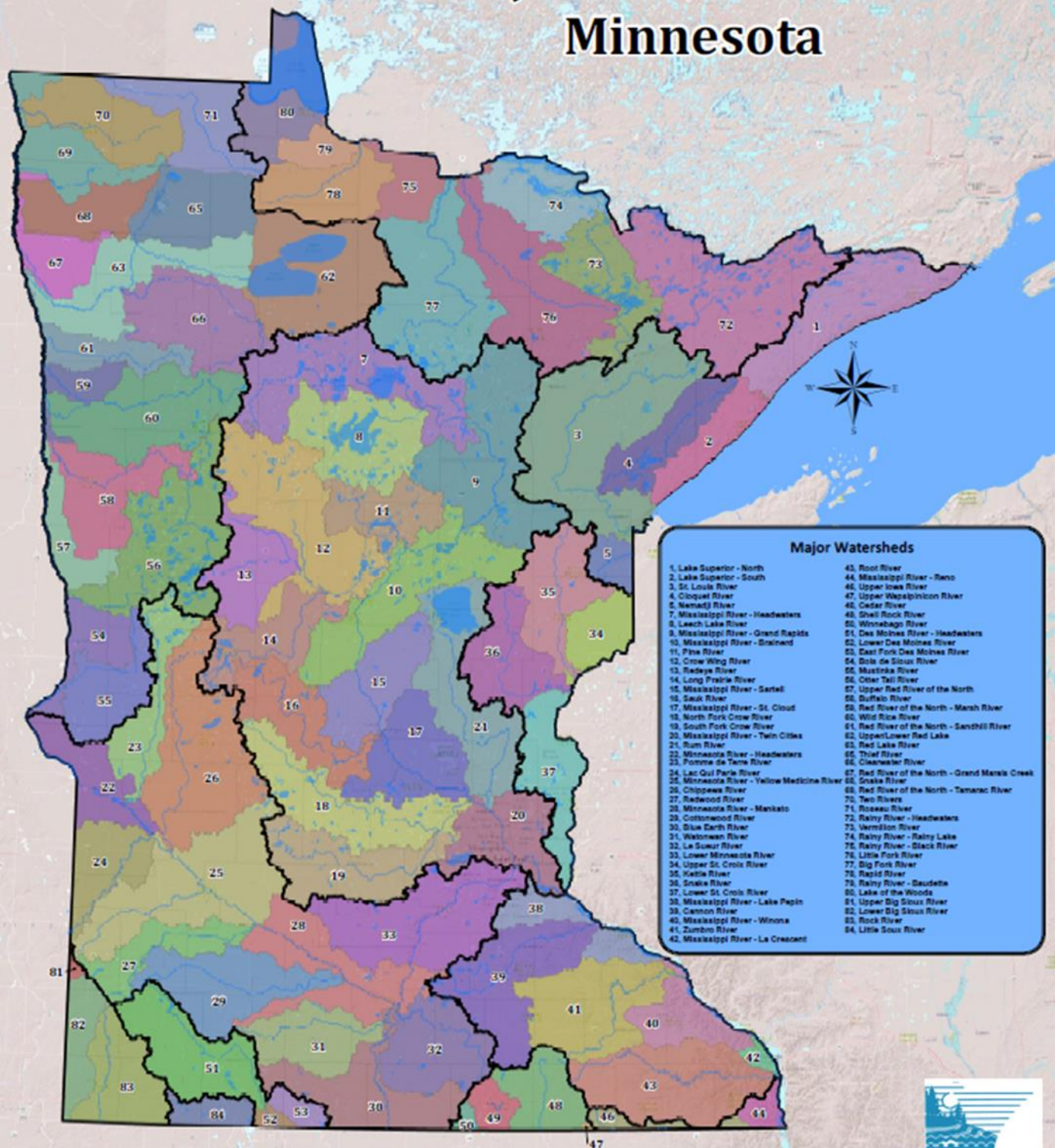
Suggested Boundary Map



April 24, 2014

*Not legal boundaries; intended for planning purposes through One Watershed, One Plan only.

Major Watersheds of Minnesota



- Major Watersheds**
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| 1. Lake Superior - North | 43. Root River |
| 2. Lake Superior - South | 44. Mississippi River - Reno |
| 3. St. Louis River | 45. Upper Iowa River |
| 4. Cloquet River | 47. Upper Washington River |
| 5. Nemadji River | 48. Cedar River |
| 7. Mississippi River - Headwaters | 49. Shell Rock River |
| 8. Leach Lake River | 50. Winnebago River |
| 9. Mississippi River - Grand Rapids | 51. Des Moines River - Headwaters |
| 10. Mississippi River - Snelmen | 52. Lower Des Moines River |
| 11. Pine River | 53. East Fork Des Moines River |
| 12. Crow Wing River | 54. Solé de Sioux River |
| 13. Tadeus River | 55. Moushka River |
| 14. Long Prairie River | 56. Otter Tail River |
| 15. Mississippi River - Sartell | 57. Upper Red River of the North |
| 16. Sauk River | 58. Buffalo River |
| 17. Mississippi River - St. Cloud | 59. Red River of the North - Marsh River |
| 18. North Fork Crow River | 60. Wild Rice River |
| 19. South Fork Crow River | 61. Red River of the North - Sandhill River |
| 20. Mississippi River - Twin Cities | 62. Upper/Lower Red Lake |
| 21. Rum River | 63. Red Lake River |
| 22. Minnesota River - Headwaters | 64. Truel River |
| 23. Potomac de Tere River | 65. Clearwater River |
| 24. Lac Qui Parle River | 67. Red River of the North - Grand Marais Creek |
| 25. Minnesota River - Yellow Medicine River | 68. Snake River |
| 26. Chippewa River | 69. Red River of the North - Tamarac River |
| 27. Redwood River | 70. Two Rivers |
| 28. Minnesota River - Mankato | 71. Roseau River |
| 29. Cottonwood River | 72. Rainy River - Headwaters |
| 30. Blue Earth River | 73. Vermilion River |
| 31. Watonwan River | 74. Rainy River - Rainy Lake |
| 32. Le Sueur River | 75. Rainy River - Black River |
| 33. Lower Minnesota River | 76. Little Fork River |
| 34. Upper St. Croix River | 77. Big Fork River |
| 35. Kettle River | 78. Rapid River |
| 36. Snake River | 79. Rainy River - Baudette |
| 37. Lower St. Croix River | 80. Lake of the Woods |
| 38. Mississippi River - Lake Pepin | 81. Upper Big Sioux River |
| 39. Cannon River | 82. Lower Big Sioux River |
| 40. Mississippi River - Winona | 83. Rock River |
| 41. Zumbro River | 84. Little Sioux River |
| 42. Mississippi River - La Crescent | |



Nicollet SWCD
Monthly Treasurer's Report
 January 31, 2018

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Nicollet County Bank	260,469.63
11000 · Nicollet County Bank Grants	271,821.66
12000 · Nicollet County Savings	365,264.12
Total Checking/Savings	897,555.41
Accounts Receivable	
11001 · Accounts Receivable	24.16
Total Accounts Receivable	24.16
Total Current Assets	897,579.57
TOTAL ASSETS	897,579.57
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
21000 · Unearned Revenue	
UR - Buffer Grant 2018	20,000.00
UR - BWSR 2017 Capacity	59,015.61
UR - BWSR 2018 Capacity	100,000.00
UR - Clean Water 2017	38,742.50
UR - Conservation Delivery	19,224.00
UR - Cost Share 2016	8,620.12
UR - Cost Share 2017	12,862.00
UR - Cost Share 2018	12,862.00
UR - Cost Share Buffer 2018	30,000.00
UR - Cost Share FR #2	14,900.58
UR - Cost Share FR #3	91,534.00
UR - Cost Share FR #3 B	25,000.00
UR - Targeted Watershed	271,821.66
Total 21000 · Unearned Revenue	704,582.47
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	
25500 · Sales Tax Payable	373.33
Total 24000 · Payroll Liabilities	373.33
Total Other Current Liabilities	704,955.80
Total Current Liabilities	704,955.80
Total Liabilities	704,955.80
Equity	
32000 · Retained Earnings	230,991.12
Net Income	-38,367.35
Total Equity	192,623.77
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	897,579.57

District Treasurer/Date _____