

## FINAL REPORT SUMMARY

### PRAP

**Performance Review and Assistance Program  
2009 Level II Reviews:  
Lincoln County  
Environmental Office  
Local Water Management  
(Lincoln County)**

**Why BWSR did this review**  
BWSR conducts Level II performance reviews to help local government water management entities to be the best they can be in plan implementation and overall operational effectiveness. In 2009 BWSR conducted Level II performance reviews of nine different local water management entities.

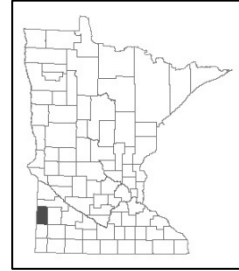
BWSR has conducted a routine Level II performance review of the **Lincoln County Environmental Office's** local water management because they are near the midpoint in implementing their 10-year local water management plan.

This document includes findings and recommendations to enhance the overall operation and effectiveness of the county Environmental Office's local water management function. The county board and/or Environmental Office staff is responsible for taking any actions they deem necessary in response to this report.

## **Lincoln County Environmental Office Local Water Management Summary of Performance Review Results**

### **What BWSR Found**

The Lincoln County Environmental Office is operating an effective local water management program. The County is successfully implementing the assigned action items from their 2004-2014 comprehensive local water management plan. The county has demonstrated the ability to work well with local and state agency partners. They have effectively delegated the local water management planning task and the leadership of the local water plan task force to the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District.



The county's implementation of the feedlot program has provided the greatest challenge. While there has been effective implementation of feedlot improvements for the smaller operators, the lack of funds and other factors have made it difficult to develop improvements for the larger feedlots. BWSR encourages Lincoln County to explore alternatives for working with these feedlot operators to make the necessary improvements to their systems.

### **Action Items**

There are no action items (immediate steps needed to correct operational deficiencies).

### **Commendations**

The Lincoln County Environmental Office is commended for meeting the following high performance standards.

- ★Public drainage records meet modernization guidelines
- ★Annual plan priorities based on water quality trend data
- ★Water quality trends tracked for priority water bodies
- ★Partnerships with SWCDs/WDs and cooperative projects
- ★Report to water plan advisory committee on plan progress
- ★County local water management plan on county website
- ★Water management ordinances on county website.

BWSR offered one recommendation to help the Lincoln County Environmental Office enhance its delivery of local water management services related to the feedlot program. Lincoln County staff submitted brief comments on the draft of this report.