

Hello all,

Here are three job openings of note in the Minnesota River Watershed.

Stevens Soil and Water Conservation District is hiring a coordinator for the Pomme de Terre Watershed to coordinate a six-county Joint Powers Board and Technical Committee meetings, work with property owners on Best Management Practices, recruit and train citizen monitors, among other duties in the watershed. Contact Matt Solemsaas at 320-589-4886 ext 112 or matt.solemsaas@mn.nacdnet.net for more information. The deadline for the position is October 15th.



A Rush River Watershed Project coordinator is being hired by Sibley County to manage a 319 Clean Water Partnership Project to promote conservation practices, provide educational opportunities and work with a diverse selection of partners. Contact Roseann Nagel at 507-237-4117 for more information on this position. September 28th is the deadline.

The Brown-Nicollet-Cottonwood Water Quality Board is looking for a Water Quality Specialist/Water Quality Program Director to work on water quality project including promoting conservation practices and conducting TMDL studies. Send a cover letter, resume and references to Karen Swenson at swenbneh@hickorytech.net or 322 S. Minnesota Avenue; St. Peter, MN 56082 by October 1st.

CURE – Clean Up the River Environment continues to dispel rumors/myths surrounding the potential construction of Big Stone II Coal Plant and what it means for increased water drawdowns and mercury output. Read about it at: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/answersfromCURE.pdf>

Events:

Have fun in Appleton this weekend – September 14 – 16 by participating in a run/walk/bike event, a rubber duck race on the Pomme de Terre River and a large number of other activities including fireworks at dark on Saturday evening. For more information contact the Appleton Chamber at 320-289-1527.

The Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center is hosting a Fall Open House on Sunday, September 16th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to sample activities like a Climbing Wall, Questing and much more. Join in the Turbine Tailgate Party to see numerous renewable energy initiatives. For more information contract the center at 1-320-354-5894.

Or go out to the Harkin Store on Sunday, September 16th for the Death Centennial from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Explore the wonderful world of mussels on September 21st and 22nd in New Ulm. Mike Davis of the DNR will be doing a presentation on Friday evening and a mussel walk Saturday morning on the Cottonwood River.

Check out more up-coming events by clicking on the calendar at <http://mrbdm.mnsu.edu/calendar/index.html>

A few water quality related articles:

Ben Leonard and his 4-year-old son Jack find a large number of bison bones and few pieces of old crockery while paddling the Minnesota River: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/riverrevealsoldbisonbones.pdf>

How the landscape of northern Minnesota will be affected by climate change and how we can all make individual changes to reduce carbon output:

<http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/warmerdryerclimate.pdf>

What is happening with dedicated funding for conservation projects including clean water, fish and wildlife habitat, along with parks, trails and the arts:

<http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/outofsight.pdf>

Chippewa Valley Ethanol Company has put an expansion to add 40 million gallons of yearly production on hold: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/ethanolexpansiononhold.pdf>

The 2007 Farm Bill and how to incorporate the need for more conservation funding and limiting commodity payments: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/biggerfarmscleanerstreams.pdf>

Minnesota Court of Appeals Judge David Minge of Clarkfield hosts a bike ride around southwest Minnesota: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/mingeonaroll.pdf> and <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/bikeminnesota.pdf>

At the Minnesota Fair a number of family farms showcased how they are changing growing methods and marketing their products to local stores and restaurants, including Jim VanDerPol's farm near Montevideo: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/familyfarmsfindniche.pdf>

Urban Minnesotans are becoming involved in agriculture by showing cows at fairs, enrolling in ag classes and taking an interest in where their food comes from:

<http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/freshonthefarm.pdf>

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board:

<http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Watershed.

The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) is an organized network of citizens, public agencies, and private organizations dedicated to communicating the benefits of an ecology healthy Minnesota River Watershed to others and are actively working towards its improvement and protection. The Watershed Alliance meets four times a year and encourages landowners and recreational users of the river to be part of this effort.

Thank you,

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