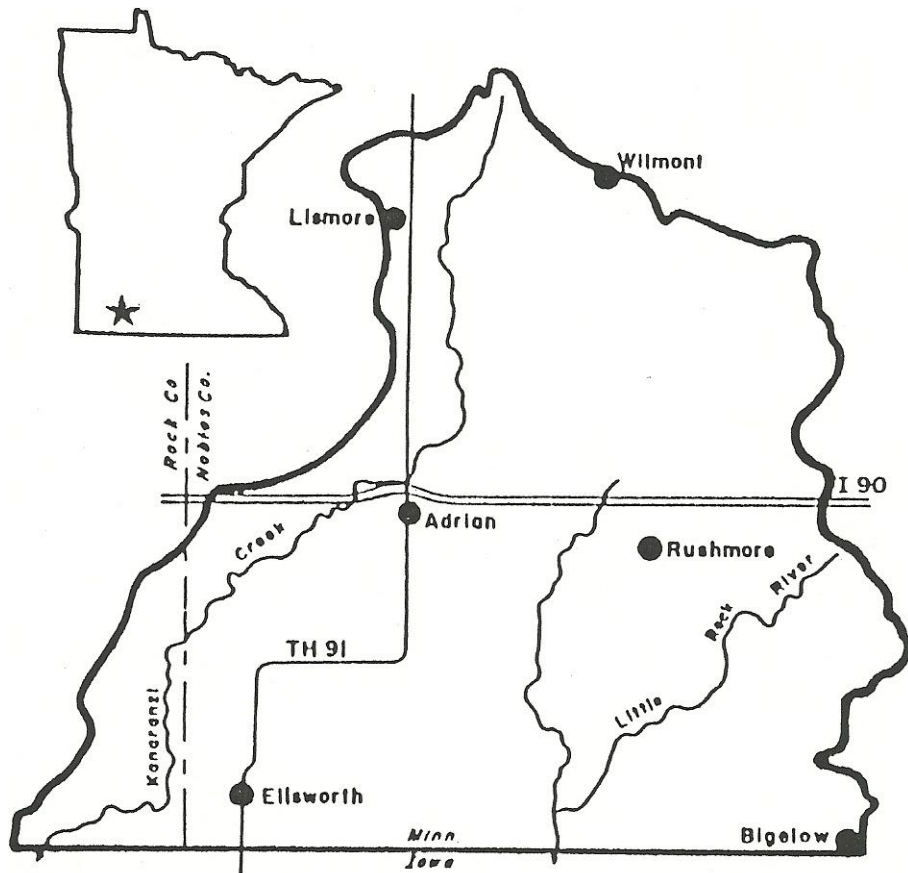


Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed District

(Commonly referred to as KLR)



2017 Annual Plan and Budget

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The Managers have their Regular Meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month. The meetings begin at 7:00 P.M. The meetings during the months of May and October are often cancelled to observe KLR's producer needs of agricultural planting and/or harvest; respectively.

The normal meeting location is:

Adrian Government Center
Council Chambers
209 Maine Avenue
Adrian, MN 56110

Community Outreach:

KLR has contracted with the Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office to: conduct business, educate, provide technical services and inform its residents and neighboring watersheds of its conservation practices.

The Nobles SWCD will be contracted as an administration office and technical service for KLR. The SWCD will provide John Shea, District Manager as KLR's District Administrator. KLR's Regular Meetings will be held in the City of Adrian's Government Center. The Nobles SWCD will perform the following functions for KLR: resident and producer point of contact, invoice receiving, invoice paying, and meeting coordination. Additional Technical Activities performed by the Nobles SWCD will be grant writing, land and water conservation technical education, project contracting and project inspection. KLR's projects will also be reviewed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service; who are conveniently housed in the same office as Nobles SWCD.

Annual Objectives:

In 2017, KLR will continue the work which was established in its first overall plan:

- To provide adequate water quantity and quality for essential human and animal needs;
- To reduce flooding;
- To control sheet, rill, gully, and stream bank erosion and the siltation of watercourses; To protect surface and groundwater from pollution;
- To prevent flood plain encroachments that would materially increase the flood damage potential;
- To preserve wetlands for water retention, recharge, soil conservation, and wildlife habitat;
- To improve wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities through encouragement of natural habitat;
- To coordinate District activities with neighboring watershed districts and all other interested units and agencies to the fullest practical extent;
- To compile hydrologic information on the District.
- To educate and fund the education of the public on conservation practices and drainage matters
- Continue to cooperate with the MPCA's local work group in completing a WRAP or "One Watershed" approach to protecting watersheds

KLR will also engage in several activities and projects in 2017. The following are planned:

- Continue with the septic system replacement cost-share incentive
- Continue with waterway clean-out and new waterway installation cost-share incentives
- Continue with existing ditch clean-out and new ditch installation cost-share incentives
- Continue with well sealing cost-share incentives and tree planting cost-share incentives
- Continue with buffer program cost-share incentives
- Continue with incentives for conservation-use acres and other conservation practices
- Engage in long-term contracts with residents for conservation practices
- Engage in and promote special conservation projects. Specifically, to cost-share fund 2017 special projects and engineering expenses
- Fund conservation education opportunities such as Fourth Grade Foresters and the Ecology Bus Tours
- Participate in Joint Powers Administration to bring additional funding to the area
- Finish the review, editing, and the establishment of the KLR Rules

Kanaranzi-Little Rock Watershed Managers will use budgeted funds and grant funds to perform and promote projects throughout 2017. The relationships with Nobles SWCD, NRCS, DNR and other area watershed districts will prove to be valuable to KLR's Managers, residents, and the promoted conservation practices. KLR will continue to search for education through these relationships and through its membership in the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts and the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. KLR will continue to search for external financing to assist local producers in implementing conservation practices.

KANARANZI-LITTLE ROCK WATERSHED DISTRICT
2017 BUDGET

Board Compensation	\$ 5,000.00
SWCD Admin/Technical Contract	65,000.00
Payroll Taxes	500.00
Mileage and Travel	2,500.00
Insurance and Bonds	2,600.00
Audit	3,000.00
Legal Fees	10,000.00
Professional Costs/MAWD	4,000.00
Publications and Hearings	2,000.00
Supplies and Postage	500.00
Other Services / Charges	1,000.00
Buffer Program	70,000.00
Project Expenditures	<u>75,000.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$241,100.00