

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
LAND CONSERVATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular and budget meeting of the **Brown County Land Conservation Subcommittee** was held on Monday, October 22, 2012 in Room 161 at the Ag & Extension Center, 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, WI

Present: Chair Dantine, Supervisors Kaster, Erickson, Sieber, Landwehr. Norb Van De Hei.
Also Present: Executive Streckenbach. Supervisors Robinson, Hoyer, Williams, Jamir, Van Dyck, Lund. Executive Streckenbach, Bill Hafs, Jim Jolly, Mike Mushinski, Dave Wetenkamp. Brent Miller, Lynn Vanden Langenberg, Carolyn Maricque, Dan Process, Juliana Renzel, Other Interested Parties

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norb Dantine at 6:00 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

**Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of Land Conservation Subcommittee of September 24, 2012.

**Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by N. Vande Hei to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Non-Budget Items
Communications**

- 1. Variance request from Mueller Dairy to build feedlot closer than 100 feet from property line.**
A Notice of Intent for an Animal Feedlot requiring a 100 foot setback from an adjacent owner's property line was reviewed. Bill Hafs informed the committee that at this time no comments or objections have been received with the placing of this feedlot. Owners of the property, Jerry & Mailyn Kabat, plan to maintain the same size herd. A map of the area was provided. Staff recommendation is to approve. The Kabat's were informed that final approval will be by the County Board.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 2. Land and Water Conservation Department Budget Update September, 2012 (to be distributed).**

Bill Hafs reported that the budget is in line.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Budget Adjustment Request (12-95): US Fish and Wildlife Service \$14,900, additional revenue with increase in expenditures for West Shore Pike Habitat Project.

Jim Jolly reported that the Land & Water Conservation Department has received a grant in the amount of \$14,900 from the US Fish & Wildlife Service to provide cost-share payments to landowners doing conservation work as part of the West Shore Pike Habitat Project. There is no additional cost to the County.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Resolution re: Requesting State of Wisconsin to fulfill Statutory Requirements to Adequately Fund Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department to Implement State Mandated Programs.

Director Hafs referred to the resolution included in packet material explaining that this involves a request to the State of Wisconsin to fulfill statutory requirements to adequately fund the Brown County Land & Water Conservation Department to implement State mandated programs. Although he attended a recent meeting, Hafs indicated he did not vote explaining that DATCP shall attempt to provide three staff persons per county with full funding for the first staff person, 70% for the 2nd, and 50% for any additional staff person to provide an average of \$100,000 per county for cost-sharing grants. He added that this allocation does not meet statutory obligations and leaves the Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM) program short of meeting its statutory staffing grant goal. At this time the SWRM is approximately \$4,000,000 short of meeting the staffing grant total. Hafs indicated that DATCO proposes to further reduce soil and water general purpose revenue funds by 29%, resulting in a statewide reduction of \$1,100,400, in addition to the \$1,000,000 in cuts already approved in the 2011-2013 biennial budget.

Hafs indicated that the Land & Water Conservation Association and the Wisconsin County's Association have unanimously approved Resolution 10-4—2012 requesting that the State fulfill its statutory funding allocation to the County Land & Water Conservation Department. The resolution asks that the 2013-2015 state budget provide an allocation to all 72 counties that will fully fund the comprehensive conservation program as directed by statute. Without this funding, Brown County will be unable to fulfill state mandated services to all landowners who are requesting assistance in state programs including the Working Lands Initiative.

Discussion by the committee resulted in Director Hafs stating that he was not optimistic that the resolution will pass, that he has never found a resolution to be effective, although agreed to try. Supervisor Landwehr suggested that the legislature be contacted so that they are informed of the importance of this matter.

**Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve the Resolution requesting State of Wisconsin to fulfill Statutory Requirements to Adequately Fund Brown County Land and Water Conservation Department to Implement State Mandated Programs.. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BUDGET REVIEW – 6:14pm

REVIEW OF 2013 DEPARTMENT BUDGET

5. Land and Water Conservation – Review of 2013 department budget.

Director Hafs distributed a handout which is attached regarding the Land and Water Conservation Department 2013 Budget Proposal. Hafs highlighted the “major budget provisions for 2013”.

Hafs reported that the Executive has agreed to work with him on staffing. The budget was changed related to various items, one being health insurance. Grants for the West Shore, East River, and Baird Creek Projects are anticipated.

Page 175 – Phosphorus Levels – Hafs indicated that instead of spending he would like to work with farmers to reduce phosphorus levels and has proposed a management plan to the DNR, however, noted that funding is an issue.

Page 294 - Working Lands Initiative – Hafs explained the plan that has been put in place by Fond du Lac County whereby landowners are required to participate in the cost of the program which is unfunded by the State. There are 475 landowners involved and they have four years to develop a schedule of compliance. A \$42 hourly charge for staff engineering fees which is separate from inspection is being proposed.

Supervisor Kaster opined that it wasn't right to charge taxpayers, however, Jim Jolly indicated that if they were charged for engineering, it would be consistent with other programs. Hafs indicated they do not have staff who can perform the engineering as they are working with animal waste storage, that it would require other staff to be trained in inspection. Executive Streckenbach clarified that the idea is to have the County do the inspection work at their cost. For those farmers in non-compliance there will be a \$42 fee, in addition to a \$42 hourly fee to do the paperwork related to an annual schedule. Numbers show that 80 non-compliant inspections were done in the last year.

Supervisor Dantine expressed concern with farmers not getting their credits if inspections are not completed. Supervisor Erickson asked if this service could be contracted and Hafs indicated it has not been thus done far, speculating that private firms would most likely charge more.

Supervisor Lund suggested that summer interns be taught to do the initial inspection and if non-compliance is determined, then the County move forward with engineering. Mr. Jolly, however, explained that although a good idea, students are available only during the month of June. By this time crops are too high, stating the need is in early spring and fall.

Supervisor Sieber questioned if the fee was raised significantly if farmers would be more likely to maintain compliance. N. VandeHei agreed with the flat rate fee for the larger farmer, however, expressed concern for the smaller ones.

Executive Streckenbach addressed the Green Bay Met proposal, stating it is a plan to form a partnership with all of the stakeholders with the biggest gain coming from municipalities. Further discussion on this issue resulted in Director Hafs stating he would discuss state requirements with Corporation Counsel and report back.

Pg. 179 – Contracted Services/ Baird Creek Foundation – It was explained that the grant which was received was not totally spent.

Pg. 178 – Permit Ordinance – It was noted that the number increased from \$37,000 to \$47,000, with Hafs explaining this is a USDA contribution to help with animal waste storage design.

Supervisor Kaster asked about the decrease in winter spreading plans with Hafs explaining that this number does not usually show much fluctuation. Hafs indicated the department has lost a staff person who worked on Nutrient Management Plans.

Supervisor Erickson noted a decrease in one FT person. Hafs explained this position was left unfilled and unfunded for 2013.

Motion made by Supervisor Landwehr, seconded by Supervisor Sieber to approve the Land and Water Conservation 2013 Department Budget with a clarification related to the Working Lands Initiative. The County will do an inspection at their cost, for those in non-compliance there will be a \$42 fee, in addition to a \$42 hourly fee to do the paperwork related to an annual schedule.

Vote Taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a. **Resolution re: Approving New or Deleted Positions during the 2013 Budget Process (Land and Water Conservation).**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve the Resolution approving new or deleted positions during the 2013 budget process.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **Such other matters as authorized by law. None**
7. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Supervisor Sieber, seconded by N. Vande Hei to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary

Rae G. Knippel
Transcriptionist

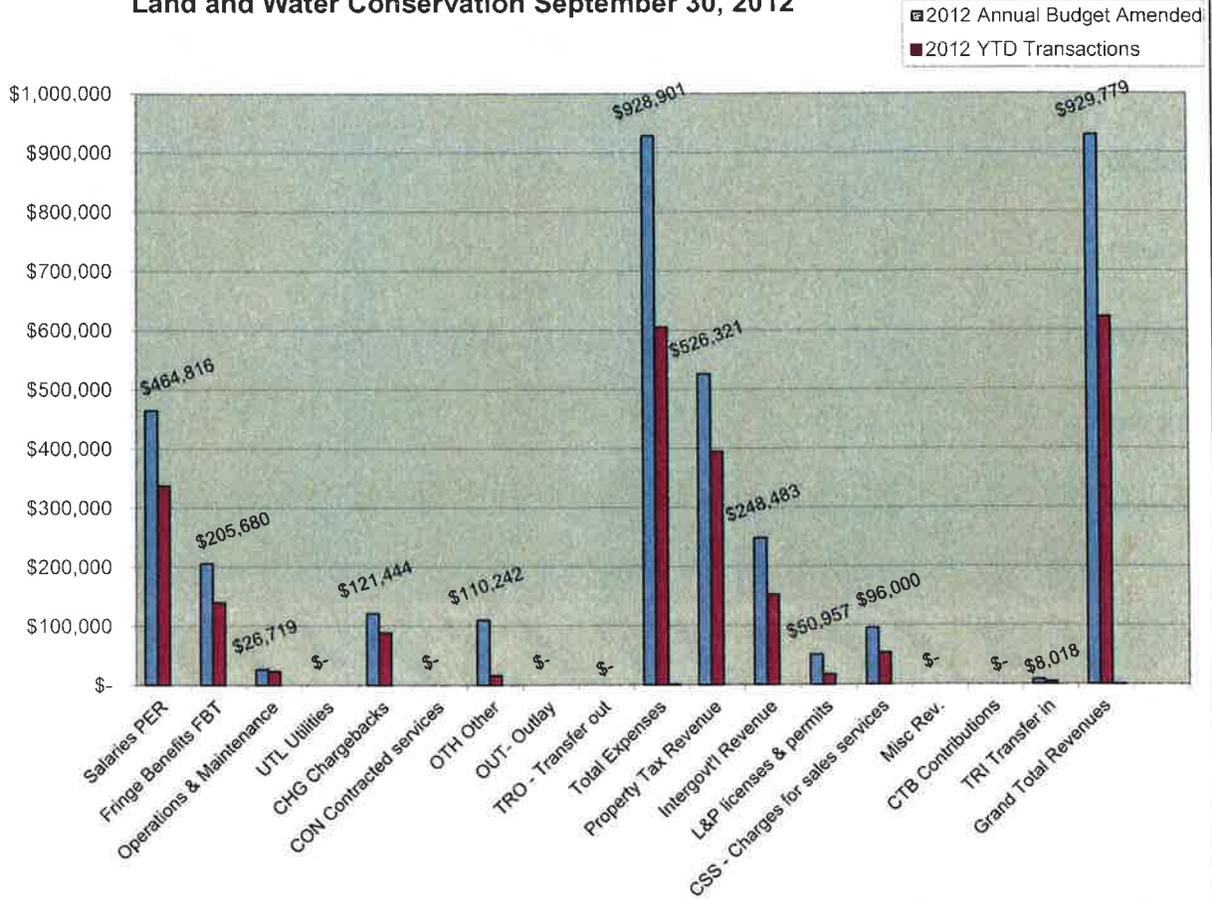
Brown County
Land and Water Conservation
Budget Status Report (unaudited)
 9/30/2012

	2012 Annual Budget Amended	2012 YTD Transactions		2011 Budget	2011 Actual
Salaries PER	\$ 464,816	\$ 337,475		\$ 477,345	\$ 470,581
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 205,680	\$ 139,683		\$ 205,937	\$ 193,360
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 26,719	\$ 22,989		\$ 47,279	\$ 43,234
UTL Utilities	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 72	\$ -
CHG Chargebacks	\$ 121,444	\$ 88,977	Indirect cost, I.S., Insurance	\$ 103,702	\$ 103,624
CON Contracted services	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
OTH Other	\$ 110,242	\$ 15,938	Grant exp., landowner payments, WD, L&W	\$ 104,931	\$ 112,389
OUT- Outlay	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
TRO - Transfer out	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 928,901	\$ 605,064	65%	\$ 939,266	\$ 923,190
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 526,321	\$ 394,740		\$ 494,990	\$ 494,990
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 248,483	\$ 152,382	State grants	\$ 273,879	\$ 279,058
L&P licenses & permits	\$ 50,957	\$ 17,300	Permits, inspections	\$ 47,000	\$ 54,578
CSS - Charges for sales services	\$ 96,000	\$ 53,328	Ag 50 cent fee, Tree sales	\$ 97,000	\$ 104,769
Misc Rev.	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
CTB Contributions	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
TRI Transfer in	\$ 8,018	\$ 4,523	Fuel - grants through LWCD	\$ 24,397	\$ 24,355
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 929,779	\$ 622,275	67%	\$ 939,266	\$ 959,750

16,075+

20,485 +

Land and Water Conservation September 30, 2012



Brown County
Land Conservation West Shore, Baird Creek GRANTS
Budget Status Report (unaudited)

9/30/2012	Annual Budget Amended	YTD Transactions
Salaries PER	\$ 96,976	\$ 71,489
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 21,711	\$ 16,377
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 26,135	\$ 6,876
CON Contracted services	\$ 60,984	\$ 2,726
Other	\$ 400,708	\$ 285,063
OUT- Outlay	\$ -	\$ -
TRO - Transfer out	\$ 6,378	\$ 4,523
Total Expenses	\$ 612,892	\$ 387,056
Intergov't Revenue	\$ 612,892	\$ 387,114
Contributions		
Interest	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer in	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 612,892	\$ 387,114

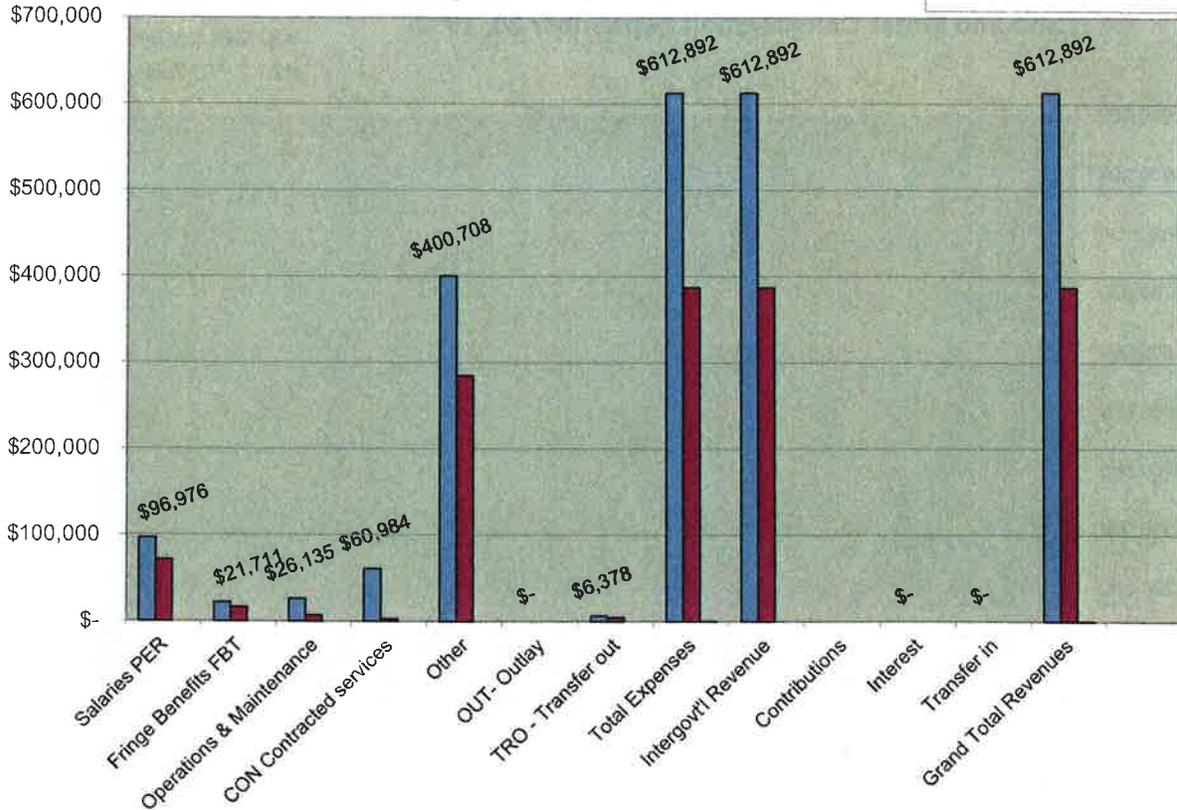
Baird Creek Preservation Foundation
landowner payments

63%

63%

Land and Water Conservation
West Shore, Baird Creek, Other GRANTS 2012
September , 2012

■ Annual Budget Amended
■ YTD Transactions

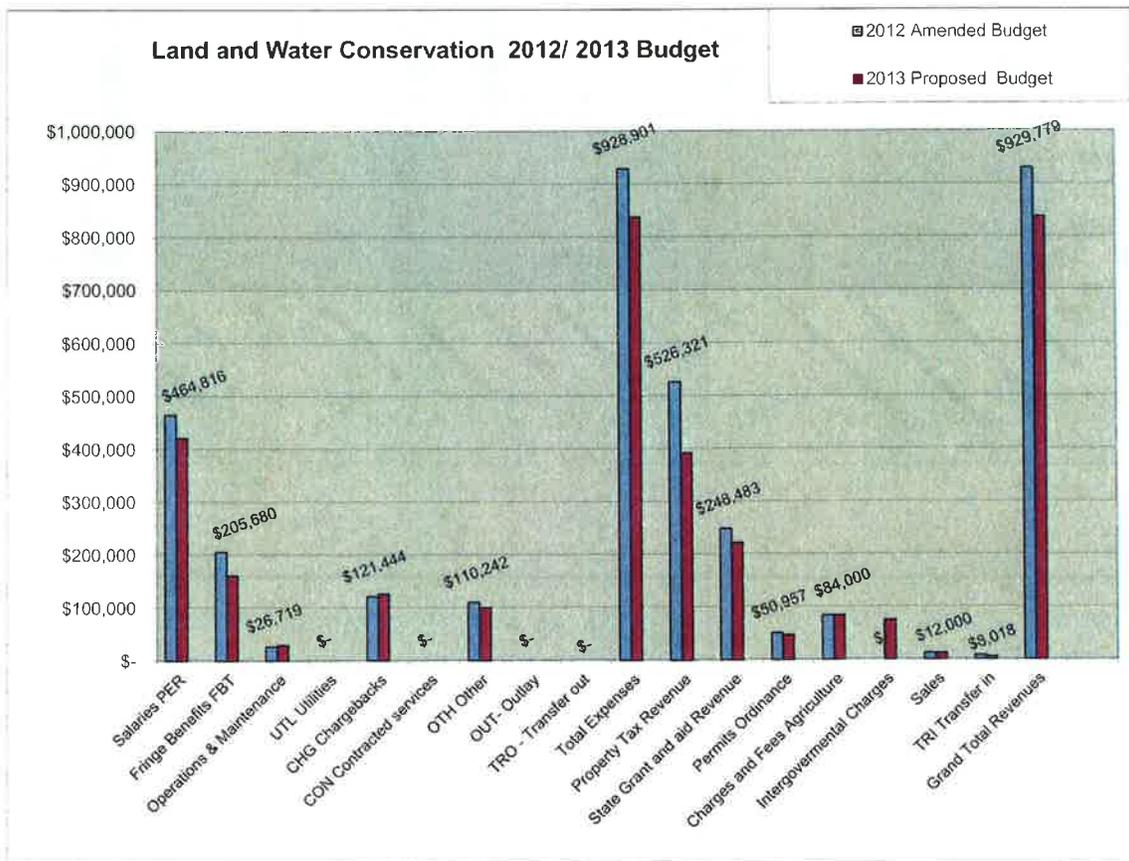


Land and Water Conservation Department 2013 Budget Proposal

Major budget provisions for 2013

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Levy cut 25% | \$134,291 from \$526,321 to \$392,030 |
| 2. 2 LTE Staff cut | 2 LTE grant funded positions (East River and Baird Creek) |
| 3. 1 full time staff person unfunded. | Executive and County Conservationist will work to fund through adaptive management with GBMSD |
| 4. \$75,000 contribution agreement | 1 year contribution agreement grant added to fund LWCD staffing positions. (USDA) |
| 5. WLI fee added | \$42 per hour - page 294 budget. |

	2011 Actual	2012 Amended Budget	2013 Proposed Budget	
Salaries PER	\$ 470,581	\$ 464,816	\$ 421,212	
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 193,360	\$ 205,680	\$ 160,860	
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 43,234	\$ 26,719	\$ 29,336	
UTL Utilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CHG Chargebacks	\$ 103,624	\$ 121,444	\$ 126,262	Indirect cost, I.S., Insurance
CON Contracted services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
OTH Other	\$ 112,389	\$ 110,242	\$ 100,000	Grant exp., landowner payments, WD, L&I
OUT- Outlay	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TRO - Transfer out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Expenses	\$ 923,190	\$ 928,901	\$ 837,670	
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 494,990	\$ 526,321	\$ 392,030	Levy
State Grant and aid Revenue	\$ 279,058	\$ 248,483	\$ 222,000	State grants
Permits Ordinance	\$ 54,578	\$ 50,957	\$ 47,000	Permits, inspections
Charges and Fees Agriculture	\$ 91,798	\$ 84,000	\$ 84,000	Ag 50 cent fee
Intergovernmental Charges	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000	Contribution agreement USDA N
Sales	\$ 12,972	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	Tree Program
TRI Transfer in	\$ 26,355	\$ 8,018	\$ 5,640	Fuel - grants through LWCD Donations, carryover, transfers (2011)
Grand Total Revenues	\$ 959,750	\$ 929,779	\$ 837,670	



Grants

	2011 Actual	2012 Amended Budget	2013 Proposed Budget
Salaries PER	\$ 116,440	\$ 96,976	\$ 50,738
Fringe Benefits FBT	\$ 22,258	\$ 21,711	\$ 7,731
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 24,025	\$ 26,135	\$ 16,000
CON Contracted services	\$ 14,924	\$ 60,984	\$ -
Other	\$ 143,531	\$ 400,708	\$ 180,000
OUT- Outlay			
TRO - Transfer out	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,378	\$ 4,000
Total Expenses	\$ 326,678	\$ 612,892	\$ 258,469
Intergov'tl Revenue	\$ 326,678	\$ 612,892	\$ 258,469
Contributions			
Interest		\$ -	\$ -
Transfer in		\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total Revenue	\$ 326,678	\$ 612,892	\$ 258,469

Baird Creek Preservation Foundation
landowner payments

Land and Water Conservation Grants
West Shore (11-13), Baird Creek (11-12), East (12)

