

Conservation District Tree Planting Efforts

January 21, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$157,500 for 2021 tree planting efforts within the District; allocating \$15,000 to Beadle Conservation District, Brown/Marshall Conservation District, South Brown Conservation District, Davison Conservation District, Hanson Conservation District, Hutchinson Conservation District, Marshall Conservation District, Sanborn Conservation District, Spink Conservation District, Yankton Conservation District and \$7,500 to Aurora Conservation District. These funds will encourage producers to plant trees to improve the environment, for example; by protecting the soil, improving water quality and to establish wildlife habitat.

South Central Watershed Project

January 21, 2021. The James River Water Development District committed to continue the implementation of Best Management practices (BMPs), which have been successful in the South Central Watershed Project. The James River Water Development District committed \$29,645 to the South Central Implementation Project to continue to work with private landowners and operators to implement BMPs to improve surface water qualities in South Dakota.

Davison County Drainage Fabric and Riprap Installation Funding

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$28,490 for drainage fabric and riprap installation costs with replacing Structure 18-170-141, that was severely damaged beyond repair during major flooding events in 2019. The installation of drainage fabric and riprap will help mitigate sediment transport from entering the James

River, which will reduce water contamination by soil erosion and help protect the structure from future scour and flooding events.

Davison County Drainage Fabric and Riprap Installation

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$29,330 for drainage fabric and riprap installation costs with replacing Structures 18-120-153, 18-070-153 and 18-030-144, that were severely damaged beyond repair during major flooding events in 2019. The installation of drainage fabric and riprap will help mitigate sediment transport from entering the James River, which will reduce water contamination by soil erosion and help protect the structures from future scour and flooding events.

City of Hitchcock – Lift Station Relining

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$37,925 to the City of Hitchcock to install a new fiberglass liner to their lift station, which will prevent wastewater from seeping into the ground water.

City of Mellette – Lift Station Improvements

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$50,000 to the City of Mellette to upgrade their lift station and controls as well as upgrading the current 4-inch line to a 6-inch line so the pumps can run concurrently, preventing issues due to water infiltrating the system.

Brown County Build a Dam

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$14,750 to a landowner in Brown County to build a low head dam in Mud Creek at the downstream end of his property.

Yankton County Build a Dam

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$12,240 to a landowner in Walshtown Township. This silt dam will sit above the main dam to protect it and to filter out debris from coming into the main dam.

Yankton County Repair a Dam

March 18, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$14,229 to a landowner in Walshtown Township. This dam sits a mile above the James River and has been severally damaged over the past years due to large amounts of runoff.

Green Acres Association – Above Ground Water Storage Tanks

May 13, 2021. The James River Water Development District awarded \$34,626.50 to Green Acres Association for constructing three 4,000 gallon above ground water storage tanks. These tanks will replace an existing unground water storage reservoir which will be demolished for safety concerns.