



SAKW

2024 Annual Meeting

January 30, 2024



THE WATERSHED DISTRICT ACT & DOC

24-1201a. Declaration of public necessity for creation of districts; power; benefits. It is recognized that serious problems of water management resulting from erosion, floodwater or sediment damages or instability of natural water supplies are arising in the watersheds of the rivers and streams of the state of Kansas; that for the purpose of alleviating such damages and furthering the conservation, development, utilization and disposal of water and thereby preserving and protecting the state's land and water resources, it is legislatively determined that it is necessary and advisable to establish watershed districts with the power to construct, operate and maintain works of improvement needed to carry out such purposes ...

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- **24-1211. Election of directors at annual meeting; report of financial condition, projects and activities; notice and conduct of elections; vacancies; changes in number of directors or date of annual meeting; notice; procedure.** In not less than 12 months ... Copies of the minutes of the annual meeting and report on the financial condition and activities of the district shall be furnished to the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation.

- **24-1212. Open meetings of directors; notice; quorum.** Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be held no less than once each quarter on such day and place as is selected by the board of directors. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each director at least five days prior to the date thereof, and special meetings may be held and special meetings may be held at any time upon waiver of notice of such meeting by all directors ... Copies of the minutes of regular and special meetings shall be furnished to the Kansas department of agriculture division of conservation.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS & CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

- **2-1902. Legislative determination. It is hereby declared, as a matter of legislative determination:** D. Declaration of policy. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature to provide for the conservation, use and development of the soil and water resources of this state, and for the control and prevention of soil erosion, flood damages and injury to the quality of water, and thereby to preserve natural resources, control floods, prevent impairment of dams and reservoirs, assist in maintaining the navigability of rivers and harbors, preserve wild life, protect the tax base, protect public lands, and protect and promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people of this state. (6) to cooperate with and give assistance to watershed districts and other special purpose districts in the state of Kansas for the purpose of cooperating with the United States through the secretary of agriculture in the furtherance of conservation pursuant to the provisions of the watershed protection and flood prevention act, as amended;

WATERSHED DISTRICTS & CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

- **2-1915. Conservation structures and practices, grants; riparian and wetland protection programs; return of water right, cost-share grants; water quality buffers, grants, valuation of land.** (a) (1) Appropriations may be made for grants out of funds in the treasury of this state for: (A) Terraces, terrace outlets, check dams, dikes, ponds, ditches, critical area planting, grassed waterways, irrigation technology, precision land forming, range seeding, soil and grassland health, detention and grade stabilization structures and other enduring water conservation and water quality practices installed on public lands and on privately owned lands;

- **K.A.R. 11-3-2. Application for construction.** (a) Any organized watershed district, drainage district, or other special-purpose district interested in state assistance may apply for state cost-share assistance funds appropriated for the construction of detention dams and grade stabilization dams. Each application for state assistance shall be submitted on a form supplied by the commission.

WATERSHED DISTRICTS & CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

- **K.A.R. 11-3-10. Inspection.** The district shall conduct an annual operation and maintenance inspection of each completed new or rehabilitated state-funded structure and shall file an inspection report on a form provided by the commission. The district shall submit a copy of the inspection report to the commission and chief engineer. The district shall implement corrective maintenance or repair when needed.

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KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION

WATERSHED DAM CONSTRUCTION & REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Adj FY2024

Watershed District	Site #	WSI #	RAC	Hazard	Rank	Total Cost Estimate	Cost-Share Request	Cost-share Approvable
NEW CONSTRUCTION								
Nemaha-Brown WJD No. 7	6-27a		KS	L1	6	279,791.00	117,600.00	117,600.00
Marmaton WJD No. 102	Geiger		MDC	L3	7	96,000.00	84,000.00	84,000.00
REHABILITATION								
Deer Creek WJD No. 55 (*)	122	DAN-0048	NE	L2	1	202,000.00	92,481.05	*92,481.05
Marais des Cygnes DD No. 1	B-2	DFR-0106	MDC	H1	2	269,369.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
Allen Creek WD No. 89	14	DLY-0143	NE	L3	3	73,920.00	51,744.00	51,744.00
Delaware WJD No. 10	A-17	DNM-0257	KS	L2	4	120,000.00	76,000.00	76,000.00
Delaware WJD No. 10 (**)	B-66	DAT-0170	KS	L2	5	105,600.00	64,480.00	64,480.00
Pottawatomie Creek WJD No. 90	D-30	DAN-0052	MDC	L2	8	156,635.20	105,628.16	**43,694.95
TOTAL						1,303,315.20		650,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED							711,933.21	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE								650,000.00

(*) Partially Funded in FY2023 at \$27,518.95 / (**) To be Supplemented in FY2025 at \$61,933.21

November 19, 2023

WATERSHED DISTRICTS & CONSERVATION DISTRICT LAW

- **K.A.R. 11-3-4. Allocation of funds.** (a) An evaluation of applications shall be made by the commission to determine the priority ranking for all proposed projects. In addition, an amount that is contingent on appropriations shall be determined for projects in each district and other dams as authorized by the legislature. (b) The maximum cost-share level for construction or rehabilitation costs, including engineering and inspection costs, shall be 80 percent. The maximum annual assistance per structure or district shall be \$120,000, except when uncommitted funds are available after all eligible structures have been funded. These uncommitted funds may be used to provide additional cost-sharing above the maximum limit.

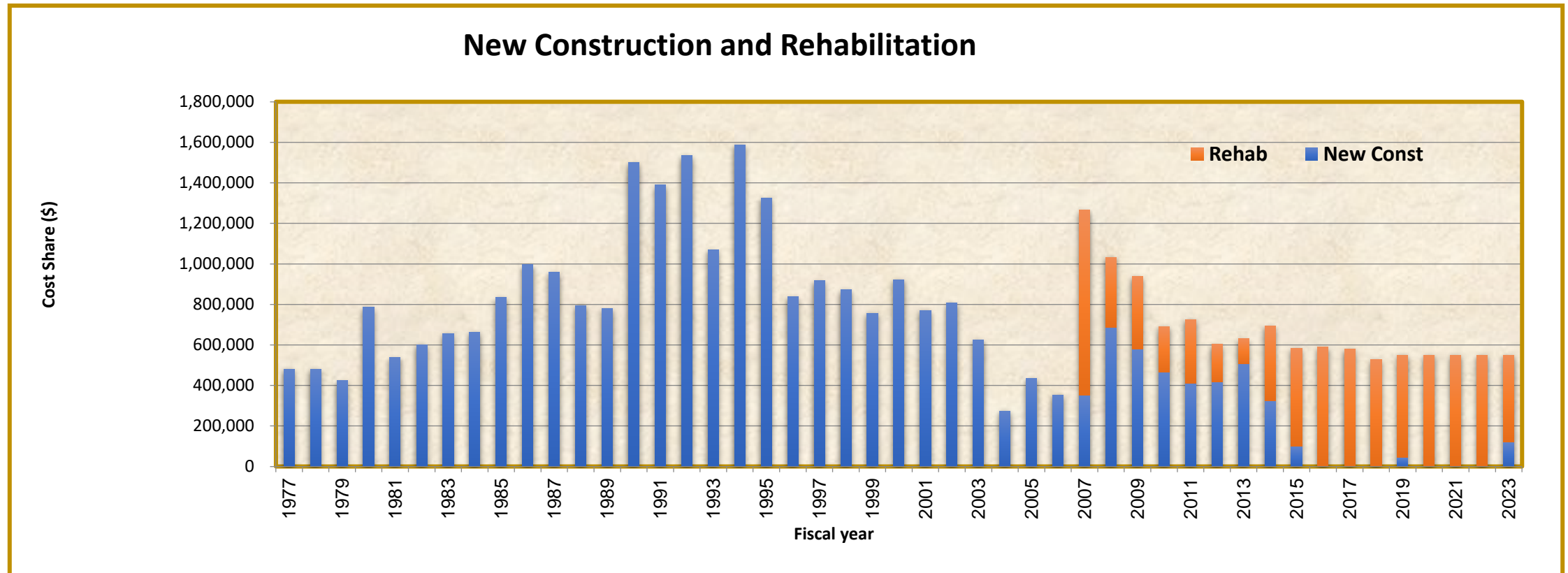
HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM REHABILITATION FUND

- \$3M is now available for providing cost-share assistance to owners or sponsors of eligible high hazard potential structures, as follows:
 - **the maximum allowable financial assistance will be capped at \$500,000 per structure;**
 - **financial assistance awarded will be provided at a maximum of 80% of the total rehabilitation cost (construction cost & engineering fees);**
 - **financial assistance for engineering fees will be capped at 20% of the total rehabilitation cost.**

The application period begins February 1. Due to the special nature of the legislative authorization, the timeline for receiving applications with designs and permits in place for subsequent evaluation, ranking and approval is very compressed. We expect to provide funding agreements to selected projects by May 31 and encourage you to consider submitting application materials by April 15.

WD FUNDING – PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

Watershed Dam Construction Program - Restoration



KANSAS STATE WATER PLAN FUNDS – KDA DIVISION OF CONSERVATION FY2025 BUDGET

CONSERVATION

FUND #	FUND NAME	ACCOUNT CODE	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Budget	FY24 Adj. Budget	FY25 Budget
1000-0053	State General Fund	Appropriation	501,964	506,512	620,861	624,344
1800-0088	State Water Plan - Irrigation Technology	Appropriation	408,976	350,000	550,000	2,550,000
1800-1205	State Water Plan - Water Resources Cost Share	Appropriation	4,023,581	2,768,956	2,834,714	5,000,000
1800-1210	State Water Plan - Non-Point Source	Appropriation	2,291,809	1,863,636	1,866,598	1,866,598
1800-1220	State Water Plan - Conservation District Aid	Appropriation	2,473,373	2,502,706	2,502,706	3,502,706
1800-1225	State Water Plan - Water Transition / CREP	Appropriation	979,867	550,727	1,189,574	1,554,142
1800-1240	State Water Plan - Dam Construction Rehab	Appropriation	550,000	550,000	650,000	3,000,000
1800-1250	State Water Plan - Water Quality Buffer	Appropriation	635,432	-	-	-
1800-1260	State Water Plan - Riparian & Wetland	Appropriation	666,194	154,024	154,024	154,024
1800-1300	State Water Plan - KS Reservoir Protection Initiative	Appropriation	-	-	1,467,795	1,500,000
1800-1290	State Water Plan - Streambank Stabilization	Appropriation	1,084,589	750,000	750,000	1,500,000
1800-0090	State Water Plan - Soil Health Initiative	Appropriation	100,000	200,000	400,000	400,000
TOTAL			\$13,715,785	\$10,196,561	\$12,986,272	\$21,651,814

WATERSHED DISTRICT BUSINESS REMINDERS

- 1. State Cost-Share Applications, to be included in the evaluation process for next fiscal year:**
 - **New Constructions are due on or before April 1st**
 - **Rehab on or before July 1st.**
- 2. District meeting minutes are due within 2 weeks after the meeting.**
- 3. O&M Inspections for all state sponsored district structures are due on December 31.**

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

- **2019 : 1321**
- **2020 : 1240**
- **2021 : 1381**
- **2022 : 1152**
- **2023 : 1040**

WATERSHED DISTRICT BUSINESS REMINDERS

1. Water Use Reports are due on or before March 1st of every year:

- Jan 1 to March 1 : No Penalty
- March 2 to June 1 : \$250 per file
- After June 2: \$1,000 per file

2. Any questions about your Water Use Reports : Call DWR

3. Any questions about engineering, design and permitting : Call DWR



**Watershed District
Administration**

Financial Guidelines

Board Meetings

**Cost-Share
Administration**

Construction

Dam Rehabilitation

Inundation Maps

Division of Conservation

Watershed District Handbook

May 2020

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DOC WATERSHED PROGRAM

2024 PROGRAM GOALS :

1. RECRUIT & FILL PROGRAM MANAGER POSITION ASAP !
2. BROADEN THE PROGRAM SCOPE TO INCLUDE A VISIONARY FOCUS ABOUT WATERSHED HEALTH INCLUDING SOILS, GRASSLANDS & EXTREME EVENTS
3. COMMUNICATE WITH WATERSHED DISTRICTS AND ALL OTHER WATERSHED STRUCTURE OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ABOUT THEIR RESOURCE CONCERNS
4. THINK ABOUT WATERSHED DISTRICTS FUNDING & AGING INFRASTRUCTURE
5. STREAMLINE AND CLARIFY DOC'S ROLE IN WATERSHED PARTNERSHIPS

1885 Land Improvement Contractors:

“When equipment was wood, and men were steel ...”



THANK YOU

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QUESTIONS ?

