

To: BCWMC Commissioners

Re: Seed Packet Order for Various Events

From: BCWMC Education & Public Outreach Committee

Date: March 11, 2010

Background Information

The BCWMC has used a mix of native prairie flower and prairie grass seeds as handouts at various community and school events in recent years. The Education & Public Outreach committee included this item in their budget for 2010. We decided that we wanted to change the seed mixture for 2010 to include just black eyed susans and purple coneflower (both native plants). This is a mixture that doesn't require winter hardening of seeds and may result in more successful planting.

The cost of 300 seed packets is \$180, plus \$13.06 tax and an estimated shipping cost of \$10.00. Planting instructions will be printed on the seed package. The new package design will feature a picture of the two prairie flowers.

We will contract with JASS to print labels stating that the seeds are compliments of the Bassett Creek Watershed Commission and include our website at an estimated cost of \$25.

Recommendation

The BCWMC Education & Public Outreach Committee recommends approval of the purchase of 300 seed packets and labels at a cost not to exceed \$235.00. The cost is to be charged to the 2010 Education & Public Outreach budget.