

Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission

MEMO

TO: BCWMC Commissioners FROM: Laura Jester, Administrator

DATE: September 10, 2013

RE: Commission action is requested to approve or deny payment to Meadowbrook School for a 2010 Water Quality Education Project

In September 2009, the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission executed a contract with Meadowbrook School for a water quality education grant through the Commission's former grant program. The school's project goals included developing an outdoor classroom with edible gardens, native prairie planting area, outdoor classroom seating, and water quality education and protection efforts.

A final report and invoices were submitted to the Commission in January 2010. However, at the February 18, 2010 Commission meeting, the item was deferred due to a recommendation that the grantee communicate that the work described in the grant application was completed. The payment of \$992.08 was never made to the school and has remained on the Commission's financial report as "outstanding" since that time. The contract with the school expired in May 2011.

I recently contacted Meadowbrook School to inquire about the project. Principal Greta Evans-Becker provided the following text and photos via email:

"The project was completed. I have attached a photo of our outdoor classroom benches, our rain barrels with our first four raised bed gardens and another photo of additional raised bed gardens because we liked the first four so much. The prairie plants were purchased and planted but the ones on the playground have not survived. We now have twelve raised bed gardens and an additional garden with milkweed, sunflowers, wildflowers and some vegetables in a courtyard now."









