**PROJECT TITLE: Minnesota River Basin: Point-Nonpoint Water Quality Trading

Project Manager Qualifications and Organization Description**

**Kimberly Musser, Project Manager**

As Associate Director of the Water Resources Center, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Kimberly Musser brings over two decades of project management experience and has coordinated a wide variety of Minnesota River Basin centered projects. She has served as project manager for [*Integrating Targeted Watershed Planning Tools with Citizen Involvement*](https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/proposals/2016/original/083-b.pdf)(LCCMR, 2016) and [*Minnesota River Experts: An Educational Field Trip Online*](https://www.lccmr.leg.mn/projects/2010/work_plans/2010_08k.pdf)(LCCMR, 2010). She works with teams to distil and disseminate basin-wide information via reports ([*Minnesota River Basin Trends Report*](http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/minnesota-river-basin-trends-report)*,* [*State of the Minnesota River Water Quality Monitoring Reports*](http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/state-minnesota-river-surface-water-quality-monitoring-reports)*, Cannon River Trends Report)* and coordinates development ofwebsites *(*[*Minnesota River Basin Data Center Update and Expansion*](http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/)*,* [*Minnesota Nutrient Planning Portal*](http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/mnnutrients/minnesota-major-watersheds)*).* Musser has a long history of working with citizens and local conservation partners to support locally-led watershed planning efforts *(*[*Le Sueur River Watershed Network,*](http://lesueurriver.org/)[*Watonwan Civic Engagement Project*](http://watonwanriver.org/)*, East Fork Des Moines River Watershed PMZ, Southwest Minnesota Civic Engagement Cohort on Water Quality).* She enjoys the challenge of taking complex technical and scientific information and making it understandable to broader audiences to help inform planning and decision making. She serves on the board of the [Friends of the Minnesota Valley](http://www.friendsmnvalley.org/), [Friends of Minneopa State Park](http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/sites/mrbdc.mnsu.edu/files/public/org/fom/index.html) and the Minnesota River Congress. Additionally, she has developed and taught a dozen courses at Minnesota State University, Mankato in the Geography and Urban and Regional Planning departments. She holds a Master’s degree in Community and Regional Planning from the University of Oregon and a Bachelor’s degree in Geography from the University of California at Berkeley.

 **Water Resources Center, Minnesota State University, Mankato (WRC-MSU, Mankato)**
In 1987 the WRC-MSU, Mankato was created to serve as a regional center for gathering, interpreting, and distributing data of environmental significance. Faculty and students accomplish these tasks through applied research, educational programming, technical assistance, and water resource planning. In addition, we have GIS staff with the capacity to create sophisticated GIS analysis and maps and 3‐dimensional landscape visualization. Using the latest data, the WRC-MSU, Mankato works with citizens within the Minnesota River Basin to enhance the quality of regional lakes, rivers, wetlands, and groundwater.

Since its beginning, the WRC-MSU, Mankato has participated in over 100 research, educational, and planning projects involving partnerships with dozens of public and private organizations. These projects range from groundwater, lake assessment, and TMDL studies to citizen engagement and water quality workshops, to the development of watershed‐based plans for surface water quality protection. Our stability since 1987 stands as a testament to the objective and quality products we produce. Long‐term partnerships with counties, nonprofit organizations, and state agencies have resulted in many important and far‐ reaching land and water resource initiatives. We have a dedicated staff and look forward to enhancing the public’s understanding and connection with water resources in the region.