



BRINGING ENVIRONMENTAL MARKETS TO THE UPPER MIDWEST

RESTORING NATIVE PRAIRIE TO INCREASE POLLINATOR HABITAT – 8.5-ACRE PROJECT FUNDED BY UNIMIN CORPORATION

***IMPLEMENTED BY THE MANY RIVERS CHAPTER OF THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS
JIM & KATHRYN VONDERHARR PROPERTY, BLUE EARTH CO, MN, NOVEMBER 2011***



From Left: Brooke Hacker (Conservation Marketplace of Minnesota (CMM)), Doug Losee (Unimin), Grey Lusty (Unimin), Jim Vonderharr (landowner & Many Rivers Chapter), Randy Schindle (MN DNR & Many Rivers Chapter), & Henry Panowitsch (Many Rivers Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts). November 2, 2011.



Susie Carlin and Brooke Hacker with Jim Vonderharr, landowner who maintains two honey bee hives on his property.



A total of 37 species of forbs and 10 species of grasses were seeded at the project site. The Many Rivers Chapter collected local ecotype seed from the surrounding area to enhance the purchased seed package from Prairie Restorations, Inc.





Randy Schindle, MN DNR Division of Wildlife, fills the Vicon seeder with the very diverse prairie seed mix ideal for pollinator habitat.



A fall burn was conducted prior to seeding to remove trash from the site in prep for the fall dormant seeding. The seeding was completed on November 2, 2011.