

FEBRUARY TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 1-25-18 \$306,574.97

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

BWSR - Farm Bill Assistance - 2nd Quarter	\$7,616.00
Fee Waived - Minnesota UI - 1st and 2nd Quarter - Fee Change	\$50.00
Bank of the West - December Interest - Checking Account	\$2.72
Trees	\$7,243.03
GBERBA - Coordinators, Financial Coordinator, Watonwan Technician and Area 6 Certification Specialist - January	\$15,694.92
Cottonwood County - Contracted Services & Planning & Zoning - December	\$5,007.84
Cottonwood County - First Quarter Allocation	\$13,000.00
Transfer - Savings to Checking - February	\$4,016.89

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$52,631.40

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

23591 Cottonwood County Auditor/Treasurer - District Capacity 2016 - GIS Technician	\$37,082.00
23583-88 Payroll - 1-21-18 to 2-3-18 - Including PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$13,775.85
1438 Postmaster - Stamps	\$200.00
23589 Hartford - Long Term Disability	\$124.06
23590 Cottonwood County Auditor - February Insurance and Employee Payroll Deduction	\$3,593.58
1439 Kathy Smith - January Contract Payment	\$885.00
1430 Area V MASWCD - Registrations	\$45.00
23592-98 Payroll - 2-4-18 to 2-17-18 - Including PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$14,310.72
23599 Delta Dental of MN	\$160.10

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$70,176.31

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$289,030.06

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

2/22/2018

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23600	SWMACDE - Employee Dues - Area V	\$25.00
23601	MASWCD - Legislative Briefing Registration	\$80.00
23602	Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney - Attorneys	\$1,235.00
23603	Card Member Services - MN Shade Tree Short Course - Registration	\$100.00
23604	Citizen Publishing - Site Host and Computer Repair	\$52.50
23605	Expressway Windom - Gas	\$66.00
23607	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$351.44
23608	City of Windom - Internet	\$79.00
23609	Hwy 71 Storage - Storage Space Rental	\$45.00
23610	Minn-Kota Properties - Rent	\$2,491.85
23611	NCPERA - Life Insurance	\$96.00
23612	Rebecca Alexander - Cell Phone Expense and ArcGIS License	\$1,254.00
23613	Dustin Anderson - Mileage	\$102.55
23614	Herman Bartsch - Area 6 Certification Specialist - Mileage, Cell Phone	\$304.68
23615	Kay Gross - Cell Phone, CrashPro and District Cell Phone	\$64.52
23616	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$59.99
1441	Office of MN.IT Services - January Fax Line	\$27.89
1442	Hannah Herzfeld - SSTS Training Reimbursement - Meals, Mileage and Lodging	\$460.95

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$7,417.14

District Checking Account Balance 2-22-18 \$281,612.92

Balances as of 1-31-18:

SAVINGS (Included in District Fund Balance)	\$4,016.89
PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance)	\$50.00

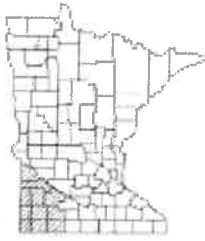
Capacity - GIS Position - FY17 - Received 3/7/17

	TOTAL												TOTAL	
	Wages	Health Insurance VEB and Life	Training	Rent	Mileage	Equipment	Supplies	Equipment	Supplies	Rent	Mileage	Equipment	Supplies	TOTAL
January '17														\$0.00
February														\$0.00
March														\$0.00
April	\$1,800.48	\$430.14			\$5,088.91	\$17,661.09				\$193.45				\$22,750.00
May	\$1,636.80	\$430.14			\$73.59	\$17,587.50	\$22.43			\$193.45		\$337.06		\$22,750.00
June	\$1,565.19	\$422.60			\$0.00	\$17,587.50				\$193.45				\$22,026.04
July	\$1,631.69				\$0.00	\$17,587.50				\$193.45				\$21,732.59
August	\$1,733.99				\$0.00	\$17,574.17	\$13.33			\$193.45				\$21,539.14
September	\$2,572.85				\$0.00	\$17,574.17				\$193.45				\$21,345.69
October	\$1,626.57				\$0.00	\$17,574.17				\$193.45				\$21,152.24
November	\$1,636.80				\$0.00	\$17,574.17				\$193.45				\$20,958.79
December	\$2,086.92				\$0.00	\$17,574.17				\$193.45				\$19,894.73
	\$16,291.29	\$1,282.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,140.07	\$35.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$193.45	\$0.00	\$337.06	\$0.00	\$19,701.28
	\$17,574.17				\$5,175.83					\$193.45	\$0.00	\$337.06	\$0.00	\$19,507.83
										\$15,636.57	\$3,871.26	\$970.61	\$1,934.50	\$0.00
										\$3,242.17				\$3,242.17

SWCD/County GIS	2017												TOTAL	
	Per Hour	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL		
Health Insurance	\$720/Mnth													
VEBA	\$135/Mnth													
Life Insurance	5.28/Mnth													
County		88.00	72.00	80.00	76.50	79.75	84.75	125.75	79.50	80.00	102.00	796.25	\$16,291.28	
SWCD				80.00	83.50	80.75	75.25	114.25	80.50	80.00	98.00	764.25	\$15,636.56	
		160.00		160.00	160.00	160.50	160.00	240.00	160.00	160.00	200.00	1,560.50	\$31,927.84	

Equipment	March	April
GIS Advanced Use	\$1,598.00	
and Spatial Analysis Lic	\$2,060.00	
MS Surface/Cover	\$1,617.98	
Software	\$149.99	
Otterbox	\$5,425.97	\$51.16

TECHNICAL
SERVICE AREA #5



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DATE: FEBRUARY 22, 2018
TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

Contract Training and Soil Health Program

Dawn Madison, Technical/Soil Health Contractor, is continuing to work with Area staff in assessing training needs and working to make trainings available. Two Technical Training/Meeting have been held for Area staff.

TSA Website

Beginning of 2018 we will be working with Shelly Lewis and Ben Matthys to take over the TSA website maintenance.

Update of the Southwest Prairie TSA Personnel and Operational Policies

With unfortunate events at the Cottonwood SWCD we have been backed up in getting our new TSA Personnel Policy update. Will be working with Ann Goering to have the product to our members for review by March 12.

Grant Reporting

All grant reporting has been completed by Shelly Lewis.

10:13 AM

Southwest Prairie Technical Service

02/21/18

Balance Sheet Detail

Accrual Basis

As of February 21, 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount
ASSETS								
Current Assets								
Checking/Savings								
Checking Account								
Paycheck	01/25/2018	2765	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Depo...	Lincoln ...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD1...	Hoogendoorn, Ru...	Direct Depo...	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD1...	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Depo...	Shared ...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD1...	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Depo...	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,009.36
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withho...	-340.00
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	MSRS				-SPLIT-	-215.00
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,279.65
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2018	2761	Russel Hoogendo...			X	Accounts Pa...	-600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	01/25/2018	2762	Verizon	cell phone		X	Accounts Pa...	-169.12
Deposit	01/30/2018		Lyon SWCD	Deposit			Undeposited...	3,400.00
Deposit	01/30/2018		Jackson SWCD	Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00
Deposit	02/06/2018			payroll		X	Misc. Revenue	0.81
Liability Check	02/07/2018		QuickBooks Payr...	Created by ...			Direct Depos...	-6,826.57
Paycheck	02/08/2018	2768	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Depo...	Lincoln ...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	02/08/2018	DD1...	Hoogendoorn, Ru...	Direct Depo...	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	02/08/2018	DD1...	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Depo...	Shared ...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Paycheck	02/08/2018	DD1...	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Depo...	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00
Liability Check	02/08/2018	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267			-SPLIT-	-2,078.14
Liability Check	02/08/2018	auto	MN Revenue				State Withho...	-357.00
Liability Check	02/08/2018	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-175.00
Liability Check	02/08/2018	auto	PERA				-SPLIT-	-1,316.92
Liability Check	02/08/2018	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2018	2763	Cardmember Ser...	hotel, suppli...			Accounts Pa...	-664.15
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2018	2764	Chandler Co-op				Accounts Pa...	-177.18
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2018	2765	Green Garden Pl...	Contract Po...			Accounts Pa...	-5,470.99
Bill Pmt -Check	02/13/2018	2766	WENCK	Engineer S...			Accounts Pa...	-1,662.00
Transfer	02/20/2018			Txf fr savings			Select Busin...	10,000.00
Liability Check	02/21/2018		QuickBooks Payr...	Created by ...			Direct Depos...	-6,854.55
Bill Pmt -Check	02/21/2018	2767	Richard W. Holm...	quickbooks ...			Accounts Pa...	-400.00
Bill Pmt -Check	02/21/2018	2768	Verizon	cell phone			Accounts Pa...	-169.12
Total Checking Account								-14,003.94
Select Business Savings								
Transfer	02/20/2018			Txf fr savings	NPEA		Checking Ac...	-10,000.00
Total Select Business Savings								-10,000.00
Total Checking/Savings								-24,003.94
Accounts Receivable								
Accounts Receivable								
Invoice	01/30/2018	2	Lyon SWCD				-SPLIT-	3,400.00
Payment	01/30/2018	152560	Lyon SWCD				Undeposited...	-3,400.00
Total Accounts Receivable								0.00
Total Accounts Receivable								0.00
Other Current Assets								
CDs								
Total CDs								
FY16 CW ESTS-Part 1 Lincoln								
Total FY16 CW ESTS-Part 1 Lincoln								
FY16 CW ESTS-Part 2 Equip								
Total FY16 CW ESTS-Part 2 Equip								
Interest Income CD								
Total Interest Income CD								
Interest Money								
Total Interest Money								



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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for February 22, 2018.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

There is ongoing work in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties. With the staffing changes at the office we have had to pull our offer to assist Cottonwood County on the CSAH #7 Shoulder Project with wetland identification.

2) GBERBA.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan effort is moving along very well. An informal Watonwan 1WIP policy board was held January 31, in Watonwan County.

The Friday March 9, 2018 GBERBA Policy/ Technical meeting will have a drainage focus with speakers and a panel discussion.

3) RIM Request

A RIM Easement Alteration request was submitted to the BWSR Board for Kevin Oeltjenbruns. This easement alteration was approved by BWSR.

4) Tree Program.

I have been answering a lot of tree health questions and visiting with landowners about potential projects. I contacted the MN Department of Transportation about a 2019 State Highway 60 beautification project. A grant application was completed on behalf of the city of Mountain Lake urban tree program and was awarded a \$1,000 dollar grant from the Mountain Lake Foundation.

A Pollinator grant application from the Conservation Marketplace Midwest for the City of Windom was completed and \$5,628.00 was awarded to plant trees and forbs near Cottonwood Lake in Windom.

For 2018 there are 34 tree orders so far with about 3700 trees on order.

5) We will be participating in the Township Well testing Program in 2018. We will be testing wells in Germantown, Amboy, Dale, and Southbrook Townships for nitrates.

David Bucklin,
Cottonwood SWCD



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Date: February 21, 2018

Name: Becky Alexander (Farm Bill Assistant/Program Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Farm Bill Assistance, SSTS, Buffers, Feedlots, Planning and Zoning

Past Events:

- January 4, 2018 – Pollinator Habitat Study meeting in Windom
- January 10, 2018 – CREP conference call
- January 16, 2018 – SSTS Talking Tour in Mankato
- January 17, 2018 – WIA webinar
- January 19, 2018 – PF Workshop in Willmar
- January 25, 2018 – SWCD board meeting

Upcoming Events:

- February 27 – March 2, 2018 – Intermediate Inspector certification course in Alexandria
- March 8, 2018 – Seed Drill Training in Ivanhoe

Farm Bill Assistance:

- CRP is still on hold.
- CREP is slow to move in the county. I have maps completed and working on a mailing to over 100 landowners in wellhead protection areas to start with. My next focus will be working with Hannah to follow up with any Public Water Waivers for the buffer practice under CREP.
 - Mailed out 15 wellhead letters on 2/15/18
- Wetland Banking Easement Program: In an attempt to get more wetland banking credit sites, BWSR has developed a wetland banking easement program. It will run very similar to the RIM easement process and landowners will receive a monetary compensation per acre for the piece and BWSR will cover all of the restoration costs. The only caveat is that when the credits are "sold" the landowner will not receive the payment for those credits, those will go to BWSR. I would like to target some major wetland areas in the county for this program as the rates are currently higher than the CREP rates by nearly \$2,000 an acre in some townships. This method also will alleviate a lot of landowner costs (sometimes upwards of \$30,000) on the application process and the restoration.
- Pollinators: The University of Minnesota has announced to local district offices of research they want to do in SW MN. They are targeting all types of land from ag land to old RIM ground and some public land to put pollinator plots on it and study native bees (some honeybee research) populations. I have been in contact with a few landowners that have expressed interest in pollinator habitat, but we have not had funding to establish the plots. The U of M will pick the sites, so we cannot guarantee that they will be selected.

- Bee Atlas Project: The U of M is in the last year of a research project to help identify species of bees and their distribution throughout the State of MN. They do not have a lot of research from SW MN. Landowners can fill out a form to receive a “bee nesting block”, which is a wooden board with holes drilled in it. A landowner can fill out a form at <https://www.extension.umn.edu/environment/citizen-science/bee-atlas/> . Hannah helped me by sending out 150 letters to our RIM easement owners to see if there is any interest. We have had a couple of people ask us about it. We plan to set up 2-3 for the office.
- Walk In Access (WIA): We have re-enrolled 3 applications. Hannah worked to send out 46 additional letters to owners

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur. I have registered for two classes to obtain my intermediate level inspector certification.
 - Ordered the replacement laser from Frontier Precision

Buffers:

- Hannah has reviewed the public ditches with the most recent aerial photos and we have sent out letters to landowners regarding those parcels.
- Hannah will be reviewing the remaining public waters with the county’s 2017 aerial imagery and we will send out one final letter requesting an on-site visit by mid-April. If we do not have permission from the landowner to complete an on-site visit, then it will be forwarded to the County for enforcement.
- We estimate 81.4% compliance for the parcels requiring a buffer by November 1, 2017 (public waters) as of 1/23/18.
 - 266 remaining parcels marked as “needs review”
 - 240 have filled out waivers/compliance requests
 - 26 have not filled out waivers or compliance requests

Feedlots:

- This year starts the new 4 year registration cycle. Due to the new system the State changed over to, we are going to have to re-evaluate how to send out the registration update forms. The new system does not auto-populate the fields like it did under the previous system.

Planning and Zoning:

- I have been assisting Alex as needed.



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Date: February 22, 2018

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Project Updates, Working on

Past Events:

- February 13-16, 2018 – Basic design SSTS Mankato

Upcoming Events:

- March 7, 2018 – Children's Water Festival

Project Updates:

A notice for Public Ditches buffers was sent out at the beginning of the year in preparation for the November 1, 2018 deadline. A few site visits were made, and a list of field visits for the spring is being compiled as landowners come to the office.

One last mailing will be sent out in February in an attempt to get every parcel into compliance.

Working on:

- Developing an alternative practices list, and making site visits to determine alternative practices for individual landowners.
- Working with Becky Alexander and occasionally going into the field to correct maps made in the office or working on individual buffer maps for landowners.
- Working on finalizing review of 2017 aerial imagery for Public Waters to check buffers that may have been seeded.
- Tracking buffer compliance using the BWSR BuffCAT tool is a continual process.
- Continuing SSTS classes
- Working on terrain analysis
- Preparing mailing list for NFMP township nitrogen testing program
- Developing possible Walk In Access list
- Working on Bee Atlas Mailing and assistance



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www.GBERBA.org

DATE: February 20, 2018
NAME: Dustin Anderson
RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

March 9 – Joint Policy/Technical Committee Meeting, Mankato, MN

Conservation Drainage Partnership - CWP

The first draft of the outreach booklet highlighting the benefits and importance of conservation on public drainage systems has been sent to the Water Resource Center for development. Staff identified 5 qualities that allow for successful implementation on drainage systems: engaged drainage authority, strong partnership with SWCD, staff capacity and availability, technology, and planning. This booklet will be introduced at the GBERBA Joint Policy/Tech meeting on March 9.

Watonwan Watershed Civic Engagement

A Citizens meeting was held on February 15th in St. James. Kim Musser organized a speaker from the Practical Farmers of Iowa to speak about his renter-owner agreement when it comes to conservation practices. Citizens and conservation professionals then got together in small groups to plan next steps for our group's identified action items.

TMDL Implementation Outreach

I have partnered with the Cottonwood NRCS to conduct outreach in the headwaters of the Watonwan Watershed for cover crops. We developed a post card that highlights to potential economic benefits of more field surface cover. The mailing targeted agricultural producers, bankers, and agronomists in the County. Approximately 140 postcards were mailed.

Targeting

MSU-WRC has performed the ACPF on the Willow Creek subwatershed in Martin and Watonwan Counties. An outreach strategy has been proposed. Our next step is to review the analysis and generate personalized maps to initiate conversations about sediment load reduction. Working with Cottonwood Technician on incorporating conservation practices into the CD 1 improvement project in Watonwan County.

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Serving the counties of Blue Earth, Brown,
Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, and
Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

February 20, 2018



DANIELLE EVERS

AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

Projects and Events:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- **January 24th** -Heron Lake Winter Cover Crop Meeting
- **January 30th** - Cover Crop Meeting, Luverne
- **February 6th** - Nitrogen Management Conference
- **February 13th** - NRCS Area 5 Meeting - RCPP EQIP Update
- **February 15th** - SWCD Area 5 Meeting - Program and RCPP EQIP Update
- **February 26th** - Nitrogen Smart Meeting Pipestone
- **March 2nd** - RCPP EQIP Application Deadline

Program Updates and Information:

- New changes coming for RCPP EQIP Eligibility Forms for 2018
- Water quality inlets are still available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- **\$6,000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **525 farms**, including over **317,886 acres** with **994 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **11,703 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **27,566 tons** soil reduced per year, **13,901 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	28	23	4	11
Jackson SWCD	27	27	14	10
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	7	6	0	4
Murray SWCD	10	8	1	7
Nobles SWCD	13	11	5	5
Pipestone SWCD	29	23	2	12
Redwood SWCD	24	22	0	16
Rock SWCD	17	10	3	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	14	12	2	4
Totals	190	163	31	83

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Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist
Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



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Herman Bartsch
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
February 21st, 2018

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- MN Nutrient Management Conference - Mankato 2/20
- Down on the Farm - North Mankato 2/22
- Presenting at: Hawk Creek Watershed Information Meeting & Brown Co. Cover Crop and Precision Ag Meeting on 2/28

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	11	6
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	16	6	5
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	7	5	3
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	4	4	2
Sibley SWCD	2	2	2
Waseca SWCD	7	6	0
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	75	51	33

Martin County SWCD assisted in completing an assessment leading to a certification. This producer has worked to get rid of surface tile intakes, and uses several tools to manage nutrients on the farm including variable rate fertilizer application, split nitrogen application, and nitrogen modeling. They recently transitioned to strip-till and are experimenting with cover crops.

Renville County SWCD helped complete a 3,000-acre field verification.

Faribault County continues to bring in applications and has been helping to collect maps and records needed for completing the assessment.

I have been promoting the use of GBERBA alternative intake and cover crop cost share to certified producers or those seeking certification.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 2-12-18

- 525 producers certified
- 317,886 acres certified
- 994 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 11,703 tons per year (23,406,663 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 27,566 tons per year (55,131,893 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 13,901 lbs. of P per year

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Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Agriculture and Water Outreach Corpsmember
Conservation Corps of MN & IA
Matthew Remer



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February 21st 2018

Workload:

- Assisting Herman and Danielle with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool
- Assisting Herman with filling in soil and nutrient management information for applicant's fields
- Reading through the MAWQCP binder and other information about the program.
- Delivered MAWQCP signs and broom tile intakes for certified producers to Sibley SWCD and McLeod SWCD

Projects and Events:

- Obtained access to mapping tool/ began working with the tool
- Attended GBERBA Technical Meeting at Blue Earth SWCD Office on 1/24/18
- Attended the MN Ag Expo at the Verizon Convention Center in Mankato on 1/24/18
- Attended a Cover Crop Day in Luverne on 1/30/18
- Assisted Herman with MAWQCP field visits in Renville County on 1/31/18
- USDA update at KDOM radio with Dave
- GBERBA Executive Board Meeting on 2/9/18
- Tree planning meeting with landowner on 2/14/18
- Worked with Herman on MAWQCP assessments at the MDA office in Mankato on 2/16/18

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COTTONWOOD **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Date: Feb. 22 2018

Name: Alex Schultz

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Planning and Zoning, and Ag. Inspecting

Past Events:

- February 15th MACPZA meeting
- February 21st Ag Inspector Training

Upcoming Events:

- March 9th GBERBA Meeting
- March 14th CAWT Training
- March 27th-29th MACFO Conference

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - One meeting coming up March 13th for the conditional use permits of two gravel pits by Helen Linder Trust
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - One meeting coming up March 1st for a Variance for Steve Junker for raising solar panel height from 15 ft to 22 ft
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 8 Issued
 - CUP, None Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Ag. Inspection

Just finished up the 2-day training in St. Cloud