

JANUARY TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 12-22-17: \$315,117.98

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

MACDE - Early Bird Drawing - Reimburse Employee Dues	\$25.00
GBERBA - Watonwan Technician - PMZ Payment	\$3,433.46
PERA - Rate Increase Aide	\$223.50
Bank of the West - December Interest - Checking Account	\$2.31
Southwest Prairie TSA - 4th Quarter Contract for Services	\$8,906.73
GBERBA - Coordinators, Financial Coordinator, Watonwan Technician and Area 6 Certification Specialist - December	\$19,671.84
GBERBA - Reimbursement for November Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting - Supplies and Rent	\$521.35
Cottonwood County - October and November Contract for Services	\$8,705.03
Trees	300.47
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$41,789.69

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

EFTs PERA-DCP, MN Department of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's) - 4th Quarter Supervisor Compensation	\$544.04
23534-38 Supervisor 4th Quarter Compensation and Expenses	\$2,904.21
23539 Hannah Herzfeld - Mileage - Frontier Precision Maple Grove - Deliver Laser	\$33.17
1430 Kathy Smith - December Contract Payment	\$570.00
1431 Citizen Publishing - Web Site Host	\$30.00
1432 Schwalbach Hardware - Supplies	\$27.98
1433 Expressway - Gasoline	\$203.27
1434 Runnings - T Posts	\$59.16
1435 Cardmember Services - Training Expense, Postage, Car Wash, Field Ring Binder	\$103.43
1436 Murray SWCD - Southwest TSA Financial Coordinator - Contract - 4th Quarter	\$4,512.80
23548 Cardmember Services - Car Wash	\$12.00
23549 Office Depot - Supplies	\$195.50
23540-45 Payroll - 1-1 -18 - 1-6-18 - Including PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$6,221.69
23546 Fidelity Security Life	\$21.06
23547 Delta Dental of MN	\$160.10
23550 Void - Pheasants Forever Check - Wrong amount - Supervisor Not Attending	\$0.00
1437 Cottonwood County Auditor - January Insurance and Employee Payroll Deduction	\$3,593.58
23551-56 Payroll - 1-7-18 - 1-20-18 - Including PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$12,864.84
23557 Pheasants Forever - Farmbill Assistance Meeting Registration	\$15.00
23558 Kari Clouse - Professional Services	\$600.00
23559 Hartford - Long Term Disability	\$124.06
23560 Sun Life Financial - Short Term Disability	\$64.00
23561 Sun Life Financial - Critical Illness	\$3.45
EFT Minnesota UI - 1st and 2nd Quarter - Fee Change	\$50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$32,913.34

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$323,994.33

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
1/25/2018**

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23562		B-N-C Community Health - Children's Water Festival	\$500.00
23563		Office of MN.IT Services - Fax Line	\$27.70
23564		Fidelity Security Life - Vision	\$21.06
23565		Delta Dental - Dental	\$160.10
23566		Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$314.73
23567		City of Windom - Internet	\$79.00
23568		NCPERA - Life Insurance	\$96.00
23569		Hwy 71 Storage - Storage Space Rental	\$45.00
23570		Minn-Kota Properties - Rent	\$2,491.85
23571		WDR #54 Deputy - Registration Chevy, Expedition, Pickup	\$48.00
23572		Rebecca Alexander - Cell Phone Expense	\$30.00
23573		Key Gross - Cell Phone, CrashPro and District Cell Phone	\$64.52
23574		Expressway Windom - Gas	\$277.36
23575		Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney - Attorneys	\$1,040.00
23576		SWMNACD - Area 5 Dues	\$400.00
23577		MCIT - Insurance Renewal 2018	\$7,719.00
23578		MACFO - Feedlot Conference Registration	\$175.00
23579		Dustin Anderson - Mileage	\$49.05
23580		MASWCD - 2018 Dues	\$2,879.24
23581		NACD - 2018 Dues	\$775.00
23582		Herman Bartsch - Area 6 Certification Specialist - Mileage, Cell Phone and Meals	\$226.75

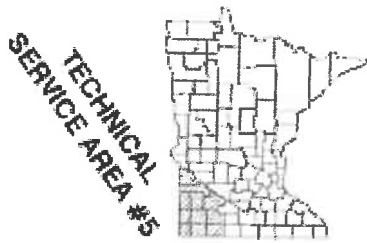
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$17,419.36

District Checking Account Balance 1-25-178 \$306,574.97

Balances as of 12-31-17:

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Transactions by Account As of January 25, 2018

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Checking Account									
Deposit	12/22/2017			RCRCA Sub ...		X	TSA 5 Sub-W...	2,012.65	7,216.63
Transfer	12/22/2017			Txf fr svg		X	Select Busine...	10,000.00	9,229.28
Paycheck	12/28/2017	49	Foerster, Thomas		Lincoln T...	X	-SPLIT-	-1,225.20	18,004.08
Paycheck	12/28/2017	50	Hoogendoorn, Rus...		NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	-1,989.24	16,014.84
Paycheck	12/28/2017	51	Matthys, Benjamin		Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	-1,139.00	14,875.84
Paycheck	12/28/2017	52	Skoglund, Michael		NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	-1,635.68	13,240.16
Liability Check	12/28/2017	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-1,952.06	11,288.10
Liability Check	12/28/2017	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withhol...	-300.94	10,987.16
Liability Check	12/28/2017	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-175.00	10,812.16
Liability Check	12/28/2017	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,170.97	9,641.19
Liability Check	12/28/2017	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	9,601.19
Check	01/02/2018	Auto	Preferred One-Hea...			X	-SPLIT-	-1,157.79	8,443.40
Check	01/07/2018	2753	MCIT	2016 Worker...			Business Insu...	-997.00	7,446.40
Check	01/07/2018	2754	MCIT	2018 Renew...			-SPLIT-	-9,042.00	-1,595.60
Check	01/07/2018	2755	DVS	2018 Renewal			Auto Expense	-80.00	-1,675.60
Check	01/08/2018	2752	Gary's Service	Oil Change			Auto Expense	-45.26	-1,720.86
Check	01/08/2018	2756	Cottonwood SWCD	Admin Oct-D...			-SPLIT-	-8,906.73	-10,627.59
Liability Check	01/08/2018		QuickBooks Payrol...	Created by P...			Payroll Expen...	-0.22	-10,627.81
Liability Check	01/08/2018		QuickBooks Payrol...	Created by P...			Payroll Expen...	-0.81	-10,628.62
Liability Check	01/08/2018	auto	MSRS				HCSP-Def C	-40.00	-10,668.62
Check	01/08/2018	2757	Green Garden Plac...	Contract Pos...			Project Devel...	-3,835.84	-14,504.46
Transfer	01/09/2018			Txf to ckg			Select Busine...	30,000.00	15,495.54
Check	01/09/2018	2751	Frontier Precision	Trimble R-10			Capital Outlay	-20,903.09	-5,407.55
Transfer	01/09/2018			Funds Transfer	NPEA		Select Busine...	20,000.00	14,592.45
Liability Check	01/10/2018		QuickBooks Payrol...	Created by P...			Direct Deposit...	-6,488.83	8,103.62
Bill Pmt -Check	01/10/2018	2758	Chandler Co-op				Accounts Pay...	-168.84	7,934.78
Bill Pmt -Check	01/10/2018	2759	Cardmember Service	gas, meals, s...			Accounts Pay...	-4,381.63	3,553.15
Paycheck	01/11/2018	DD10...	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	Lincoln T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	3,553.15
Paycheck	01/11/2018	DD10...	Hoogendoorn, Rus...	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	3,553.15
Paycheck	01/11/2018	DD10...	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	3,553.15
Paycheck	01/11/2018	DD10...	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	3,553.15
Liability Check	01/11/2018	Auto	EFTPS	41-1811267			-SPLIT-	-2,163.42	1,389.73
Liability Check	01/11/2018	auto	MN Revenue				State Withhol...	-340.00	1,049.73
Liability Check	01/11/2018	Auto	MSRS				HCSP-Def C	-175.00	874.73
Liability Check	01/11/2018	Auto	PERA				-SPLIT-	-1,279.65	-404.92
Bill Pmt -Check	01/11/2018	2760	Murray SWCD				Accounts Pay...	-1,250.00	-1,654.92
Deposit	01/15/2018		Nobles SWCD	Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	1,745.08
Deposit	01/15/2018		Redwood SWCD	Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	5,145.08
Deposit	01/15/2018		Murray SWCD	Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	8,545.08
Deposit	01/15/2018		GBERBA	Deposit			TSA-Technica...	3,603.49	12,148.57
Deposit	01/16/2018			Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	15,548.57
Deposit	01/23/2018			Deposit			Undeposited ...	4,075.87	19,624.44
Deposit	01/23/2018			Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	23,024.44
Deposit	01/23/2018			Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	26,424.44
Deposit	01/23/2018			Deposit			-SPLIT-	3,400.00	29,824.44
Deposit	01/23/2018			Deposit			TSA-Technica...	1,722.88	31,547.32
Liability Check	01/24/2018		QuickBooks Payrol...	Created by P...			Direct Deposit...	-6,642.84	24,904.48
Paycheck	01/25/2018	2765	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	Lincoln T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	24,904.48
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD10...	Hoogendoorn, Rus...	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	24,904.48
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD10...	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	24,904.48
Paycheck	01/25/2018	DD10...	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	24,904.48
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267			-SPLIT-	0.00	24,904.48
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	MN Revenue				State Withhol...	-2,009.36	22,895.12
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	MSRS				-SPLIT-	-340.00	22,555.12
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	PERA				-SPLIT-	-215.00	22,340.12
Liability Check	01/25/2018	auto	PERA				-SPLIT-	-1,279.65	21,060.47
Total Checking Account								13,843.84	21,060.47
TOTAL								13,843.84	21,060.47



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DATE: JANUARY 25, 2018
TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

Contract Training and Soil Health Program

Continued progress with area staff to get their training needs assessed and moving in the right direction. Technical meetings are being set up to help meet training needs, frequency will be determined by staff workloads.

The TSA personnel committee will meet with Dawn in March to review the program and objectives.

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 1.

FY18 Funding

FY18 grant agreement has been signed by the Cottonwood SWCD (Host District) and submitted (with funding already disbursed). Workplans will be completed by the end of September.

\$130,000 – NPEA JPB Grant \$240,000 – Enhanced Shared Technical Services Total \$370,000
Expiration date – June 30, 2020

Grant Match is 10% totaling \$37,000 with a request to approve \$3,400.00 as 2018 dues.

Past dues – 2016 - \$3,800 and 2017 - \$3,978.

Terrain Analysis and Civic Engagement Grant

Final invoices will be paid in December and Elink reporting has been completed. Reimbursement from BWSR for the remaining 10% of the grant should happen in early February.

Quarterly SWCD Staff Meetings

With more frequent MACDE Area Meetings and Technical Meetings with Dawn Madison and TSA staff.



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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for January 25, 2018.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

There is ongoing work in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties. We are trying to assist Cottonwood County on the CSAH #7 Shoulder Project with wetland identification. The yearend WCA reports have been completed and submitted to the State BWSR.

2) GBERBA.

The fourth Watonwan One Watershed One Plan meeting was held in Mankato on Wednesday January 3, 2018. Things are moving along well. An informal Watonwan 1W1P policy board meeting is scheduled for January 31, in Watonwan County.

3) RIM Request

A RIM Easement Alteration request was submitted to the BWSR Board for Kevin Oeltjenbruns. We should hear soon on the decision.

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 State Highway 60 beautification project. I applied for a grant on behalf of the city of Mountain Lake urban tree program. The city was awarded a \$1,000 dollar grant from the Mountain Lake Foundation.

For 2018 there are twenty tree orders so far with about 3000 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



COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Date: January 24, 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:

- December 11, 2017 – E-Link training in Mankato
- December 13, 2017 – Technical Training in Slayton
- December 18, 2017 – CREP teleconference call
- December 19, 2017 – CREP Partners Teleconference call
- December 19, 2017 – Customer Service Training in Redwood Falls

Upcoming 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
- February 1, 2018 – Hydrology for AgBMPs training in Marshall
- February 7, 2018 – TSA Tech meeting in Marshall
- February 27 – March 2, 2018 – Intermediate Inspector certification course in Alexandria

Farm Bill Assistance:

- CRP is still on hold. At the Farm Bill Assistance meeting in Willmar, we learned a bit more on the program within the 2018 Farm Bill. It does not sound promising to have a general sign up until at least 2020 they said at the meeting, unless the acreage limitation changes. It does not seem likely that they will increase the number of acres in the program and the best case scenario would be they keep it at the 24 million acre cap under the 2014 Farm Bill if they won't increase the acre cap. They may open CRP back up in April, but it would be continuous only and there are large amounts of expiring general that may not qualify for any continuous practices.
- 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.
- 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/>. They will need to do a little work and visit it twice a month from April to September and then send the block back to the U of M.
- Walk In Access (WIA): Walk In Access officially opened up January 22, 2018 and will run until April 27th. I will send out re-enrollment letters to existing contracts and I would like to target larger RIM sites for the program as well. The DNR has money for 3 more years (2021) and has money to expand from the existing 26,000 acres to 30,000.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur. Having the laser either fixed or replaced from Frontier Precision. A part needs to be replaced and they estimate \$500-900 to fix it. I have registered for two classes to obtain my intermediate level inspector certification.

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. I have been assisting feedlot owners as best I can while the new Planning and Zoning Technician is hired. Two potential Conditional Use permit and a Notice of Construction/Expansion that the new person will work on.

Planning and Zoning:

- I have been filling in as the planning and zoning technician as needs arise, which has been frequently since January 2nd. I have maintained folders on all people who have asked for assistance, whether they were ready to proceed with the project or not, for our new employee. They will require training beyond what I am capable of and we are working with Martin County and possibly Jackson County for training assistance. I have issued two building setback permits on behalf of the county and one radon test kit.



COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Date: January 25, 2018

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- January 24, 2018 – Cover crop meeting in Heron Lake

Upcoming Events:

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

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.

The Buffer deadline for Public Waters has passed, the next step is to contact landowners that have not yet come into the office to talk about buffers. 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



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

www.GBERBA.org

DATE: January 23, 2018
NAME: Dustin Anderson
RE: Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Report

Upcoming Events:

January 31 – Watonwan Watershed Informal Policy Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
February 7 – TSA 6 Technicians Meeting, Marshall, MN

Conservation Drainage Partnership - CWP

Work is ongoing to complete an outreach booklet highlighting the benefits and importance of conservation on public drainage systems. 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. Local case studies are being developed to better describe each of these qualities. GBERBA has entered into a contract with MSU WRC to help develop the finished product.

Watonwan Watershed Civic Engagement

Planning to convene the Watonwan Citizens Group in mid-February to check in and keep moving forward with action items. We are also planning to convene several bankers in the Watershed to have a conversation about the findings from the PMZ interviews. We hope to learn more about how bankers view their role in farm management decisions.

GBERBA Grants

Assisting the GBERBA Coordinators with annual reporting.

Watonwan River Watershed 1W1P

The steering team has finalized the work plan, budget, timeline, and MOA. We are coordinating an informal Policy Committee meeting to engage potential Policy Committee members and ready them for upcoming activities once the planning grant is executed. We hope to have an executed grant agreement by March.

Targeting

MSU-WRC has performed the ACPF on the Willow Creek subwatershed in Martin and Watonwan Counties. Our next step is to review the analysis and identify a strategy for outreach and project development. I'm also working with a Cottonwood SWCD Technician to identify potential sediment loading sites in the County Ditch 1 Watershed in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties.



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

January 18, 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
- Coordinating with TSA & NRCS to design and implement conservation practices for MAWQCP producers
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Watching webinars for Certified Crop Advisor Continuing Education Credits
- **January 3rd** - Training SWCD Personnel in Lac Qui Parle County - Comprehensive Training
- **January 8th** - ACS Conference Call
- **January 11th** - Training SWCD Personnel in Jackson County - Tool Updates
- **January 16th** - Soil Heath Meeting, Sleepy Eye
- **January 17th** - Training SWCD Personnel in Redwood County - Tool Updates
- **January 22nd** - Heron Lake Winter Cover Crop Meeting
- **January 30th** - Cover Crop Meeting, Luverne

Program Updates and Information:

- Updated assessment tool is online Phosphorous and Nitrogen Scoring
- 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 **512 farms**, including over **303,108 acres** with **932 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **11,558 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **27,456 tons** soil reduced per year, **13,738 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

<u>Area 5</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Assessments Completed</u>	<u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u>	<u>Certifications</u>
Cottonwood SWCD	26	22	3	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	9	8	1	7
Nobles SWCD	11	10	4	5
Pipestone SWCD	28	23	2	12
Redwood SWCD	24	22	0	16
Rock SWCD	13	10	3	6
Yellow Medicine SWCD	11	11	1	4
Totals	177	160	28	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



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



Herman Bartsch
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST
January 24th, 2018

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Started working with intern Matthew Remer
- Attended the UMN Winter Crop Days in Waseca 1/12/18
- MN Ag Expo in Mankato 1/24/18-1/25/18

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	12	11	6
Brown SWCD	6	4	3
Faribault SWCD	14	5	5
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	4
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	73	50	32

Renville County SWCD helped complete a roughly 3,000-acre assessment. Planned changes (pending field verification) to the operation include:

- No fall tillage on soybean stubble
- Follow UMN manure nitrogen crediting
- Use a split nitrogen application and nitrification inhibitors on fields in Vulnerable Groundwater Areas
- Treat 30 open surface intakes with Water Quality Intakes, rock intakes, or a filter sock
- Use a cover crop after sweet corn or pea

McLeod County SWCD completed a WASCOB design for a recently certified producer. The WASCOB is required for this certification. The producer is planning to use the MDA \$5,000 grant towards installation of this practice.

Application deadline for RCPP-EQIP-MAWQCP: March 2, 2018

MAWQCP Numbers as of 1-22-18

- 518 producers certified
- 310,087 acres certified
- 981 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 11,558 tons per year (23,115,723 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 27,456 tons per year (54,912,013 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 13,738 lbs. of P per year

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January 24th 2018

Introduction:

- Hello my name is Matthew Remer and I am the Agriculture and Water Outreach Corpsmember with the Conservation Corps and I am stationed in the Cottonwood SWCD office. I will be assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with the MAWQCP.
- I am originally from Winsted, MN and am currently living in an apartment in Springfield, MN. I graduated from Saint John's University in May 2017 with an Environmental Studies major. This is my second service term with the Conservation Corps. I was part of the Apprentice Academy last summer and was stationed at the McLeod SWCD.
- I am looking forward to learning more about this program as I work on furthering my career goals in the conservation field. I am excited to be serving here in South Central MN.

Projects:

- Attended orientation at the Cloquet Forestry Center 1/9-1/12. Orientation consisted of going over Conservation Corps individual placement manual, personal development, CPR/First Aid training, and other team building exercises.
- Introductions/Orientation at the Cottonwood SWCD
- Completing Conservation Corps paperwork
- MAWQCP Assessment tool training with Herman Bartsch
- Attended Cottonwood Watershed and Redwood Watershed WRAPS local work group meeting

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**Cottonwood
County Information
Systems**

Date: January 24, 2018

Name: Marty Mollenhauer, GIS Specialist / IT Assistant

Subject: SWCD Board Meeting Report

Past Projects:

- LYNDA training
- 2017 Pictometry imagery configs / assessor's support
- Safe assure county training
- Zuercher mobile mapping discussion
- ePanic button follow up
- JCG GIS data request
- 2018 GIS goals update
- GIS data storage assessment
- Schneider parcel split

Current Projects:

- Subdivision and plat mapping
- ePanic button testing, troubleshooting
- City of Windom future zoning map
- 911 dispatch Fire service area map

Upcoming Projects:

- Assessor Parcel Fabric demonstration
- Pictometry Connect Explorer user tutorial
- City utility GIS data gathering discussions
- Section monumentation survey
- Zuercher ArcServer development for Law Enforcement mobile mapping
- Building footprint data creation
- FEMA flood map updates