

**COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
September 25, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

AGENDA – Approval

MINUTES of August 28, 2018 Board Meeting

FINANCIAL – Kay Gross

- Financial Report
- Accounts Payable
- Third Quarter Supervisor Compensation and Expenses

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS and ACTION ITEMS

RCRCA – Clark Lingbeek

GBERBA – Clark Lingbeek, Kay Gross, Dave Bucklin

2W2P – Lingbeek, Appel

SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE JPO – Tom Muller, Kay Gross

- Southwest Prairie TSA Vouchers, Financial and Administrative Report
- FY19 BWSR Nonpoint Engineering Assistance (\$240,000) and Enhanced Shared Technical Services (\$130,000) Grant Agreement

MASWCD – Clark Lingbeek

COMMISSIONER REPORT – Tom Appel

3. ADMINISTRATIVE – Kay Gross

•State Cost-Share Contract Amendment

Steve Halland	18-02	Storden 8	Amendment	Time Extension from 12-1-19 to 12-31-20
		Cost \$12,672	C-S Original \$9,300.17	C-S Amendment \$9,504.00

•GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval

Ramont Schrock	17-04	Midway 22	Cover Crops	Cost \$2,000.00	C-S \$1,500.00
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•Well Sealing Cost-Share Contract Approval and Payment Authorization

Myron Vonk	2018-08	Southbrook 36	Well Sealing	Cost \$975.00	C-S \$487.50
Dennis Cowan	2018-09	Amo 19	Well Sealing	Cost \$675.00	C-S \$337.50

•BWSR – Professional and Technical Services Work Order Contracts (4) – Information

•BWSR – FY19 MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement - \$18,600 - Information

•Jeffers Wind Energy Center Repower Project – Comments or Concerns – By October 14

•2004 Silverado Blue Truck – Needs Rear Brake Pads and Rotors Replaced – Base Price – \$285.42 (+refinishing)

•2011 F150 White Truck – Rust Issues

•Forensic Audit – Update

•Civil Case – Update

•November Board Meeting

•Meetings

September	27	Hydro-Conditioning Training – Marshall	Josh
October	1	Effective Training Webinar – Office	Kay
October	3	AMC Meeting – Slayton	Alex
October	3	2W2P Selection Committee Meeting – St. James	Clark and Tom Appel
October	4	RCRCA/Area II Meeting – Marshall	Clark
October	9	WCA Training – Mankato	Dave, Hannah
October	10	2W2P Selection Committee – Interviews – St. James	Clark and Tom Appel
October	12	GBERBA Executive Meeting – Mankato	Clark, Kay, Dave, Josh, Tom
October	15	Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting – St. James	Josh
October	17	2W2P Steering Committee Meeting – St. James	Kay, Dave, Josh
October	17	2W2P Policy Board Meeting – St. James	Clark, Kay, Dave, Josh, Tom
October	24	GBERBA Technical Meeting – Mankato	Kay, Dave, Josh
October	24	Watonwan WRAPS Meeting – Mankato	Kay, Dave, Josh
October	25	Legal Description Training -	Alex
October	25	SWCD Board Meeting – Office	Supervisors, Staff
October	28-31	BWSR Academy – Breezy Point	Staff

SEPTEMBER TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 8-28-18 \$294,003.99

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Bank of the West - August - Interest - Checking Account	\$2.79
Trees and Planting	\$248.48
Tree Staples	\$3.21
NACD - Technical Assistance Grant - Southwest Prairie TSA	\$40,000.00
GBERBA - Coordinators, Area 6 Specialist, WW Technician	\$16,080.09
GBERBA - Reimbursement for July Meeting Expenses	\$216.49
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$56,551.06</u>

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

8/31/18 23888 - 894 Payroll - 8-19-18 to 9-1-18 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$15,850.94
9/5/18 23895 Cottonwood County Auditor - September Insurance	\$2,780.30
" 23896 Hwy 71 Storage	\$45.00
" 23897 Kenneth Knigge - Wood Duck Boxes	\$735.00
" 23898 NCPERS	\$80.00
" 23899 Cottonwood County Pheasants Forever - Banquet Tickets	\$180.00
9/6/18 1454 Breezy Point Resort - Rooms and Breakfast (4)	\$1,011.36
9/14/18 23900 - 905 Payroll 9-2-18 to 9-15-18 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue and FICA/MC (EFT's)	\$12,492.11
" 23906 NCPERS - July - Rebilled by Vendor	\$80.00
" 23907 The Hartford - Long Term Disability	\$124.06
" 23908 BWSR - Wetland Training - Dave and Hannah	\$50.00
" 23909 BWSR - BWSR Academy Registration (7 participants)	\$775.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$34,203.77</u>

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$316,351.28

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

9/25/2018

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23910	Delta Dental - Dental Insurance - October	\$160.10
23911	Fidelity Security Life - Vision - October	\$21.06
23912	Sun Life Financial - Critical Illness - September	\$3.45
23913	Sun Life Financial - Short Term Disability - October	\$64.00
23914	Minn-Kota Properties - Rent	\$2,491.85
23915	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$82.00
23916	Expressway Windom - Gas	\$478.66
23917	VOID	\$0.00
23918	Citizen Publishing - Website Host and Ag Edition for Fair	\$155.50
23919	Office of MN.IT Services - August - Fax Service	\$27.87
23920	Card Member Services - Postage; Stencil for Wood Duck Boxes	\$76.33
23921	Higley Ford - Blue Truck - Lub, Oil Change, Filters, Bulb Replacement & Tires Rotated	\$62.25
23922	Petty Cash Custodian - Vehicle Washes and Wax	\$24.81
23923	Cottonwood County Recorder - Easements (2)	\$92.00
23924	Infoff Incorporated - Yearly Paper Order	\$718.00
23925	Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney - Attorneys - Investigation of Financial Issues	\$688.00
23926	CliftonLarsonAllen - Forensic Audit	\$5,480.21
23927	Rebecca Alexander - Cell Phone Expense	\$30.00
23928	Herman Bartsch - Mileage, Cell Phone and Training Registration	\$270.95
23929	Kay Gross - Cell Phone, CrashPro, District Cell Phone	\$64.43
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		<u>\$10,991.47</u>

District Checking Account Balance 9-25-18 \$305,359.81

Balances as of 9-25-18:

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance) \$50.00

THIRD QUARTER MEETINGS - 2018

JULY

July 9	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Marshall	\$75.00
July 12	Restitution Meeting with Lawyer – Office	\$75.00
July 13	GBERBA Policy/Technical Meeting – Mankato	\$75.00
July 19	MN River Congress Meeting – Henderson	\$75.00
July 20	SWCD Board Meeting - Office	\$75.00
July 31	Criminal Sentencing – Windom	\$75.00

AUGUST

August 2	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Redwood Falls	\$75.00
August 10	GBERBA Executive Meeting – Mankato	\$75.00
August 15	2W2P Meeting – St. James	\$75.00
August 15-18	Cottonwood County Fair – Windom	\$75.00/day
August 28	SWCD Board Meeting/Tour – Office/County	\$75.00
August 30	Southwest Prairie JPO – Personnel Handbook – Slayton	\$75.00

SEPTEMBER

September 5	SWCD Special Board Meeting – Office	\$75.00
September 6	RCRCA Meeting/Area II Meeting – Marshall	\$75.00
September 12	MN River Congress Meeting – Henderson	\$75.00
September 12	Southwest Prairie JPO Meeting – Marshall	\$75.00
September 19	2W2P Selection Committee Meeting - Mankato	\$75.00
September 19	GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – Mankato	\$75.00
September 25	SWCD Board Meeting – Office	\$75.00

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of August 31, 2018

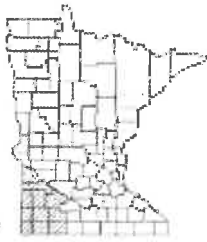
Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Cr	Split	Amount	Balance
Liability Check	08/01/2018	auto	Preferred One-Health Ins						836,558.49
Check	08/03/2018	2803	Hoogendoorn, Russel	Reimb-meeting					715,657.67
Liability Check	08/03/2018	auto	Sun Life Insurance						710,630.82
Liability Check	08/03/2018	auto	Sun Life Insurance						23,700.86
Liability Check	08/03/2018	auto	QuickBooks Payroll Service						22,582.46
Psychcheck	08/09/2018	DD1061	Fosterer, Thomas	Created by Payroll Service on 08/01/2018	ESTS 1-Lincoln Tech				22,582.65
Psychcheck	08/09/2018	DD1062	Hoogendoorn, Russel	Direct Deposit	NPEA				22,531.92
Psychcheck	08/09/2018	DD1063	Matthews, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared Tech				22,480.12
Psychcheck	08/09/2018	DD1064	Stoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA				15,581.74
Liability Check	08/09/2018	Auto	EFTPS	41-1811267					15,581.74
Liability Check	08/09/2018	auto	MIN Revenue						15,581.74
Liability Check	08/09/2018	auto	MSRS						15,581.74
Liability Check	08/09/2018	auto	PERA						15,581.74
Liability Check	08/09/2018	auto	MSRS						15,581.74
Bill Print-Check	08/10/2018	2804	Verizon	wireless					13,414.26
Bill Print-Check	08/10/2018	2805	Cardmember Service	media, gas					13,046.28
Bill Print-Check	08/10/2018	2806	Chandler Co-op	gas					12,846.28
Bill Print-Check	08/13/2018	2807	Green Garden Place, LLC	Contract Position					11,500.68
Transfer	08/16/2018			Funds Transfer					11,460.88
Bill Print-Check	08/17/2018	2808	Verizon	cell phone/MI	NPEA				11,460.88
Deposit	08/20/2018			Deposit					11,311.54
Liability Check	08/23/2018			Created by Payroll Service on 08/13/2018					11,311.54
Psychcheck	08/23/2018	DD1068	QuickBooks Payroll Service						11,308.84
Psychcheck	08/23/2018	DD1065	Stoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA				10,957.18
Psychcheck	08/23/2018	DD1066	Fosterer, Thomas	Direct Deposit	ESTS 1-Lincoln Tech				5,546.59
Psychcheck	08/23/2018	DD1067	Hoogendoorn, Russel	Direct Deposit	NPEA				10,000.00
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	Matthews, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared Tech				15,382.47
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267					17,430.25
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	MIN Revenue						10,521.88
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	MSRS						10,521.88
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	PERA						10,521.88
Liability Check	08/23/2018	auto	MSRS						10,521.88
Deposit	08/31/2018			Deposit					10,521.88
Transfer	08/31/2018			Transfer					20,000.00
Interest Account	08/16/2018			Transfer					2,690.28
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					47,122.36
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					50,016.25
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					50,016.25
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					639,707.90
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					628,707.50
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					628,814.01
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					628,814.01
Business Savings	08/31/2018			Transfer					703,221.08

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
August 2018**

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 8/1/2018	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 8/31/2018
Checking	\$ 23,700.56	\$ 32,027.78	\$ 29,337.52	\$ 26,390.82
Select Business Svg	\$ 636,814.01	-	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 626,814.01
Interest Money	\$ 50,016.25	-	-	\$ 50,016.25
Investments	-	-	-	-
Petty Cash	\$ 25.00	-	-	\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 710,555.82	\$ 32,027.78	\$ 39,337.52	\$ 703,246.08

Program Summary

JPO Fund Balance	\$ 50,016.25	-	-	\$ 50,016.25
FY18 NPEA Grant	-	-	-	-
FY18 NPEA Local Share	-	-	-	-
Technical Services	\$ 245,051.89	\$ 2,027.78	\$ 14,547.44	\$ 232,532.23
TSA 5 Sub Watershed grant	-	-	-	-
Local Cash TSA 5	-	-	-	-
TSA Shared Technician	\$ 52,891.70	-	\$ 4,839.97	\$ 48,051.73
FY17 ESTS Part 1 (Lincoln)	\$ 22,168.71	-	\$ 4,539.52	\$ 17,629.19
FY17 ESTS Part 2 (equipment)	\$ 63,848.31	-	\$ 5,410.59	\$ 58,437.72
FY17 ESTS Part 2-Local Share	\$ 8,017.96	-	-	\$ 8,017.96
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$ 23,991.00	-	-	\$ 23,991.00
FY18 ESTS NPEA	\$ 240,000.00	-	-	\$ 240,000.00
NACD Technical Assistance Grant	\$ 4,570.00	\$ 20,000.00	-	\$ 24,570.00
Total	\$ 710,555.82	\$ 22,027.78	\$ 29,337.52	\$ 703,246.08



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

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

Update of the Southwest Prairie TSA Personnel Policy

Review completed by the Personnel Committee and Board. Comments from the September TSA meeting will be vetted through Ann Goering and redistributed for review.

Updating cost for the TSA was \$3,395.00 with half or \$1,697.50 being paid by the BWSR Performance Review and Assistance Program (PRAP).

NACD Grant – Technical Assistant Grant

Grant has been approved with the TSA receiving \$125,000 with \$25,000 of match. Centrol has been working in three counties (Rock, Nobles and Murray); additional counties will be added as the program progresses. The TSA Engineering Staff has also been working through grant funds assisting with EQIP projects.

Policy guidelines have been sent to each SWCD.

NACD Grant – Collaboration

The Collaboration Grant is moving forward with the development of a Work Plan and Agreement through NRCS. Shelly Lewis and Kay Gross participated in a webinar as an introduction to ezfedgrants program. eAuthorization is required for staff working with the program – Kay Gross and Shelly Lewis are enrolled.

Work plan and information has been sent out to all Districts with follow up being completed by Dawn Madison. We will be using this grant opportunity as a training tool on cover crop implementation for District staff.

BWSR Nonpoint Engineering Assistance and Enhanced Shared Technical Services

BWSR will be sending out Grant Agreements for FY19 Nonpoint Engineering Assistance (\$130,000) and Enhanced Technical Assistance (\$240,000).

Request a motion by the Cottonwood SWCD to apporve the FY19 BWSR NPEA and Enhanced Technical Assistance Grant Agreement when received.

FY19 Budget and Work Plan will be completed by the TSA Administrative and Financial Coordinators and sent out to the TSA Board and Member SWCDs.



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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for September 25, 2018.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

There is ongoing work in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties.

2) GBERBA.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan effort is moving along very well. The work plan is now approved by BWSR, the first Policy meeting was held and the RFQ for consultants was sent and we have six responses to score.

New GBERBA grant opportunities are needed. Continuing the managed drainage initiative is a priority. The Clean Water Fund Grant application period closed August 30, 2018. GBERBA applied for a MDM Drainage grant for \$304,950. and a Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist Position grant for \$99,000.

3) Tree Program.

Several projects are in the planning stages. I have the early tree orders in to the tree nurseries for the 2019 season. The County was not selected for the Emerald Ash Borer Management Grant through the DNR.

4) State Cost Share

The SWCD has several waterway project requests that have come. So far two projects have been field checked and the estimates total \$30,000 dollars for the two projects. Discussion on state cost share priorities.

5) Watershed Restoration And Protection Strategies

The WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. Staff is involved in the Watonwan, Des Moines, Little Cottonwood or Middle Minnesota, and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process all at the same time. Part of the work is to establish pollution/impairment reduction goals, which BMP's will work and then and how long will it take to achieve the goals.

David Bucklin, Cottonwood SWCD



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Date: September 14, 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:

- August 28, 2018 – SWCD board meeting in Windom, MN

Upcoming Events:

- October 29-31, 2018 – BWSR Academy

Farm Bill Assistance:

- CRP plans are completed for FSA.
- CREP application from July and August 1st ranking was accepted. We are at a total of 11 CREP offers accepted. We are set to finish out the first one this month.
- We have quite a few RIM violations that will be fixed this Fall after harvest due to crop encroachment. We will be working on systematically staking all of our easements regardless of boundary issues or not starting this Fall and coming Spring.
 - Hannah has been doing an excellent job on RIM spot checks.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- SSTS installation is behind compared to other years due to the weather.



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Date: September 25, 2018

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- September 15th – Pheasants Forever Banquet

Upcoming Events:

- September 26th – Environmental Fair, Slayton
- September 28th - RIM spot-check deadline

Project Updates:

Another Buffer letter will be sent out to landowners who have signed waiver A as a reminder that the deadline is November 1st 2018. The RIM spot-checks are still in progress.

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.
- Tracking buffer compliance using the BWSR BuffCAT tool is a continual process.
- Continuing SSTS mentoring
- Working on cost-share database
- Working on Bee Atlas



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

www.GBERBA.org

DATE: September 14, 2018

NAME: Josh Votruba

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Sept 4 – Watonwan County Commissioners Meeting, St. James, MN
- Sept 6 – Watonwan WRAPS Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 11 – Cover Crop Field Talk, Luverne, MN

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 17 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Sept 19 – GBERBA Policy Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 19 - GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 19 – Watonwan 1W1P Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 25 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting, Windom, MN
- Sept 25 – Environmental Fair Setup, Slayton, MN
- Sept 27- GBERBA Tech Training, Mankato, MN
- Oct 12 – GBERBA Exec Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Oct 29-31 BWSR Academy, Breezy Point, MN

Working on:

- *Training:* Attended the cover crop field talk in Luverne. Farmers and SWCDs across southwestern Minnesota convened to discuss and go over the benefits of using cover crops. A panel of farmers presented their experiences with cover crops and many demonstrations such as a rainfall simulator were shown showing how cover crops allow more infiltration and reduce runoff compared to bare soil.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-Share:* The GBERBA cover crop letter we sent out at the end of August is starting to get responses from interested landowners in the Cottonwood County portion of the Watonwan Watershed. I have begun the process of contacting landowners interested in the GBERBA cover crop cost-share and have begun scheduling times to meet them on their land.



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
September 19th, 2018

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Practice design
- Cover Crop Plans
- Contacting producers with old applications

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	19	13	7
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	7	5	3
Nicollet SWCD	0	0	0
Renville SWCD	7	7	5
Sibley SWCD	3	3	2
Waseca SWCD	8	7	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	87	66	41



A Faribault County producer used the MDA grant to inter-seed this cover crop into standing corn. The cover crop was broadcast seeded on June 10th followed by a sidedress nitrogen application. Photos taken on August 29th.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 9-10-18

- 640 producers certified
- 403,334 acres certified
- 1,220 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 21,474 tons per year (42,948,560 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 57,542 tons per year (115,083,333 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 25,194 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



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



September 12th 2018

Workload:

- Assisting Herman and Danielle with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Entering producer fields into Web Soil Survey to check for sensitive soils
- 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
- Attended producer meetings with Herman and Danielle
- Assist Herman and Danielle with field verifications

Projects and Events:

- Attended a Kernza Field day with Danielle on 8/23
- Continue to input maps and other data into the mapping and assessment tool
- Attend the Rock County Field Talk on 9/11

Upcoming Events:

- GBERBA Technical Meeting on 9/11
- Assist with the set up of the Environmental Fair 9/25
- GBERBA Workshop on 9/27

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Greater Blue Earth River Basin

September 24, 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
- Contacting producers for potential new applications
- Coordinating with Water Resource Specialist in Nobles, Lyon, Lincoln, Pipestone, Rock for program promotion and to reach more producers in the wellhead protection areas
- Attending/Participating in events to gain continuing education credits for CCA certification
- **Aug 15th** – Manure Expo – Brookings, SD
- **Aug 23rd** – Kernza Field Day
- **Sept 11th** – Pioneer Public TV Filming Segment
- **Sept 26th** – Environmental Fair Presentation
- **Sept 27th** – ACS Meeting – St. Paul

Program Updates and Information:

- 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 **645 farms**, including over **407,534 acres** with **1,244 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **22,131 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **59,213 tons** soil reduced per year, **25,933 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	30	28	1	12
Jackson SWCD	30	26	7	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	10	9	1	4
Murray SWCD	12	12	1	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	1	8
Pipestone SWCD	31	30	0	16
Redwood SWCD	30	30	1	21
Rock SWCD	18	15	0	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	21	19	2	9
Totals	216	203	14	109

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Date: September 25, 2018

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- September 7th- County Modernization Workshop
- September 15th- Pheasants Forever Banquet
- September 19th- GBERBA, 1W1P, 2W2P

Upcoming Events:

- October 1st- MACFO Planning Meeting
- October 3rd- AMC Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - None
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 10 Issued
 - CUP, 0 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- Inspected Elmendorf Swine Barn Expansion and Poultry Barn
- Approved Heinhold Hog Market for expansion
- Inspected Heinhold Hog Market



**COTTONWOOD
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**Cottonwood
County
Information
Systems**

Date: September 21, 2018

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Current Projects:

- Zuercher Mapping GIS & IT support: Sheriff's Office
- County rural zoning map updates & review / zoning map web application
- Next Gen 911 Data updates with Schneider Corp
- Ongoing IT support: Real-ID transition for Recorder's office, Pictometry & Beacon software updates & support, general PC troubleshooting & assistance
- SWCD invasive species web map application (under construction)
- Enhanced Hwy Dept. Bridge Inventory web map application (under construction)
- Sara Park mapping and website updates
- New county website analysis and presentation planning

Upcoming Projects:

- GIS data user agreement document updates
- South Central MN GIS User Group meeting planning
- GIS data inventory review & GIS future needs assessment for FY2020
- LYNDA online training for IT essentials: Windows server, networking and security, web development, Windows 10 transitioning, Office 365 enterprise deployment
- Public land viewer web map application