

APRIL TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 3/31/2019 \$331,797.63

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Interest - March	\$3.00
Trees and Down Payments -	\$4,216.32
Nicollet SWCD - Reimbursement for Children's Water Festival Supplies	\$202.53
GBERBA - March Coordinator, Cert Specialist, WWT & Meeting Reimbursement	\$21,676.67
District Court - February Restitution	\$1,000.00
RCRCA - WRAPS Meeting and Mileage	\$210.00
BWSR - Title Insurance Reimbursement - Porth	\$2,494.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$29,803.27

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

24242-246 Supervisor's Compensation Jan - Mar 2019 plus PERA- DCP	\$3,414.54
24247-253 Payroll 3/17/19 to 3/30/2019 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$16,673.62
24254 Hwy 71 Storage - Rent April 2019	\$45.00
24255 Fidelity Security Life - Vision Insurance April 2019	\$29.06
24256 The Hartford - LTD Insurance April 2019	\$142.39
24257 Sun Life Financial - Critical Illness Insurance - March 2019	\$2.35
24258 NCPERS Group Life Insurance - April 2019	\$112.00
24259-265 Payroll 3/31/19 to 4/13/2019 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$14,596.27
EFT422019 Minnesota Dept of Revenue - Sales & Use Tax 1st Quarter 2019	\$361.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$35,376.23

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$326,224.67

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4/25/2019

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24266	Delta Dental - May	\$190.30
24267	Fidelity Security Life (Avesis) - May Vision	\$29.06
24268	Sun Life Financial - April and May - Short Term Disability	\$89.60
24269	Cottonwood County - May Insurance	\$5,938.49
24270	Minn-Kota Properties - Rent	\$2,491.85
24271	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24272	Card Member Services - Manager's Mtg; Water Storage Forum (2), SSTS and Easement Postage	\$186.42
24273	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$680.18
24274	Staples Enterprises - Gas	\$232.94
24275	Cottonwood County Recorder - Recording Easements (4 contacts)	276.00
24276	MN.IT - February - Fax Machine	\$55.71
24277	Windom Riverfest Inc - Parade Registration	\$10.00
24278	Pipestone Publishing Company - MAWQCP Area V Ad	\$350.00
24279	Lunds Body Shop - Expedition - Door Repair - Ice Damage	\$683.63
24280	Central Landscape Supply - Tree Tubs and Ties	\$149.00
24281	Plantra - Tubes, Stakes, Mats and Staples	\$2,000.70
24282	Frederick C. Brown - Mediator Civil Case	\$1,537.70
24283	Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney - Attorneys - Investigation of Financial Issues	\$481.48
24284	Petty Cash Custodian - Building Key	\$3.00
24285	Herman Bartsch - Mileage, Cell Phone & Meals	\$529.33
24286	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone Expense	\$30.00
24287	Joshua Votruba - Mileage	\$159.50
24288	Lee Tapper - Mileage	\$84.68
24289	Kay Gross - Cell Phone, CrashPro, District Cell Phone	\$64.48
24290	Murray SWCD - SWPTSA Admin Jan - March 2019	\$4,578.08

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$20,918.13

District Checking Account Balance \$305,306.54

Balances as of 4-25-19

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

Balance Sheet Detail

As of March 31, 2019

04/13/19
Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Ctr	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings									
Checking Account									
Transfer	03/01/2019			Funds Transfer		X	Select Busines...	10,000.00	1,039,769.95
Check	03/02/2019	2856	MN PEIP			X	-SPLIT-	-1,518.16	918,841.03
Check	03/02/2019	2857	Green Garden Place...			X	-SPLIT-	-8,468.44	15,190.93
Check	03/02/2019	2858	Matthys, Benjamin	Cell Phone R...		X	Telephone Exp...	-400.00	23,672.77
Check	03/04/2019	2859	Green Garden Place...	contract posit...		X	-SPLIT-	-7,493.44	15,204.33
Check	03/04/2019	2860	Frontier Precision	trible TSC7		X	Capital Outlay	-7,649.95	14,804.33
Transfer	03/04/2019			Funds Transfer		X	Select Busines...	15,000.00	7,310.89
Liability Check	03/04/2019	auto	Sun Life Insurance			X	-SPLIT-	-72.83	14,660.94
Liability Check	03/06/2019		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-7,100.92	14,588.11
Paycheck	03/07/2019	DD1122	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	ESTS 1-L...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	7,487.19
Paycheck	03/07/2019	DD1123	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	7,487.19
Paycheck	03/07/2019	DD1124	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	7,487.19
Paycheck	03/07/2019	DD1125	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	7,487.19
Liability Check	03/07/2019	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,250.62	5,236.57
Liability Check	03/07/2019	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-379.00	4,857.57
Liability Check	03/07/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	4,632.57
Liability Check	03/07/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,388.75	3,243.82
Liability Check	03/07/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	3,203.82
Transfer	03/12/2019			Funds Transfer		X	Select Busines...	15,000.00	18,203.82
Deposit	03/14/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	3,400.00	21,603.82
Deposit	03/14/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	3,400.00	25,003.82
Check	03/14/2019			gas		X	-SPLIT-	-41.07	28,403.82
Check	03/18/2019	2861	Chandler Co-op	Office Rent		X	-SPLIT-	-1,690.56	26,672.19
Check	03/18/2019	2862	Lincoln SWCD	meals, gas		X	-SPLIT-	-228.29	26,443.90
Check	03/18/2019	2863	Cardmember Service			X	Health Insuran...	-1,518.16	24,925.74
Liability Check	03/18/2019	2864	MN PEIP			X	-SPLIT-	-149.21	24,776.53
Check	03/19/2019	2865	Verizon	cell/mifi		X	-SPLIT-	-1,250.00	16,425.62
Check	03/19/2019	2866	Murray SWCD	Rent-Jan-Mar...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-7,100.91	16,425.62
Liability Check	03/20/2019		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,425.62
Paycheck	03/21/2019	DD1126	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	ESTS 1-L...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,425.62
Paycheck	03/21/2019	DD1127	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,425.62
Paycheck	03/21/2019	DD1128	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,425.62
Paycheck	03/21/2019	DD1129	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,425.62
Liability Check	03/21/2019	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,250.66	14,174.96
Liability Check	03/21/2019	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-379.00	13,795.96
Liability Check	03/21/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	13,570.96
Liability Check	03/21/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,388.75	12,182.21
Liability Check	03/21/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	12,142.21
Transfer	03/29/2019			Funds Transfer		X	Select Busines...	10,000.00	22,142.21
Total Checking Account									
				Deposit			Interest on Sav...	1,172.77	51,811.09
Savings Interest Account									
Deposit	03/31/2019			Deposit				1,172.77	52,983.86
Total Savings Interest Account									
Select Business Savings									
Transfer	03/01/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-10,000.00	851,814.01
Transfer	03/04/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-15,000.00	841,814.01
Transfer	03/12/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-15,000.00	826,814.01
Transfer	03/29/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-10,000.00	811,814.01
Total ASSETS									

Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
March 2019

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance		Receipts		Disbursements		Ending Balance	
		3/1/2019						3/31/2019
Checking	\$	15,190.93	\$	60,200.00	\$	53,248.72	\$	22,142.21
Select Business Svg	\$	851,814.01	\$		\$	50,000.00	\$	801,814.01
Interest Money	\$	51,811.09	\$	1,172.77	\$	-	\$	52,983.86
Investments	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Petty Cash	\$	25.00	\$	-	\$	-	\$	25.00
Total	\$	918,841.03	\$	61,372.77	\$	103,248.72	\$	876,965.08
Program Summary								
JPO Fund Balance	\$	51,811.09	\$	1,172.77	\$		\$	52,983.86
FY19 NPEA Grant	\$	82,870.20	\$		\$	16,880.06	\$	65,990.14
FY19 NPEA Local Share	\$	7,092.00	\$	3,546.00	\$		\$	10,638.00
FY17 NPEA Equipmer exp 06/30/2019	\$	20,000.00	\$		\$		\$	20,000.00
Technical Services	\$	166,364.46	\$		\$		\$	166,364.46
TSA Shared Technician	\$	15,112.56	\$		\$	6,176.44	\$	8,936.12
FY17 ESTS Pt.1-Lincoln exp-06/30/2019	\$	10,037.51	\$		\$	6,580.39	\$	3,457.12
FY17 ESTS Part 2(equipment)	\$	32,392.89	\$		\$	11,001.83	\$	21,391.06
FY17 ESTS Part 2-Local Share	\$	8,017.96	\$		\$		\$	8,017.96
FY17 ESTS Part 2- Admin	\$	7,341.10	\$		\$		\$	7,341.10
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$	23,991.00	\$		\$		\$	23,991.00
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	\$	169,600.00	\$		\$		\$	169,600.00
FY18 ESTS Admin	\$	10,838.16	\$		\$		\$	10,838.16
FY18 ESTS Equipment	\$	34,700.00	\$		\$		\$	34,700.00
FY19 ESTS Grant	\$	240,000.00	\$		\$		\$	240,000.00
FY19 ESTS Local Share	\$	13,308.00	\$	6,654.00	\$		\$	19,962.00
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$	(7,397.00)	\$		\$		\$	(20,007.00)
NACD Technical Assistance Grant	\$	32,761.10	\$		\$	12,610.00	\$	32,761.10
Total	\$	918,841.03	\$	11,372.77	\$	53,248.72	\$	876,965.08

Request to Purchase Seed for Buffers to The Cottonwood SWCD Board

Hannah Herzfeld, Alex Schultz

The SWCD received \$5,000 from Cottonwood County in 2017 for cost-share to assist landowners with the installation of buffers. However, since that time there has been little to no interest from landowners in buffer cost-share. Most landowners are not interested in buffer cost-share for a variety of reasons: SWCD contracts last for 10 years (like state cost-share), landowners do not wish to maintain the buffer for 10 years, or the buffer is so small it is not worth the paperwork for such a small area.

We are proposing that the SWCD be allowed to utilize funds given to the SWCD by Cottonwood County to purchase a few bags of seed from the Windom Seed Center to assist landowners who have minimal amounts of buffer acres to seed. We are proposing to only use this seed for landowners who only need to leave out a few feet in a few places. Landowners who require more acres for their buffer would be recommended to a seed vendor.

The Windom Seed Center sells seed bags that meet the standard of the Buffer Law, and the alternative practices allowed under the Buffer Law. Bags are mostly sold by how many acres are needed, typically it's about \$50 to seed an acre. Seed could be purchased based on a set dollar amount (i.e. SWCD could purchase \$200 worth of seed) or an acre basis.

There are still quite a few landowners who were unable to seed their buffers or they seeded their buffer but they were flooded. In addition, some of these landowners received an APO/CAN from the county for their buffers for very small amounts, but the county and SWCD still had to continue forward with the law. We feel that even providing a small amount of seed to plant a small amount buffer for the first time or to re-seed a very small area of buffer could be a small good will gesture from the county and SWCD to the landowners. It is not much, but at this point almost no landowners have been interested in cost-share, and it could help some landowner's frustration having to seed a very small area of buffer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Hannah Herzfeld

Resource Technician
Cottonwood SWCD

Alex Schultz

Planning and Zoning Technician
Cottonwood County

10th Street Office Complex
SWCD Lease Space & Costs

Offices

104 – Becky 143 sq. ft.
105 – Dave 143 sq. ft.
106 – Kay 195 sq. ft.

Work Stations / Entry

14 X 58 812 sq. ft.

Conference Room

13 x 27 (50%) 175 sq. ft.

Total – 1468 sq. ft. @ \$14.00 = \$20,552.00

Storage

12 X 22 264 sq. ft. @ \$2.00 \$528.00

Internet & Phone

\$100 per month ??? \$1200.00

\$22,280.00

In comparison to current lease – no charges for mechanical, restrooms, common space, etc.

??? rental charges for county - \$3960.00 in 2018



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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for April 25, 2019.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

There is ongoing work in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties. One application was approved last month and another is noticed for application in Cottonwood County. Watonwan County has an application for a Road Authority Bank site project to improve a county road.

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

GBERBA applied for a 319 MPCA Grant for Cover Crops. We have heard the GBERBA application was not funded. The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is moving at a fast pace. The second advisory committee meeting was held and went well.

3) Tree Program.

Tree orders have been coming in at a very steady pace. There are 65 tree orders so far for 3200 trees.

The first trees have been delivered and are in the tree barn. Tree pickup day is set for Friday April 26th.

4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies WRAPS

The completed WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. Staff is involved in the Des Moines, Little Cottonwood included in the Middle Minnesota, and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process all at the same time. Part of the WRAPS work is establishing pollution/impairment reduction goals. This includes, which BMP's will work and how many of each practice will be needed to meet goals, and then use this data to predict how long will it take to achieve the water quality goals.

5) State Cost Share

The SWCD has several waterway/basin project requests that have come in. So far several projects have been field checked and the estimates total over \$150,000 dollars for those projects. We do not have cost share dollars for these practices. We have submitted these needs to the Emergency management staff to forward to the state.

David Bucklin,
Cottonwood SWCD



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Date: April 23, 2019

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

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

Past Events:

- March 26-27, 2019 – Public Administration Cohort Training in St. Cloud, MN
- March 28, 2019 – Ag Tech Note 31 Seed Training in Marshall, MN (rescheduled from February)

Upcoming Events:

- April 30 – May 2, 2019 - Public Administration Cohort Training in St. Cloud, MN
- May 7-10, 2019 – Advanced Inspector Training in Alexandria, MN

Farm Bill Assistance:

- CREP and CRP are still closed for new applications. I have been completing eligibility for interested landowners with the caveat it could change after the new CRP policies and rates are finalized.
- We have quite a few RIM violations that will be fixed this past Fall after harvest due to crop encroachment. We were not able to get to all of these because we hadn't received contact back from landowners before winter, we will have to continue the remediation in Spring 2019.
- We currently have 2 active CREP applications in process, the rest have been paid out or the final paperwork is at BWSR for pay out. There is still wetland restoration work to be done on these easements.
- I will be working with Hannah and Dave on getting more of our easement staked that are adjacent to cropland and staking new CREP easements this Spring.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- I am registered for the Advanced Inspector training in May.

Feedlots

- Will be working on downloading feedlot data and setting up registration feedlot update forms. The new system, TEMPO, does not automatically formulate the Registration Update forms like DELTA (old system) did. When the new registration cycle started in 2018 the State was backed up with thousands of previous registrations from 2014-2017 period and did not want any new cycle registrations for almost a year. They are now accepting current period re-registrations.



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Date: April 25, 2019

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- March 28th – Ag Tech note training
- April 6th – Farm and Home Show

Upcoming Events:

- April 26th – Dree pick up day
- May 6th- office moving

Project Updates:

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 90%. Administrative Penalty Order and Corrective Action Notices were sent to landowners. SWCD and the County are working congruently to assist landowners with bringing landowners into compliance with the Buffer Law and will be conducting site visits and inspections this summer and fall.

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
- Beginning work and prep for RIM site inspections and staking this summer.
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law to prepare to send out APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice to landowners with parcels that are non-compliant with the Buffer Law.



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
 April 23rd, 2019

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Program Promotion
- NRCS - RCPP Applications
- Conservation Planning Recertification
- Midwest Soil Health Summit – Gustavus 3-12-19
- LeSueur Cover Crop Meeting 3-14-19
- ACS Meeting – St. Paul 4-3-19

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	12
LeSueur SWCD	6	2	2
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	8	7	6
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	9	9	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	98	74	50

MDA has developed an MAWQCP Story Map. This is an interactive online map of the state where producers can pin their general location and include some information about their farm, why they chose to get certified and a picture. This is an opportunity for farmers to share their story, and will help promote the program. Farmers who are interested in getting on the map should contact their Area Certification Specialist.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 4-22-19

- 731 producers certified
- 489,385 acres certified
- 1,484 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 30,176 tons per year (60,351,420 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 74,711 tons per year (149,422,993 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 35,902 lbs. of P per year



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www.GBERBA.org

DATE: April 25, 2019

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Apr 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 4 – Water Storage Forum, Mankato, MN
- Apr 12 – GBERBA Executive Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Apr 15 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 17 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 23 – Soil Health Team Meeting, Sleepy Eye, MN
- Apr 24 – GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN

Upcoming Events:

- May 10 – GBERBA Policy Meeting, Mankato, MN

Working on:

- *Training:* I recently attended the MN River Basin Water Storage Forum put on by the MSU Water Resource Center. The event had many speakers from different agencies (SWCDs, Universities, Counties, State Agencies) speak about various topics in relation to water storage. With the Watonwan Watershed currently going through a One Watershed, One Plan this event seemed like a great opportunity to learn and get ideas as the lack of water storage in the watershed is a major issue.
- *Watonwan County/SWCD:* In Watonwan County I have been working with the SWCD researching potential projects for the St. James Golf Course which has bank erosion problems along the South Fork Watonwan River. In addition, I have been assisting Watonwan Soil & Water Technician Chad Hildebrand with buffer site visits.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost Share:* In Cottonwood County we sent out post-cards in March informing landowners of the GBERBA cover crop cost-share available in the Watonwan Watershed. The cost share is for 50% and is up to 80 acres maximum per landowner. Last August we sent out a mass mailing to landowners and had a few interested landowners respond. It is our hope that this year we have even more interest from Cottonwood County landowners. The GBERBA cover crop cost-share is a great opportunity for farmers and landowners who are new to cover crops to try it out for the first time.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Advisory Committee recently had their second meeting which was April 4th. The committee went over the priority issues table which was composed of the high and medium priority issues which were based on the input from the kickoff meeting, online survey, and state and local agency expertise/comments. The committee during the April 4th meeting reviewed the 52 issues present on the table and made decisions on if certain issues that were similar could be combined. For the next meeting the Advisory Committee will finish reviewing these priority issues.



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Agriculture and Water Outreach Corpsmember
Conservation Corps of MN & IA
Lee Tapper



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April 25, 2019

Workload:

- Assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers 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 Bartsch and Danielle Evers 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 Bartsch and Danielle Evers
- Assist Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with field verifications

Projects and Events:

- Met with Producer with Herman Bartsch in Blue Earth on 3/25
- Attended the 1W1P Steering/Advisory Committee Meeting on 4/3
- Attended the Minnesota River Basin Water Storage Forum in Mankato on 4/4
- Met with a Producer with Danielle Evers in Windom on 4/8
- Filter Strip Training in New Ulm on 4/10 (Postponed)
- Attended the 1W1P Steering Team Meeting on 4/17
- Continue to input maps and other data into the mapping and assessment tool

Upcoming Events:

- Attending Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting 4/25
- Tree Pick Up 4/26
- Steering Team Meeting on 5/1
- GBERBA Policy Meeting on 5/10

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COTTONWOOD **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Date: March 21, 2019

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- April 9th- Weed Meeting
- April 17th- AMC Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- Nutrient Management Workshop- May 8th
- May 14th- Planning Commission Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - Schwartz CLF expansion set for
 - May 14th
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 5 Issued
 - CUP, 1 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- County Assessments are coming up in July



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

April 22, 2019



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 Workload:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working on Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water MAWQCP incentive applications/assessments.
- Attending/Participating in events to gain continuing education credits for CCA certification
- Homework for the Minnesota Rural Leadership Program
- Working on trying to have some Ag Water Quality Meetings in different counties & inviting producers
- Gearing up to do field verifications. Making maps/plans.
- Coordinating with local NRCS offices to submit RCPP Applications
- Calling and completing the first year of program audits

Events:

- **April 3rd**- ACS Meeting St. Paul
- **April 19th** – RCPP EQIP Application Ranking Deadline
- **May 1st** – Ag in the Classroom Event – Pipestone, MN

Program Updates and Information:

- **Limited number** of 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 **724 farms**, including over **481,695 acres** with **1,469 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **30,176 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **74,711 tons** soil reduced per year, **35,902 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	31	29	2	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	5	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	1	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	14	12	1	7
Murray SWCD	12	12	0	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	0	9
Pipestone SWCD	35	32	0	16
Redwood SWCD	31	31	1	22
Rock SWCD	18	15	1	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	22	22	3	9
Totals	228	215	14	115

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