

AUGUST TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balances 7/23/20 (Bank of the West & Bank Midwest) \$420,797.57

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Direct Deposit 6-21-2020 to 7-4-2020 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$0.20
July Receipts - Missed 10.00 + 197.72	\$207.72
Lawns to Legumes	\$304.59
Interest - July 2020 Bank Midwest	\$218.22
Interest - July 2020 - Bank of the West	\$1.44
BWSR - FY20 Lawns to Legumes	\$5,309.43
BWSR - FY19 CREP Outreach	\$11,594.00
BWSR - Reimburse for Fence Posts	\$1,014.14
BWSR - Record Easements (4)	\$184.00
USDA Treasury - NRCS Collaborative Grant	\$832.00
Cottonwood County Auditor - 3rd Quarter Allocation	\$13,000.00
BWSR - FY17 PRAP Grant	\$2,120.00
Cottonwood County Auditor - Reimburse for District Equipment	\$5,675.63

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$40,461.37

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

Direct Deposit 6-21-2020 to 7-4-2020 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	
24986 Fidelity Security - Vision Ins - Aug 2020	\$18.93
24987 Life Ins Co. of N America - Critical Illness - Aug 2020	\$6.59
24988 Sun Life Financial - STD Aug 2020	\$38.40
24989 Computer Forms - Business Checks	\$154.04
Direct Deposit 7-19-20 to 8-1-20 Payroll, plus PERA, Mn Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$15,889.69
1700 The Hartford - LTD Aug 2020	\$163.13
1701 Higley Ford - Oil Change	\$77.78
1702 Marco - Service Contract & Overage on Copier	\$928.44
24990 Heron Lake Watershed District - Lawns to Legumes	\$2,417.90
Direct Deposit 8-2-20 to 8-15-20 Payroll, plus PERA, MN dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$15,719.31
Bank of the West - Bank Fees	\$14.00
Direct Deposit 8-16-20 to 8-29-20 Payroll, plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue, Bank of the West	\$16,303.91

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$51,732.12

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$409,526.82

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

8/27/2020

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24991	Delta Dental - Dental Ins - September 2020	\$152.60
24992	Fidelity Security Life - Vision Ins - September 2020	18.93
24993	Cottonwood County - Insurance - 2020 - September	\$3,105.38
24994	Cottonwood County - Rent - 2020 - September	\$1,900.00
24995	Cottonwood County Recorder - Record Notice of Funding Restrictions (1)	\$46.00
24996	Cardmember Services - Misc Office Supplies, Norton Anti-Virus & Center Point Payroll	\$462.30
24997	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24998	Citizen Publishing Company - Site Host (2)	\$30.00
24999	Hy-Vee - District Supplies, Baking Soda & Kleenex	\$28.24
25000	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$27.96
25001	Petty Cash Custodian - Wash Black Expedition	\$10.00
25002	Running's - Lawns to Legumes Expenses	\$21.96
25003	Staples Enterprises - Gas Expense - July 2020	\$291.94
25004	Lee Tapper - Mileage to Rock County	\$31.05
25005	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone & Cloth Masks for Employees	\$130.00
25006	Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$170.75
25007	Kay Gross - Cell Phone - Personal and District	\$87.96
25008	CliftonLarson Allen - 2018 Financial Statement	\$1,250.00
25009	Life Ins Co of N America - Critical Illness - Sept 2020	\$6.59
25010	Sun life Financial - STD - Septemebr 2020	\$38.40
25011	Robyn Galer - CS on Lawns to Legumes	\$168.33
25012	Kelly Woizeschke - CS on Lawns to Legumes	\$264.52

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$8,328.91

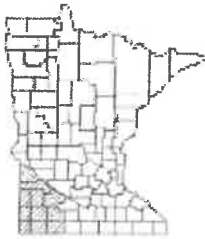
District Checking Account Balance \$401,197.91

Balances as of 8-27-2020

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

Savings Account Balance Interest - Bank Midwest - 2nd Quarter (\$26.58 - Included in Savings Total) \$50,042.47

Account Balances: Checking (2)/Savings/Petty Cash: \$451,290.38



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2020

TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS

FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR

SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

Quarterly reports have been filed for April - June 2020.

Original Centrol contract has been amended and approve to complete the remaining \$6,180 by June 30, 2020. This contract is now complete.

New Centrol contract has been completed for an additional 100 hours totaling \$6,000 to be completed by June 30, 2020. This contract is now complete.

2020 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and approved for our third round of funding \$125,000 grant with \$31,250 in match. This grant will take effect as soon as we have completed our 2019 grant.

We anticipate starting to request funds this year from grant 2020.

2018 NRCS Collaboration Grant

The Finanical Report has been completed for April – June 2020. The grant end date has been extended by the NRCS until August 31, 2021. We anticipate completing this grant during the months of August and September 2020.

TSA Engineering Staff

Permission has been given for staff to move freely from home to their local offices on an as needed basis. We are giving every opportunity for all staff to feel safe and this allows them the flexibility in balancing home life and office. Work expectations remain the same in either location and Russ has sent out all contact information for our Technical Staff.

Protocols are in place when working in the field, social distancing, cleaning vehicles and not allowing non-staff to enter vehicles. Also when working with contractors or outside sources, additional paperwork will be used, so their will be no sharing of papers or supplies.

Soil Health/Training Contract Position

Dawn Madison is continuing to work with District staff in gaining Job Approval Authority and also working on grant obligations for NRCS.

Performance reviews were completed and the TSA Board has approved the continuation of the Soil Health/Training contract position at \$54.00/hr for 1,000 per year starting September 1, 2020 to August 30, 2022. This contract will be approved in August by the Cottonwood SWCD (Host District) and ratified at the TSA Board Meeting in September.

Engineering Technician Positons

At this time we are on hold in adding new positions. We will be completing a 6 month reievew for Jake Harrison on September 2, 2020.

During our Area V Manager's Meeting the discussion of additional technical support will be built up through local capacity and the SWCDs, with an emphasis on gaining the needed JAA at the local level. Again, the addition of of new TSA technical staff is on hold for the forseeable future.

Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
July 2020

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 7/1/2020	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 7/31/2020
Checking	\$ 13,729.04			
Select Business Svg	\$ 716,221.88	\$ 99,383.43	\$ 26,838.24	\$ 86,274.23
Interest Money	\$ 63,024.01		\$ 25,000.00	\$ 691,221.88
Compensated Absences	\$ 54,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,024.01
Total	\$ 846,974.93	\$ 99,383.43	\$ 51,838.24	\$ 894,520.12
Program Summary				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 63,431.88			\$ 63,431.88
FY19 NPEA Grant	-			-
FY20 NPEA Local Share	-			-
FY19 NPEA Admin	-			-
FY20 NPEA	-			-
FY20 NPEA Administration	4,190.81			4,190.81
Technical Services	168,154.27	\$ 68,133.43	\$ 11,729.95	\$ 224,557.75
TSA Shared Technician	-			-
Training	3,000.00			-
Compensated Absences	54,000.00			3,000.00
FY18 ESTS Local Share	6,780.67			54,000.00
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	-		\$ 5,381.89	1,398.78
FY18 ESTS Admin	-			-
FY18 ESTS Equipment	4,610.30			4,610.30
FY19 ESTS Grant	210,750.00			-
FY19 ESTS Admin	23,635.78		\$ 5,119.84	205,630.16
FY19 ESTS Local Share	24,398.00			23,635.78
FY20 ESTS Grant	201,704.80			24,398.00
FY20 ESTS Administration	40,795.20			201,704.80
FY20 ESTS Local Share	24,640.00			40,795.20
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	(1,783.14)			24,640.00
FY20 NACD Grant	18,666.36	\$ 31,250.00		(1,783.14)
Total	\$ 846,974.93	\$ 99,383.43	\$ 29,606.56	\$ 20,309.80
			\$ 51,838.24	\$ 894,520.12

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of July 31, 2020

Type	Date	Numb	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings									
Checking Account									
Check	07/01/2020	auto	MN Revenue	state tax		X	Payroll Expens...	-10.00	971,865.63
Liability Check	07/01/2020	auto	MN UI Fund			X	-SPLIT-	-116.00	862,178.44
Liability Check	07/03/2020	auto	Sun Life Insurance			X	-SPLIT-	-126.35	846,974.93
Paycheck	07/08/2020	DD1264	QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...	FY19 ES...	X	Direct Deposit ...	-7,318.16	13,729.04
Paycheck	07/09/2020	DD1265	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,719.04
Paycheck	07/09/2020	DD1266	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,603.04
Paycheck	07/09/2020	DD1267	Matthys, Benjamin J	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,476.69
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	6,158.53
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	6,158.53
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	MN Revenue			X	-SPLIT-	-2,448.40	3,710.13
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	MSRS			X	State Withholdi...	-416.00	3,294.13
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	PERA			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	3,069.13
Liability Check	07/09/2020	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-1,454.19	1,614.94
Liability Check	07/10/2020	3022	MN PEIP			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	1,574.94
Transfer	07/13/2020		Verizon	Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	Health Insuran...	-2,620.10	-1,045.16
Bill Pmt -Check	07/21/2020	3025				X	Select Business...	25,000.00	23,954.84
Deposit	07/21/2020			Deposit		X	Accounts Paya...	-162.31	23,792.53
Liability Check	07/22/2020		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...	NPEA	X	Direct Deposit ...	42,587.97	66,380.50
Paycheck	07/23/2020	DD1269	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	-7,318.18	59,062.32
Paycheck	07/23/2020	DD1268	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	FY19 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	59,062.32
Paycheck	07/23/2020	DD1270	Matthys, Benjamin J	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	59,062.32
Paycheck	07/23/2020	DD1271	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	59,062.32
Liability Check	07/23/2020	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	59,062.32
Liability Check	07/23/2020	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-2,448.36	56,613.96
Liability Check	07/23/2020	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-416.00	56,197.96
Liability Check	07/23/2020	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-225.00	55,972.96
Liability Check	07/23/2020	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-1,454.19	54,518.77
Deposit	07/30/2020			Deposit		X	Federal	-40.00	54,478.77
Deposit	07/30/2020			Deposit		X	Undeposited F...	31,250.00	85,728.77
								545.46	86,274.23
Total Checking Account								72,545.19	86,274.23
Savings Interest Account									
Total Savings Interest Account								63,431.88	63,431.88
Select Business Savings									
Transfer	07/13/2020			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-25,000.00	769,814.01
Total Select Business Savings								-25,000.00	744,814.01
Total Checking/Savings								47,545.19	744,814.01
Accounts Receivable									
Invoice	07/02/2020	46	DNR				TSA-Technical...	1,487.40	15,178.51
Invoice	07/07/2020	48	Yellow Medicine SW...				TSA-Technical...	545.46	16,665.91
Invoice	07/07/2020	49	Rock SWCD				TSA-Technical...	7,894.63	17,211.37
Invoice	07/07/2020	50	Nobles SWCD				TSA-Technical...	224.59	25,106.00
Invoice	07/07/2020	51	Murray SWCD-C				TSA-Technical...	789.49	25,330.59
Invoice	07/07/2020	53	Lincoln SWCD-C				TSA-Technical...	25,299.87	26,120.08
Payment	07/09/2020	8697	Murray SWCD-				Undeposited F...	-789.49	51,419.95
Payment	07/13/2020	7098	Nobles SWCD				Undeposited F...	-224.59	50,630.46

COUNTY/SWCD AGREEMENT 2021 BUDGET	SSTS PROGRAM	LOCAL WATER PLAN PROGRAM	FEEDLOTS	DITCH INSPECTIONS	PLANNING and ZONING	Balance
Hours Per Program	700	600	770	320	100	
Calculated Hourly Rate	\$30,893.50	\$37,510.00	\$27,481.30	\$11,412.80	\$4,041.20	\$111,338.80
(Supplies, Postage, Dues, Professional Services, Vehicle Maintenance and Gas, Unemployment-Work Comp, Supervisor Expenses, Etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training (Could be less - virtual classes)	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$35,393.50	\$37,510.00	\$27,481.30	\$11,412.80	\$4,041.20	\$4,500.00
						\$115,838.80

2020 Cottonwood SWCD Base Allocation

Base Allocation
 MCIT Property/Casualty/WC \$52,000.00
 MCIT Dividend \$11,225.00
 Employee Health and Life Insurance (Estimate) -\$1,762.00
 Employee Health and Life Insurance (Paid Back to County - Estimate) \$70,886.28
 Additional Capacity Funding for Match FY21 -\$37,425.28

Employee Additional Insurance - Not Included Because an In and Out

For Local Water Plan Work
 \$22,750.00
 \$117,674.00

TOTAL REQUEST \$233,512.80

FY19 BWSR - Additional Capacity Funding - Remaining
 FY20 BWSR - Additional Capacity Funding - Remaining

County Match \$22,750.00
 County Match \$22,750.00
 For Local Water Plan Work \$45,500.00

Natural Resources Block Grants

	2019	2019 Match	2020	2021
Co. Local Water Plan WCA	\$8,130.30	\$8,778.00	\$11,204.33	\$14,844.00
DNR Shoreland			\$8,778.00	\$8,778.00
SSTS (SSTS - FY20 Numbers)	\$8,130.30	\$8,778.00	\$2,772.00	\$2,772.00
			\$18,600.00	\$18,600.00
			\$41,354.33	\$44,994.00
			\$16,908.30	\$86,348.33
Funding from State with County Match				\$103,256.63

COUNTY/SWCD AGREEMENT 2020 BUDGET	SSTS PROGRAM	LOCAL WATER PLAN PROGRAM	FEEDLOTS	PLANNING and ZONING	Balance
Hours Per Program	750	800	630	200	
Calculated Hourly Rate	\$28,125.00	\$38,728.00	\$18,894.00	\$10,014.00	\$95,761.00
(Supplies, Postage, Dues, Professional Services, Vehicle Maintenance and Gas, Unemployment-Work Comp, Supervisor Expenses, Etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Communications	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00
Total	\$32,625.00	\$38,728.00	\$18,894.00	\$12,014.00	\$102,261.00

2020 Cottonwood SWCD Base Allocation

Base Allocation	\$52,000.00
MCIT Property/Casualty/WC	\$10,056.00
MCIT Dividend	-\$1,762.00
Employee Insurance (Estimate)	\$92,694.37
Employee Insurance (Paid Back to County - Estimate)	-\$45,024.06

Additional Capacity Funding for Match FY20

For Program Technician and Local Water Plan Technician \$22,750.00
 \$130,714.31

TOTAL REQUEST \$232,975.31

FY19 BWSR - Additional Capacity Funding - Remaining	County Match	\$12,031.73
	District State	\$11,582.08
	For Program Technician and Local Water Plan Technician	\$23,613.81

FY2020 Natural Resources Block Grant

	Base	Perf. Credit	Match	Levy/Cash	SWCD Allocation
Co. Local Water Plan	\$14,844.00				
WCA	\$3,778.00				\$5,000.00
DNR Shoreland	\$2,772.00				
SSTS (SSTS - FY17 Numbers)	\$18,600.00				
Feedlot (Feedlot - FY17-FY19)	\$44,449.00	\$5,677.00	\$53,870.34		
Feedlot (Feedlot - FY20)	\$26,604.00	\$1,100.00	\$18,442.00		
	\$111,047.00	\$5,677.00	\$72,312.34	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
	\$116,724.00		\$72,312.34		
Funding from State with County Match					\$189,036.34



COTTONWOOD
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for August 27, 2020.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

WCA applications for the Red Rock Quarry Expansion and Cottonwood County Road 7 shoulder expansion project

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

The GBERBA Technical and Executive Policy meetings took place 8-26, 2020 via WebEx. Staff submitted one Drinking Water CWF Grant application to BWSR.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process has now completed the 60-day comment period. The Watonwan 1W1P Policy board will need to approve the amended plan document. This new plan will then go to the public hearings in each county. GBERBA through a committee is drafting a new Joint Powers Agreement to allow 1W1P management. The Le Sueur Watershed group have submitted a 1W1P Planning grant application to BWSR.

3) Lawns to Legumes. L2L

We had a successful spring season this year, with 12 Windom sites planting pollinator friendly plants. I am receiving many Bumble Bee photos and have submitted them to the Bumble Bee Watch website. So far positively identified Bees have been the Common Eastern, Two Spotted, Brown Belted and the Half Black Bumble Bee. The L2L program signs are on the way here. Each landowner will get a small sign to identify their sight.

4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies WRAPS

A completed WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. The Des Moines, Little Cottonwood that is included in the Middle Minnesota watershed and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process are all nearing completion. The Des Moines Watershed has held meetings and has applied for a 1W1P planning grant this year. At a recent Des Moines WS meeting, a vote passed to approve the Jackson SWCD staff to be the financial entity and Murray County staff as the coordinator for the group if a 1W1P planning grant application is successful this year.

5) Public Ditch Inspections

Cottonwood County has asked the SWCD staff to assist the Public Ditch inspections. Staff are conducting inspections.

David Bucklin Cottonwood SWCD

Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Mission . . .

To help maintain a better environment for future generations, to encourage the wise use of our soil and water through programs and education.



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Date: August 19, 2020

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

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Farm Bill Assistance, Lawns to Legumes, SSTS

Past Events:

Upcoming Events:

Farm Bill Assistance:

- Continuous CRP closed August 21, 2020.
- BWSR announced a second CREP enrollment period of June 22 – Aug 10. We submitted 6 applications for the June 1st deadline and 5 were accepted. We submitted 4 applications for the August 10 deadline. BWSR made the decision to only fund the re-enrolling CRP contracts and not any offers that were only “new” land (corn or beans this year) due to high application volume and FSA deadlines.
- Completed three more wetland restorations for CREP, we are currently working on two more.
- I have submitted five RIM Grasslands applications to BWSR, all five are accepted.
- I have been working on General and Continuous CRP contracts for NRCS and FSA.

Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant

- We are accepting applications for any resident who lives in the city of Windom. Heron Lake Watershed District and the Jackson SWCD will handle Wilder, Jackson, Lakefield, and Heron Lake.
- Four pollinator habitat project types are eligible: pocket gardens, pollinator tree/shrubs, pollinator lawns, and pollinator meadows.
- We have developed a Rusty Patched Bumblebee photo contest for residents of the City of Windom, Wilder, Heron Lake, Lakefield, and Jackson.
- We have 13 contracts for Windom and 8 of them are paid out. We are gathering the remaining expenses from the homeowners to finalize their C-S vouchers.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- Septic season is picking up and we have completed multiple installations and site evals.



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Date: August 27, 2020

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- Windom Riverfest – August 15th

Upcoming Events:

- Soil Health School – September 10th – September 11th, Marshall MN

Project Updates:

Working with Cottonwood County to inspect ditches, and to prepare for creating ditch inspection database, and ditch inspecting software Drainage DB.

Working towards Cover crop, waterway JAA, and becoming a certified conservation planner

Staking RIM easements that were not previously staked, and working with the landowners to correct RIM violations.

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 96%. 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:

- WCA mentorship
- SSTS continuing education (Classes cancelled due to COVID-19, will resume in fall)
- Conducting RIM inspection and Staking RIM sites
- Cost-share inspections
- Beginning the ditch inspection process
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law and conducting site visits for landowners who received an APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice, and working with landowners to come into compliance.



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
August 20th, 2020

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Reviews
- Endorsements
- Field Verifications

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	14	13	7
Brown SWCD	13	7	3
Faribault SWCD	28	22	18
LeSueur SWCD	14	9	5
Martin SWCD	13	7	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	2	1	1
Renville SWCD	16	10	8
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	12	11	5
Watonwan SWCD	13	10	7
Total	137	100	66

Certified producers will be given “high priority” for Conservation Stewardship Program funding through NRCS.

Producers continue to use the MDA \$5,000 grant to install conservation practices that will address water quality concerns and help them gain certification.

MAWQCP is beginning to offer **three new endorsements** in addition to certification. Endorsements will recognize producers who are going above and beyond in the areas of **soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.**

MAWQCP Numbers as of 8-17-20

- 935 producers certified
- 649,703 acres certified
- 1,920 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,734 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 105,981 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,798 lbs. of P per year
- 15 Soil Health Endorsements
- 14 IPM Endorsements
- 14 Wildlife Endorsements

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Greater Blue Earth River Basin

August 19th, 2020



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, mapping, & uploading documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working on program promotion, and story map participation
- Working to finish up the assessments and program reviews
- Doing field verifications

Events:

- July 29th – Hwy 14 Soil Health Tour Zoom meeting
- August 6th – Cottonwood County Annual Farm Bureau Meeting Speaker
- August 13th – Soil and Water Management Field Day
- August 18th – Virtual Cover Crop Field Day

Program Updates and Information:

- Drafted a new customizable “press release” advertisement for the MAWQCP. Contact me if you would like me to personalize it for your county.
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **935 farms**, including over **649,703 acres** with **1,920 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,734 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **105,981 tons** soil reduced per year, **46,798 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **46,798 CO_{2-e} tons** per year
- **15** Soil Health Endorsements, **14** Integrated Pest Management Endorsements, **14** Wildlife Endorsements

TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications	Endorsements		
					IPM	Soil Health	Wildlife
Cottonwood	35	33	1	15	0	0	0
Jackson	33	32	0	18	2	2	0
Lac Qui Parle	6	6	0	4	0	0	0
Lincoln	21	19	0	7	1	0	1
Lyon	16	14	0	8	0	0	0
Murray	17	14	1	10	0	0	0
Nobles	14	14	0	10	0	0	0
Pipestone	43	40	2	18	0	0	0
Redwood	35	34	1	22	1	1	0
Rock	22	16	1	12	0	0	0
Yellow Med.	29	29	1	15	0	0	0
Totals	271	251	7	139	3	2	1

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Date: August 27th, 2020

Name: Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

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

Past Events:

- July 30th Grazing Facility Practice in Morristown MN
- August 12th MDA Nitrogen Fertilizer Restriction-Webex
- August 13th U of M Soil & Water Management Webinar
- August 18th U of M Virtual Cover Crop Field Day Webinar

Upcoming Events:

- TBT County Drainage Systems in Faribault County with Dustin Anderson
- August 24 BWSR Tech Talk Webinar: Estimating Forage Production
- August 24 BWSR Tech Talk Webinar: Fertilization in a Soil Health System
- August 31st BWSR Tech Talk Webinar: Nutrient Management Module 5: Nitrogen
- September 10-11 Minnesota Soil Health School in Marshall

Project Updates:

Hannah Herzfeld and I have been training with Dawn Madison on Waterway Surveying. We are both working towards Base level JAA in Engineering Practices and also Cover Crops.

Still submitting feedlot re-registration applications to the MPCA. "Feedlot owners are required to update their registration information in every four-year interval after the initial registration deadline of January 1, 2021.

Hannah Herzfeld and I have been working with Dawn Madison creating Cover Crop Plans and putting them in a 6 Part Folders. What all entails in the 6 Part folder are the following: Conservation Notes, Conservation Plan Map, Soil map & Description, Conservation Plan, Implementation Requirements (IR Form), Seed Plan, Description IR Form, RUSLE2, CPA 52-Environment Evaluation Worksheet, and other supporting Documents.

Working on:

- Designing Cover Crop Plans
- Updating Feedlot Folders
- Sending Re-Registration Applications to the MPCA
- Attending Webex Meetings for the MPCA
- Working towards Base level JAA in Engineering Practices 412, 600, 638 and Cover Crops

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August 19th 2020

Workload:

- Assisting Herman and Danielle with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Run P-index on MAWQCP farms
- Blogging for the Conservation Corps
- RIM, ditch, and CRP inspections with Hannah and Becky

Projects and Events:

- Work with MAWQCP and contacting newly certified producers
- Attend producer meetings with Herman and Danielle
- Attend 1W1P, GBERBA, and SWCD meetings
- Riverfest parade 8/15

Upcoming Events:

- Continue work with MAWQCP mapping and assessment tool and running the P-index
- MN Soil Health Coalition Soil Health School (9/10-9/11)
- *(Tentative date)* MAWQCP filming for Conservation Corps

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Date: August 27, 2020

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- August 6th – Planning Commission Meeting
- August 13th – AIS Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- August 20th – MACFO Conference
- August 21st – MACPZA Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - Approval of W Lorentz Construction
- **Board of Adjustments**
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 8 Issued
 - CUP, 1 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- **No New Construction**