

MAY TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 4/23/20 \$447,892.21

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Tree Sales and Downpayments | \$18,925.60 |
| Flags & Tree Tubes | \$691.91 |
| Interest - April 2020 | \$3.61 |
| Tom Harnack - Final Payment for Civil Litigation | \$24,583.65 |
| Red Shed - Return Deposit on Storage Shed | \$100.00 |
| Watsonwan County - Supplies & 1W1P Work | \$1,325.34 |
| Sun Life - Reimburse 1 month of Critical Illness - Pymt Remitted to Wrong Place | \$6.72 |
| Bank Midwest - Reimburse for Business Checks | \$180.36 |
| GBERBA - Apr Coordinators - 5,380.81, April Area 6 Cert Spec 6,956.51, April WS Spec Contract 1,405.68 | \$13,743.00 |
| Cottonwood County - Feb & Mar Contract & P&Z - 19,081.16, 2nd Qtr Allocation 13,000.00 | \$32,081.16 |
| BWSR - EFT FY19 CREP Assistance | \$7,697.00 |
| BWSR - EFT Title Ins Reimbursement & Technical Assistance on 4 Easements | \$11,706.00 |
| Cottonwood County - 2 Months Critical Illness Reimbursed | \$13.05 |
| Cottonwood County - April Contract 11,766.45 & Farm & Home Show 200.00 | \$11,966.45 |
| NACD - NACD Grant - Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area | \$31,250.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | <u>\$154,273.85</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EFT PERA, MN Dept of Revenue, Bank of the West - Payroll Taxes - 4-24-2020 | \$6,783.43 |
| EFT Bank of the West - Direct Deposit Fees | \$22.00 |
| EFT MN Dept of Revenue - 1st Qtr 2020 Sales & Use Tax -Accidentally Paid Twice | \$248.00 |
| 24761 Fidelity Security - May 2020 - Vision Ins | \$18.93 |
| 24762 The Hartford - May 2020 - LTD | \$163.13 |
| 24763 Life Ins Co. of North America - May 2020 - Critical Illness | \$6.59 |
| 24764 MARCO - Service Contract & Overage for Copier | \$1,066.77 |
| 24765 Running's - T-Posts for Marking Easements | \$833.00 |
| 24766 Sun Life Financial - May 2020 - STD | \$38.40 |
| 24767 Schwalbach Hardware - Fire Extinguisher w/Bracket | \$17.99 |
| Direct Deposit Payroll 4-26-20 to 5-9-20 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West | \$19,045.97 |
| Direct Deposit Payroll 5-10-20 to 5-23-20 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West | \$18,749.73 |
| EFT Bank of the West - Direct Deposit Fees | \$14.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | <u>\$47,007.94</u> |

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING **\$555,158.12**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

5/28/2020

(to be approved at this board meeting)

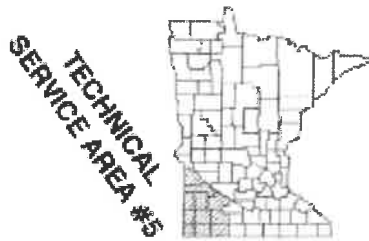
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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 24768 | NCPERS - Life Insurance - 2020 - June | \$128.00 |
| 24769 | Delta Dental - Dental Insurance - 2020 - June | \$182.80 |
| 24770 | Cottonwood County - Insurance - 2020 - June | \$4,308.08 |
| 24771 | Cottonwood County - Rent - 2020 - June | \$1,900.00 |
| 24772 | Cottonwood County Solid Waste - Dispose of Junk from Storage Unit | \$12.43 |
| 24773 | Cottonwood County 4-H - Waward Sponsor - Fair | \$21.00 |
| 24774 | Citizen Publishing Company - Site Host (2) | \$30.00 |
| 24775 | City of Windom - Internet Services | \$86.00 |
| 24776 | Cardmember Services - Supplies, Postage & SSTS Reimbursement & Business Checks | \$66.72 |
| 24777 | David Jungas - Title Insurance 2 Easements | \$1,315.00 |
| 24778 | ESRI - ArcPad Maintenance | \$253.00 |
| 24779 | GDF Enterprises - Service the Bobcat | \$229.80 |
| 24780 | Void | \$0.00 |
| 24781 | Staples Enterprises - Gas Expense - April 2020 | \$110.84 |
| 24782 | Joey Graber - Reimburse for Trees & Sales Tax | \$72.66 |
| 24783 | Ben Dwire - Mileage to Present at MN River Basin Ag-Urban Prtshp Forum | \$137.46 |
| 24784 | Cold Stream Farm, LLC - Trees for Resale | \$136.73 |
| 24785 | Central Landscape Supply - Tree Stakes | \$198.85 |
| 24786 | Bailey Nurseries - Trees for Resale | \$11,341.75 |
| 24787 | Schumacher's Nursery - Trees for Resale | \$12,692.10 |
| 24788 | SWPTSA - NACD Collaborative Grant | \$31,250.00 |
| 24789 | Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone | \$30.00 |
| 24790 | Ashley Broussard - Mileage | \$34.04 |
| 24791 | Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone | \$373.85 |
| 24792 | Kay Gross - Cell Phone - Personal and District | \$55.18 |
| 24793 | Bank Midwest - Tranfer Funds to New Checking | \$300,000.00 |
| 24794 | Office Depot - Office Supplies | \$188.64 |
| 24795 | Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney - Litigation Communication | \$165.00 |
| TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | | <u>\$365,319.93</u> |

District Checking Account Balance **\$189,838.19**

Balances as of 5-28-2020

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance) | \$50.00 |
| Savings Account Balance Interest - Bank Midwest - 1st Quarter (\$10.96 - Included in Savings Total) | \$50,015.89 |
| Checking Account Balance - Bank Midwest (Balance After Board Meeting) | <u>\$300,000.00</u> |

Account Balances: Checking (2)/Savings/Petty Cash: \$539,904.08



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

DATE: MAY 28, 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 January – March 2020.

Control contract has been amended and approved to complete the remaining \$6,180 by June 30, 2020.

New Control contract has been completed for an additional 100 hours totaling \$6,000 to be completed by June 30, 2020.

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.

2018 NRCS Collaboration Grant

Performance report has been completed and approved. Quarterly claim has been submitted for January – March 2020.

TSA Engineering Staff

At this time all TSA Engineering staff are working remotely from home. We will also be allowing TSA staff to bring their vehicles to their place of residence; this is for safety purposes with the lack of space and security at the Murray SWCD Office. This is on a case by case basis, and if security is not an issue, vehicles will remain at their respective sites.

Also additional protocols will be 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 there 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. Dawn will be suspended working through early June for her greenhouse business.

Engineering Technician Position

At this time we are on hold in adding new positions.

Area V Managers Meeting

The Area V Managers Meeting will be held on June 4 by WebEx.

State TSA Managers Meeting

We will be having a State TSA Managers Meeting on June 11 through conference call.

Southwest Prairie TSA Quarterly Meeting

Meeting will be held by WebEx starting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10. Shelly and I will be working on the 2020-2021 budget.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
April 2020**

| <u>Use of Cash</u> | <u>Beginning Balance 4/1/2020</u> | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Ending Balance 04/31/2020</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Checking | | | | |
| Select Business Svg | \$ 20,434.47 | \$ 50,677.58 | \$ 52,939.70 | \$ 18,172.35 |
| Interest Money | \$ 800,814.01 | - | \$ 45,000.00 | \$ 755,814.01 |
| Compensated Absences | \$ 63,024.01 | - | - | \$ 63,024.01 |
| | \$ 54,000.00 | - | - | \$ 54,000.00 |
| Total | \$ 938,272.49 | \$ 50,677.58 | \$ 97,939.70 | \$ 891,010.37 |
| Program Summary | | | | |
| JPO Fund Balance | \$ 63,024.01 | - | - | \$ 63,024.01 |
| FY19 NPEA Grant | - | - | - | - |
| FY20 NPEA Local Share | 9,280.00 | - | 9,280.00 | - |
| FY19 NPEA Admin | 7,466.51 | - | - | 7,466.51 |
| FY20 NPEA | 10,354.66 | - | 10,354.66 | - |
| FY20 NPEA Administration | 7,500.00 | - | - | 7,500.00 |
| Technical Services | 161,473.28 | 39,873.58 | 8,264.21 | 193,082.65 |
| TSA Shared Technician Training | - | - | - | - |
| Compensated Absences | 3,000.00 | - | - | 3,000.00 |
| FY18 ESTS Local Share | 54,000.00 | - | - | 54,000.00 |
| FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020) | 23,991.00 | - | 113.29 | 23,877.71 |
| FY18 ESTS Admin | 24,927.54 | - | 24,927.54 | - |
| FY18 ESTS Equipment | 12,462.90 | - | - | 12,462.90 |
| FY19 ESTS Grant | 6,698.37 | - | - | 6,698.37 |
| FY19 ESTS Admin | 210,750.00 | - | - | 210,750.00 |
| FY19 ESTS Local Share | 29,250.00 | - | - | 29,250.00 |
| FY20 ESTS Grant | 24,398.00 | - | - | 24,398.00 |
| FY20 ESTS Administration | 201,704.80 | - | - | 201,704.80 |
| FY20 ESTS Local Share | 40,795.20 | - | - | 40,795.20 |
| NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin | 17,920.00 | - | - | 17,920.00 |
| FY20 NACD Grant | (5,176.14) | - | - | (5,176.14) |
| | 34,452.36 | - | 34,196.00 | 256.36 |
| Total | \$ 938,272.49 | \$ 39,873.58 | \$ 87,135.70 | \$ 891,010.37 |

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of April 30, 2020

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Class | Clr | Split | Amount | Balance |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----|---------------------|-----------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | | | | | | |
| Checking/Savings | | | | | | | | | |
| Checking Account | | | | | | | | | |
| Liability Check | 04/01/2020 | | QuickBooks Payroll ... | Created by P... | | X | Direct Deposit ... | | 1,085,368.70 |
| Paycheck | 04/02/2020 | DD1236 | Harrison, Jacob L | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | -7,332.20 | 948,889.38 |
| Paycheck | 04/02/2020 | DD1237 | Hoogendoorn, Russell | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 938,272.49 |
| Paycheck | 04/02/2020 | DD1238 | Matthys, Benjamin | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 20,434.47 |
| Paycheck | 04/02/2020 | DD1239 | Skoglund, Michael | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 13,102.27 |
| Liability Check | 04/02/2020 | auto | EFTPS | 41-1811267 | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 13,102.27 |
| Liability Check | 04/02/2020 | auto | MN Revenue | | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 10,649.69 |
| Liability Check | 04/02/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | State Withholdi... | -2,452.58 | 10,232.69 |
| Liability Check | 04/02/2020 | auto | PERA | | | X | HCSP-Def C | -417.00 | 10,007.69 |
| Liability Check | 04/02/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | -SPLIT- | -225.00 | 10,007.69 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/03/2020 | 2993 | Cottonwood SWCD | admin Januar... | | X | HCSP-Def C | -1,454.19 | 8,553.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/03/2020 | 2994 | Frontier Precision | battery | | X | Accounts Paya... | -40.00 | 8,513.50 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/03/2020 | 2995 | Murray SWCD | rent January... | | X | Accounts Paya... | -9,255.34 | -741.84 |
| Liability Check | 04/03/2020 | auto | Sun Life Insurance | | | X | Accounts Paya... | -204.00 | -945.84 |
| Liability Check | 04/03/2020 | auto | Sun Life Insurance | | | X | Accounts Paya... | -1,250.00 | -2,196.84 |
| Deposit | 04/07/2020 | | Sun Life Insurance | | | X | Life Insurance ... | -35.40 | -2,231.24 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/07/2020 | 2996 | Green Garden Place... | Deposit | | X | Life Insurance ... | -49.23 | -2,280.47 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/07/2020 | 2997 | Lincoln SWCD | March 2020 | | X | Select Business ... | 25,000.00 | 22,719.53 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/09/2020 | 2998 | MIN PEIP | Rent-January... | | X | Accounts Paya... | -2,711.13 | 20,008.40 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/13/2020 | 2999 | Chandler Co-op | | | X | Accounts Paya... | -845.28 | 19,163.12 |
| Liability Check | 04/15/2020 | | QuickBooks Payroll ... | Created by P... | | X | Accounts Paya... | -2,620.10 | 16,543.02 |
| Paycheck | 04/16/2020 | DD1241 | Hoogendoorn, Russell | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | Direct Deposit ... | -63.03 | 16,479.99 |
| Paycheck | 04/16/2020 | DD1243 | Skoglund, Michael | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 9,147.80 |
| Paycheck | 04/16/2020 | DD1240 | Harrison, Jacob L | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 9,147.80 |
| Paycheck | 04/16/2020 | DD1242 | Matthys, Benjamin | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 9,147.80 |
| Liability Check | 04/16/2020 | auto | EFTPS | 41-1811267 | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 9,147.80 |
| Liability Check | 04/16/2020 | auto | MN Revenue | | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 6,695.20 |
| Liability Check | 04/16/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | State Withholdi... | -2,452.60 | 6,288.20 |
| Liability Check | 04/16/2020 | auto | PERA | | | X | HCSP-Def C | -407.00 | 6,063.20 |
| Liability Check | 04/16/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | -SPLIT- | -225.00 | 6,063.20 |
| Transfer | 04/20/2020 | | Verizon | Funds Transfer | NPEA | X | -SPLIT- | -1,454.19 | 4,609.01 |
| Bill Pmt -Check | 04/20/2020 | 3000 | | | | X | HCSP-Def C | -40.00 | 4,569.01 |
| Deposit | 04/28/2020 | | | Deposit | | X | Select Business... | 20,000.00 | 24,569.01 |
| Deposit | 04/28/2020 | | | Deposit | | X | Accounts Paya... | -161.94 | 24,407.07 |
| Liability Check | 04/28/2020 | | | Deposit | | X | Federal | 5,239.00 | 29,646.07 |
| Paycheck | 04/30/2020 | DD1245 | QuickBooks Payroll ... | Created by P... | | X | -SPLIT- | -7,325.27 | 30,084.65 |
| Paycheck | 04/30/2020 | DD1247 | Hoogendoorn, Russell | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | Direct Deposit ... | 438.58 | 22,759.38 |
| Paycheck | 04/30/2020 | DD1244 | Skoglund, Michael | Direct Deposit | NPEA | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 22,759.38 |
| Paycheck | 04/30/2020 | DD1246 | Harrison, Jacob L | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 22,759.38 |
| Paycheck | 04/30/2020 | DD1248 | Matthys, Benjamin | Direct Deposit | FY18 ES... | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 22,759.38 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | EFTPS | 41-1811267 | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 22,759.38 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | MN Revenue | | | X | -SPLIT- | 0.00 | 20,308.54 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | State Withholdi... | -2,450.84 | 19,891.54 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | PERA | | | X | HCSP-Def C | -417.00 | 19,666.54 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | -SPLIT- | -225.00 | 18,212.35 |
| Liability Check | 04/30/2020 | auto | MSRS | | | X | HCSP-Def C | -1,454.19 | 18,172.35 |
| Total Checking Account | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | -2,262.12 | 18,172.35 |
| Savings Interest Account | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Savings Interest Account | | | | | | | | | 63,024.01 |
| Select Business Savings | | | | | | | | | 63,024.01 |
| | | | | | | | | | 854,814.01 |

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 05/21/20
 Accrual Basis

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of April 30, 2020

| Type | Date | Num | Name | Memo | Class | Cir | Split | Amount | Balance |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|------------------|------------|------------|
| Deposit Transfer | 04/07/2020 | | Midwest Bank | | NPEA | | Checking Acco... | -25,000.00 | 829,814.01 |
| | 04/20/2020 | | | trf to checking Funds Transfer | | | Checking Acco... | -20,000.00 | 809,814.01 |
| Total Select Business Savings | | | | | | | | | 809,814.01 |
| Total Checking/Savings | | | | | | | | | 891,010.37 |



**COTTONWOOD
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

210 10th Street
Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for May 28, 2020.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

WCA requests have increased as the field season opens up. I have issued a No Loss decision for the minor changes to a Jeffers Wind Tower project.

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

GBERBA as well as most organizations are meeting via web or call in. The GBERBA Policy meeting happened on May 8, 2020.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is moving at a fast pace. We expect Policy Board approval to move to the 60-day comment period. The Watonwan 1W1P Policy Board approved a motion to consider GBERBA for the fiscal and coordinating entity when the 1W1P plan is complete. GBERBA has also voted to support becoming the fiscal and reporting agent for the Watonwan 1W1P project.

3) Tree Program.

There are 85 tree orders this year that total 4,300 trees.

The week of 5-18-20 was very busy with the Conservation Corps Minnesota Crew assisting with planting the Mountain Lake and Windom urban tree program trees. The CCM crew as usual was exceptional!

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 will apply 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 our office to do the Public Ditch inspections. We are pulling information together to propose a method and cost for that request.

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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COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Date: May 20, 2020

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

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

Past Events:

- February 27, 2020 – CREP webinar

Upcoming Events:

- May 13, 2020 – Wetland Certification CE webinar
- May 18, 2020 – BWSR Tech Talk webinar

Farm Bill Assistance:

- Continuous CRP is open right now. There are several new CRP programs also open for enrollment: CLEAR, SHIPP, Grasslands, etc.
- The current CREP enrollment period was extended from May 11 to June 1st due to COVID19. BWSR announced a second CREP enrollment period of June 22 – Aug 10. I have submitted 4 CREP applications for the June 1st deadline, there are potentially three more to go in.
- Hannah is working on RIM violations from last year to be staked.
- There are several new CREPs that will be staked this Spring. Hannah and Lee are working on this.
- There is still wetland restoration work to be done on a majority of these CREP easements. I am assisting landowners with bid solicitation and upcoming construction. I have several pre-con meetings set up or going to be set up for individual job sites.
- I have submitted four RIM Grasslands applications to BWSR, one is accepted, three are pending. I am working on one more application.
- I have been working on General 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.
- Dave got a lot of interest in the program at the Farm and Home Show. I sent out paperwork to those people and we will be processing applications as they come in for board approval.
- Four pollinator habitat project types are eligible: pocket gardens, pollinator tree/shrubs, pollinator lawns, and pollinator meadows.
- I am coordinating a direct mailing with Windom Quick Print to the City of Windom residents about the program.
- We have developed a Rusty Patched Bumblebee photo contest for residents of the City of Windom, Wilder, Heron Lake, Lakefield, and Jackson.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- Four Notice of Violations were issued for failure to comply with county ordinance. The fifth was changed to a letter that would directly involve the MPCA for enforcement since it was deemed to go to a field tile on the existing compliance inspection form.
- To date, I've completed half a dozen site evals and permitted 10 systems. The first septic has yet to go in, but if the weather is good this year it will be busy.



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
 May 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 Promotion
- Program Reviews
- Endorsements
- Field Verifications

| AREA 6 | Applications | Assessments | Certifications |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| Blue Earth SWCD | 13 | 12 | 7 |
| Brown SWCD | 10 | 6 | 3 |
| Faribault SWCD | 27 | 21 | 13 |
| LeSueur SWCD | 14 | 9 | 4 |
| Martin SWCD | 12 | 6 | 5 |
| McLeod SWCD | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| Nicollet SWCD | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Renville SWCD | 15 | 9 | 8 |
| Sibley SWCD | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Waseca SWCD | 11 | 11 | 5 |
| Watonwan SWCD | 12 | 9 | 6 |
| Total | 125 | 94 | 59 |

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.**

The **Regional Conservation Partnership Program** with NRCS has been renewed for another **five years and nine million dollars.** This program offers a pot of EQIP money that producers can use to install conservation practices to help them become certified. Only certified producers, or those seeking certification have access to these funds.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 5-18-20

- 875 producers certified
- 600,552 acres certified
- 1,830 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,606 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 105,157 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,561 lbs. of P per year
- 12 Soil Health Endorsements
- 13 IPM Endorsements
- 9 Wildlife Endorsements

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Greater Blue Earth River Basin

May 21, 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
- Contacting producers about endorsements
- Working to line up phone assessments and program reviews.
- Doing field reviews

Events:

- May 14th –Pipestone Board Meeting Presentation
- May 20th –MN Ag Water Quality ACS Meeting/Conference Call

Program Updates and Information:

- Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat, & Soil Health available for certified producers.
 - Endorsement information now added to my Year to Date Numbers
- **WRE dollars available** for 30 year & permanent easements. Please contact me if you know of an interested producer.
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **875 farms**, including over **600,552 acres** with **1,830 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,606 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **105,157 tons** soil reduced per year, **46,561 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **37,734 CO_{2-e} tons** per year
- **12** Soil Health Endorsements, **13** Integrated Pest Management Endorsements, **9** Wildlife Endorsements

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

| Area 5 | Applications | Assessments Completed | Actively Pursuing Cert. | Certifications | Endorsements | | |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------|
| | | | | | IPM | Soil Health | Wildlife |
| Cottonwood | 33 | 31 | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jackson | 34 | 31 | 2 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Lac Qui Parle | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lincoln | 21 | 19 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Lyon | 16 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Murray | 15 | 13 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nobles | 14 | 14 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pipestone | 42 | 38 | 2 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Redwood | 35 | 34 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rock | 20 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yellow Med. | 28 | 28 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 263 | 244 | 14 | 133 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

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COTTONWOOD
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Date: May 28, 2020

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- Events Cancelled due to COVID-19

Upcoming Events:

- Events Cancelled due to COVID-19

Project Updates:

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.

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

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

Working with Cottonwood County to begin the process for inspecting open ditches in the county, and contacting other counties for advice.

Assisting Dave Bucklin with the tree planting season.

Working on:

- WCA mentorship
- SSTS continuing education
- Tree Planting
- 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.



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DATE: May 28, 2020

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watershed Technician

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Apr 22 – GBERBA Technical Meeting (WebEx)
- Apr 22 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting (WebEx)
- Apr 29 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting (WebEx)
- May 8 – GBERBA Policy Meeting (WebEx)
- May 13 – Des Moines 1W1P Meeting (Conference Call)
- May 20 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting (WebEx)
- May 27 – GBERBA Technical Meeting (WebEx)

Upcoming Events:

- June 12 – GBERBA Executive Meeting (webEx)

Working on:

- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* Assisted the Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team with consolidating the Steering Team & Stage Agency comments for the draft of the Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The Steering Team and Stage Agency representatives had the opportunity to review and comment on the first full draft of the plan. On the April 15, April 22, and April 29 Steering Team Meetings the Steering Team discussed changes needed to the draft plan and clarified comments made on the draft plan. Starting May 21 the 60 day review period will start for the Watonwan Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The draft plan will be sent out to review authorities such as the State Agencies (BWSR, MPCA, DNR, MDA, MDH), Townships, Cities, Counties, and SWCDs. This 60-day comment period closes July 20th.
- *GBERBA Grant 37 Cover Crops:* Continue to work with landowners within Cottonwood County on the GBERBA cover crop cost-share. In addition, recently I have attended various cover crop meetings and have met with Cottonwood County landowners to discuss the possibility of starting a cover crop group in Cottonwood County.
- *MDM Grant 39:* Continue to assist GBERBA with MDM Grant Reporting.
- *Des Moines River One Watershed, One Plan:* Have been working on gathering together reports and studies such as County Water Plans, State Plans such as TMDLs, and Wellhead Protection Plans in preparation for the Des Moines River One Watershed One Plan. I have begun work on putting together a Land & Water Resources Narrative for the Des Moines 1W1P.



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Date: May 28, 2020

Name: Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

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

Past Events:

- April 27th – Tree Delivery Day for Schumacher Nursey
- April 27th-28th – Nutrient Management Job Class 1 Training in Marshall (Postponed-New Date TBT)
- April 29th & May 1st – Cottonwood SWCD Tree Program Tree Delivery Day
- May 20th – CFO Marshall Regional Region (Webex)

Upcoming Events:

- June 4th Pasture Condition Scoresheet Webinar Training
- All Events/Trainings in June have been cancelled or TBT

Project Updates:

I created County Feedlot Newsletter “Talk of the Lot”. Alex and I sent the newsletters on 4/16/20 with a copy of a County Feedlot Registration Form to feedlot owners to re-register feedlots that need to be re-register **January 1, 2021**.

Hannah and I have been doing Cost-Share and RIM Inspections and Staking RIM Easements.

Assisted David Bucklin with the Tree Program with hand planting trees, planted windbreaks with the tree planter, and handing out trees on Tree Pickup Day April 29th & May 1st.

Working on:

- Cost-Share Inspections 2020, Staking RIM Easements, and RIM Inspections
- Updating Feedlot Folders
- Sending Re-Registration Applications to the MPCA
- Creating Manure Management Plans
- Attending Webex Meetings for the MPCA
- Planning Ditch Inspections with Hannah Herzfeld

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COTTONWOOD

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Date: May 28, 2020

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- May 6th- MPCA Regional Meeting
- May 15th- Ditch Inspection meeting

Upcoming Events:

- May 21st- MACFO annual meeting
- June 19th- MACPZA Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - Approval of Asphalt Plant- Red Rock Quarry
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 3 Issued
 - CUP, 1 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- **New Construction Short Form plans for a CAFO in the process- Tyson Anderson**



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May 21st 2020

Workload:

- Assisting Herman and Danielle with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Attended producer meetings with Herman
- Level 1 MAWQCP certification reviews

Projects and Events:

- Tree planting in Cottonwood County
- Work with MAWQCP and contacting newly certified producers
- Level 1 certification reviews

Upcoming Events:

- Continue work with MAWQCP mapping and assessment tool
- Continue working on writing producer stories and contacting producers

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