

## SEPTEMBER TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balances 8/27/20 (Bank of the West & Bank Midwest)

\$401,197.91

**RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)**

Interest - August 2020 Bank Midwest	\$209.13
Interest - August 2020 - Bank of the West	\$1.40
Bank of the West - Reimburse for Direct Deposit Fees	\$14.00
GBERBA - July 2019 Area 6 Specialist, July Coordinator Contract	\$15,614.77
Windom Riverfest, Inc. - Reimburse Parade Entry Fee	\$10.00
Lawns to Legumes	\$187.03
BWSR - Reimburse Recording Easement	\$46.00
NACD - NACD Grant	\$31,250.00
GBERBA - August Coordinator Contract, August Area 6 Specialist	\$11,410.18
BWSR - FY21 NPEA Grant	\$390,000.00
RCRCA - WRAPS LWG Meeting 8\27/20	\$80.00
Cottonwood County - MACFO Conference - Lee Tapper	\$175.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS**

**\$448,997.51**

**DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)**

25013 CliftonLarsonAllen - Balance due on Invoice	\$62.50
Direct Deposit Payroll 8-30-20 to 9-12-20 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$15,889.69
25014 The Hartford - LTD September 2020	\$163.13
25015 NCPERS - Life Insurance	\$112.00
25016 SWPTSA - NRCS Collaborative Grant April - June 2020	\$832.00
25017 SWPTSA - Reimburse for Personnel Policy - Billed Twice	\$595.00
Direct Deposit Payroll 9-13-20 to 9-26-20 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$15,722.10

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**\$33,376.42**

**BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING**

**\$816,819.00**

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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**9/24/2020**

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25018	Delta Dental - Dental Ins - October 2020	\$152.60
25019	Cottonwood County - Rent - 2020 - October	\$1,900.00
25020	Cottonwood County - Insurance - 2020 - October	\$3,105.38
25021	Cottonwood County Auditor-Treasurer - Microsoft Office 365 - 7 Licenses	\$2,443.00
25022	Cottonwood County Recorder - Record 2 Easements	\$92.00
25023	Cardmember Services - Mail Easements, Wash Truck, Parade Supplies, MN Soil Health Coalition Reg	\$324.68
25024	Citizen Publishing Company - Site Host (2)	\$30.00
25025	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
25026	CDW Government - Laptop Battery	\$79.88
25027	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$196.05
25028	Postmaster - Postage Stamps	\$110.00
25029	Red Wing Business Systems - Customer Care Membership	\$799.00
25030	Staples Enterprises - Gas Expense - August 2020	\$192.73
25031	SWPTSA - FY21 NPEA Grant	\$390,000.00
25032	Lee Tapper - Mileage to MN Soil Health Coalition	\$166.75
25033	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone &Supplies for CRP	\$49.57
25034	Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$137.98
25035	Kay Gross - Cell Phone - Personal and District	\$86.08
25036	Fidelity Security - Vision Ins October 2020	\$18.93
25037	David Jungas - Title Insurance	\$795.75
25038	Life ins Co of N America - Critical Illness Oct 2020	\$6.59
25039	Sun Life Financial - STD Oct 2020	\$38.40

**TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**\$400,811.37**

**District Checking Account Balance**

**\$416,007.63**

**Balances as of 9-24-2020**

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: \$466,100.10**

## THIRD QUARTER MEETINGS – 2020

*(Please look over your Calendars)*

### JULY

July 2	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Marshall	\$75.00
July 10	GBERBA Policy – Office and WebEx	\$75.00
July 23	SWCD Board Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00

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### AUGUST

August 6	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Virtual	\$75.00
August 26	GBERBA Executive Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00
August 26	Watowan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$0.00
August 27	SWCD Board Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00

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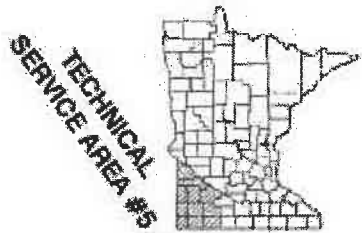
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### SEPTEMBER

September 2	Southwest Prairie TSA – Personnel Committee – WebEx	\$75.00
September 3	RCRCA Meeting/Area II Meeting – Zoom	\$75.00
September 9	Southwest Prairie JPO Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00
September 11	GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00
September 15	Watowan River Comp Watershed Plan Hearing – Windom LEC	\$75.00
September 24	SWCD Board Meeting – Office and WebEx	\$75.00
September 29	GBERBA JPA Mtg – Ann Goering – Office and Virtual	\$75.00

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# SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

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**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 24, 2020  
**TO:** SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT

### **2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant**

Quarterly reports have been filed for April - June 2020 and will be working on third quarter reporting in early October, anticipating that this will be the close out for this grant and moving toward 2020 funding.

### **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 Financial 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 this month.

### **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 there will be no sharing of papers or supplies.

Sixth month review was completed for Jake Harrison on Wednesday, September 2 by WebEx with a step increase approved by the TSA Board.

### **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 was approved in August by the Cottonwood SWCD (Host District) and was ratified at the TSA Board Meeting in September.

### **Engineering Technician Positions**

At this time we are on hold in adding new positions. 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 new TSA technical staff is on hold for the foreseeable future.

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

<u>Use of Cash</u>	<u>Beginning Balance 8/1/2020</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance 8/31/2020</u>
Checking	\$ 86,274.23	\$ 8,202.47	\$ 43,283.18	\$ 51,193.52
Select Business Svg	\$ 691,221.88			\$ 691,221.88
Interest Money	\$ 63,024.01			\$ 63,024.01
Compensated Absences	\$ 54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 894,520.12</b>	<b>\$ 8,202.47</b>	<b>\$ 43,283.18</b>	<b>\$ 859,439.41</b>
<b>Program Summary</b>				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 63,431.88			\$ 63,431.88
FY20 NPEA	\$ 4,190.81			\$ 4,190.81
FY20 NPEA Administration	\$ 224,557.75			\$ 216,517.76
Technical Services	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,000.00
Training	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 8,202.47	\$ 16,242.46	\$ 54,000.00
Compensated Absences	\$ 1,398.78			\$ 54,000.00
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$ 4,610.30			\$ 553.50
FY18 ESTS Admin	\$ 205,630.16			\$ 4,610.30
FY19 ESTS Grant	\$ 23,635.78			\$ 186,922.72
FY19 ESTS Admin	\$ 24,398.00			\$ 23,635.78
FY20 ESTS Local Share	\$ 201,704.80			\$ 24,398.00
FY20 ESTS Grant	\$ 40,795.20			\$ 201,704.80
FY20 ESTS Administration	\$ 24,640.00			\$ 40,795.20
FY20 ESTS Local Share	\$ (1,783.14)			\$ 24,640.00
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$ 20,309.80			\$ (9,271.14)
FY20 NACD Grant	\$ 7,488.00			\$ 20,309.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 894,520.12</b>	<b>\$ 8,202.47</b>	<b>\$ 43,283.18</b>	<b>\$ 859,439.41</b>



## District Board Meeting

Date: **Thursday, September 24, 2020**

**M** Motion  
**2** Second  
**X** Vote Yes  
**O** Vote No  
**A** Abstain

Secretary's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion	I Clark Lingbeek	II Cody Duroe	III Daryl Tasler	IV Tom Muller	V Jeremy Nerem
Motion to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Tom Muller GBERBA C-S final payment, Wayne Deist well sealing contract and BWSR District Capacity and Buffer Law Grant Agreement FY21.					
Motion to approve the August 27, 2020 Board Meeting minutes.					
Motion to approve the September Financial Report as presented and submit for audit.					
Motion to approve to pay September accounts payable totaling \$400,811.37.					
Motion to approve the third quarter supervisor compensation and expenses.					
Motion to approve the Southwest Prairie September Vouchers, Monthly Financials and Administrative Report.					
Motion to approve the Lawns to Legumes Cost-Share contract final payment for Kristi Hedman (L2L-FY20-Cottonwood-10) \$168.33.					
Motion to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract final payment for Tom Muller (319-TMDL-16-17-11) \$2,778.75.				<b>Abstain</b>	
Motion to approve the Well Sealing Cost-Share contract for Wayne Deist 2020-14 (\$525.00).					
Motion to approve the BWSR Professional and Technical Service Work Order Contract (17-20-W003) for Easements 17-03-20-14 and 17-04-20-14 totaling \$4,000.00.					
Motion to approve the BWSR FY2021 SWCD Local Capacity Services and Buffer Law Grant Agreement ending December 31, 2023 totaling \$160,758.00.					
Motion to approve the Cottonwood County Building Lease for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 at \$1,900 per month.					
Motion to approve the Supervisor and Employee meetings and expenses for the month of September/October 2020.					

# Watowan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

**Member Counties:** Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin and Watowan

**Planning Started:** February 21, 2017

**Proposed Completion Date:** December 17, 2020 (Approval of Plan by the Board of Water and Soil Resources)

**Policy & Executive Committee Meetings:** (Elected County Commissioner & SWCD Supervisor from each County)

Members - 12

Pre-Planning Meeting - 1

Planning Meetings - 20 (at this time)

**TOTAL MEETINGS - 21**

**Two Policy Members and 3-4 Staff - Time 4 hours**

**Approximate Hours for Cottonwood County: 504 hours**

**Steering Team Meetings:** (Administrative and Technical Staff from Counties, SWCDs and State Agencies)

Members - 12 (Counties and SWCDs); 12+ (State Agencies and Others)

Pre- Planning Meetings - 6

Planning Meetings - 39 (at this time)

**TOTAL MEETINGS - 45**

**3-4 Staff - Time 6 hours**

**Approximate Hours for Cottonwood County: 1,080 hours**

**Advisory Committee Meetings:** (Citizens of Watowan River Watershed)

Members: 13+ (State Agency, Steering Team and Policy Members also Attended)

Pre-Planning Meeting - 1

Planning Meetings - 6

**TOTAL MEETINGS - 7**

**3-4 Staff - Time 4 Hours**

**Approximate Hours for Cottonwood County: 112 hours**

**Other Meetings:** Pre-Planning Meeting with State Agency Staff

Application Planning Meeting

Orientation Meeting

Public Information Meeting

MCIT Operational Presentation

Science Based Meeting

Operational Agreement Meeting

HEI Meeting - Exec Committee and Staff

Committee Mtg - HEI-MPCA-Staff

SWCD, County Commissioner Mtgs

Public Hearing

**TOTAL MEETINGS - 12**

**Two Policy Members and 3-4 Staff - Time 5 hours**

**Approximate Hours for Cottonwood County: 360 hours**

**APPROXIMATE TOTAL HOURS FOR PLANNING PROCESS: 2,056 (257+ Days)**



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**Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for September 24, 2020.**

**1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.**

WCA applications for the Red Rock Quarry Expansion and Cottonwood County Road 7 shoulder expansion project. There have been several WCA questions from Watonwan staff recently.

**2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan**

The GBERBA Policy Board meeting took place 9-11-2020 via WebEx. GBERBA 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 has approved the amended plan document.

This new plan will now 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 received a 1W1P Planning grant from 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 group received funding for a 1W1P planning grant for 2021. The Jackson SWCD staff will be the financial entity and Murray County staff will act as coordinator during the 1W1P planning phase.

**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**





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**Date:** September 14, 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:**

- September 15, 2020 – BWSR Academy Trainer Webinar
- September 16, 2020 – BWSR Academy L2L Webinar
- September 30, 2020 – LTT Skype Meeting
- October 28, 2020 – BWSR Academy Presenter

**Farm Bill Assistance:**

- Continuous CRP closed August 21, 2020. I completed all of the plans from FSA for general and continuous CRP.
- We have 7 CREPs that were accepted into the program this year. Two were not accepted due to time constraints for the August deadline. BWSR focused only on re-enrolls for the August CREP and not “new” land.
- There may be two final wetland restorations this year that will be completed before the end of the season. The remaining wetland restorations are still in the design phase from BWSR.
- We have 5 RIM Grasslands easements and two more potential Grasslands easements.

**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 the cities of 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 12 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:** September 24, 2020

**Name:** Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

**Past Events:**

- Soil Health School – September 10<sup>th</sup> – September 11<sup>th</sup>, Marshall MN

**Upcoming Events:**

- Water Resources Conference (virtual) – October 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Project Updates:**

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

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.

# COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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**Date:** September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Name:** Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

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

### **Past Events:**

- August 31<sup>st</sup> - BWSR Tech Talk Webinar: Nutrient Management Module 5: Nitrogen
- September 10-11<sup>th</sup> - Minnesota Soil Health School in Marshall

### **Upcoming Events:**

- TBT County Drainage Systems in Faribault County with Dustin Anderson
- September 24<sup>th</sup> - Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting
- September 28<sup>th</sup> - BWSR Tech Talk Webinar: MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program
- October 5<sup>th</sup> - MN Soil Health Zoom Meeting
- October 20-21<sup>st</sup> - MN Water Resource Conference Program

### **Project Updates:**

Preparing for County Feedlot Inspections for 2021. The MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement Work Plan for Cottonwood County Inspection Goals are the following: 3 Sites that have an open lot area, 3 sites constructing manure storage areas, 10 sites with a category >100 AU (Animal Units), and 3 Conduct in-field land application inspections. With a Goal Total of 19 inspections for 2021.

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 attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Minnesota Soil Health School located in Marshall. Things we went over were: Tillage Management, Agronomics, Soil Biology, Farm Economics, and Cover crop options and uses. Training was excellent and not only for Soil Health aspect but also to branch out and meet other Districts, NRCS Agents, Cover Crop Salesman, and Farmers.

### **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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# 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



Herman Bartsch  
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST  
September 15th, 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	23	18
LeSueur SWCD	14	9	5
Martin SWCD	14	7	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	2	2	1
Renville SWCD	16	11	8
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	12	12	5
Watonwan SWCD	13	10	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>66</b>

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 9-7-20**

- 948 producers certified
- 655,367 acres certified
- 1,948 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,779 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 106,383 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,885 lbs. of P per year
- 17 Soil Health Endorsements
- 16 IPM Endorsements
- 14 Wildlife Endorsements

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# Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Agriculture and Water Outreach Corpsmember  
Conservation Corps of MN & IA  
Ashley Broussard



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



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September 14th 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
  - [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)
- 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
- MN Soil Health Coalition Soil Health School (9/10-9/11)
- Work on educational outreach videos for Cottonwood SWCD Facebook

## Upcoming Events:

- Continue work with MAWQCP mapping and assessment tool and running the P-index
- *(Tentative date)* MAWQCP filming for Conservation Corps

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## **COTTONWOOD** **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**Date: September 24, 2020**

**Name: Alex Schultz**

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

**Past Events:**

- August 20<sup>th</sup> – MACFO Conference
- August 21<sup>st</sup> – MACPZA Meeting

**Upcoming Events:**

- October 1<sup>st</sup> – MACPZA Meeting
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Regional Land Use Meeting

**Planning and Zoning:**

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
  - None
- **Board of Adjustments**
- **Permits**
  - Setback Permits, 7 Issued
  - CUP, 0 Issued
  - Variance, Issued 0

**Feedlots**

- **Feedlot inspections will begin soon**



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 with a flush of applications driven by the priority ranking it awards to CSP renewal and new contracts
- Only 4 program reviews to finish
- Drafted a new customizable “press release” advertisement for the MAWQCP. Contact me if you would like me to personalize it for your county.

**Events:**

- August 27<sup>th</sup> – RCPP Conference Call
- September – New Employee Training – Ivanhoe, MN
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Soil Health School - Marshall, MN
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Cover Crop Study Field Day – Lakefield, MN

**Program Updates and Information:**

- MAWQCP RCPP EQIP applications will likely be ranked in the spring of 2021
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **949 farms**, including over **657,310 acres** with **1,954 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,784 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **106,421 tons** soil reduced per year, **46,896 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **38,526 CO<sub>2-e</sub> tons** per year
- **17** Soil Health Endorsements, **16** 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	0	15	0	0	0
Jackson	33	32	0	18	2	2	0
Lac Qui Parle	6	6	0	4	0	0	0
Lincoln	21	20	0	7	1	0	1
Lyon	16	15	0	8	0	0	0
Murray	17	17	3	10	0	0	0
Nobles	16	15	0	10	0	0	0
Pipestone	44	43	0	21	0	0	0
Redwood	35	34	1	22	1	1	0
Rock	23	20	2	12	0	0	0
Yellow Med.	29	29	0	17	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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