

Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 Blue Earth County Ag Service Center, Mankato, MN

Present:

Gordy Olson
Kay Clark
Pam Flitter
Jerad Bach
Marla Watje
Jill Sackett
Forrest Peterson

Representing:

Jackson SWCD
GBERBA
Martin County
Blue Earth SWCD
Waseca SWCD
U of M/Rural Advantage
MPCA

Present:

David Bucklin
Darlene Kukuczka
Kathy Smith
Mark Leiferman
Brian Nyborg
Andrew Ahrens
Cathy Rofshus

Representing:

GBERBA/Cottonwood SWCD
GBERBA
Martin SWCD
Waseca County
Jackson SWCD
Nutrient Mgmt Specialist
MPCA

Call to Order: Chairman Gordy Olson called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Agenda: Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Brian Nyborg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes: Motion by Kathy Smith, second by Jerad Bach to approve the August 24, 2011 minutes with the deletion of Cost-Share Project City of Freeborn under encumbered. Motion carried, all yes.

Old Business:

Cost-Share Project Amendment:

Richard Ristau 81-06 Waterway repair Amendment Increase C-S \$2,823.00

Motion by Kathy Smith, second by Brian Nyborg to approve the Cost-Share Contract Amendment for Richard Ristau (81-06) totaling \$2,832.00. Motion carried, all yes.

Cost-Share Project Final Payment:

Richard Ristau 81-06 Waterway repair Cost \$7,764.00 Cost-Share \$5,823.00

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Kathy Smith to approve the Final Cost-Share payment for Richard Ristau (81-06) totaling \$5,823.00. Motion carried, all yes.

Cost-Share Project Final Payment (Already approved and paid by Policy):

Mark Byron 81-02 Streambank Cost \$67,660.76 Cost-Share \$21,371.69

Motion by Brian Nyborg, second by Marla Watje to approve the Final Cost-Share Payment for Mark Byron (81-02) totaling \$21,371.69. Motion carried, all yes.

Coordinator Report: Dave Bucklin/Kay Clark

During the past month, many hours have been put into completing two FY12 Clean Water Fund applications (to be discussed under New Business). Update on the Emerald Ash Borer progression in Minnesota.

New Business:

Cost-Share Projects Encumbered and Amended:

Tim Lewer	81-04	Streambank	C-S Encumbered	\$12,000.00
Janet Rudolph	81-07	Sediment Basins	C-S Encumbered	\$9,500.00
City of Freeborn	24-02A	Rain Garden	C-S Increased	\$3,261.00 Amendment

Motion by Brian Nyborg, second by Kathy Smith to approve the above listed cost-share contracts for encumbrance (Lewer \$12,000.00 and Rudolph \$9,500.00) and amendment (City of Freeborn \$3,261.00). Motion carried, all yes.

Presentation: Le Sueur River Sediment Budget Report - Forrest Peterson, Cathy Rofshus (MPCA) (Handout)

Also reviewed Watershed Professionals Network.

Discussion on new potential cost-share project by Jackson SWCD.

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Cost-Share Contract Extensions:

In the past week, Darlene has sent out a spreadsheet listing all outstanding cost-share contracts. Please review the list and check against your records.

In addition, the Policy Board has made a motion to extend the contract completion dates under CWF Grants FY09 and FY10 to October 1, 2012. We would like each District with outstanding contracts to consider making a blanket motion at their next Board meeting doing the same. This way each District is in line with the GBERBA Policy Board.

2012 CWF Applications:

Grant applications were submitted for Ag and Urban BMPs plus Urban Demonstration Projects totaling \$489,900. In addition a position application for two years was submitted (Conservation Agronomist, Cobb Watershed Technician and Nutrient Management Specialist) totaling \$300,860.

Cooperative Weed Management Area Application:

Martin SWCD will again be submitting a CWMA grant application totaling \$20,000 for the Greater Blue Earth River Basin.

Staff Reports:

Jill Sackett – Conservation Agronomist - Handout

Michele Wigern – Urban/Wellhead Specialist - Handout

Nutrient Management Specialist – Andrew Ahrens - Handout

Agency Reports: None

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:44 a.m. by Chairman Gordy Olson.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date: _____