

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes

Friday, October 12, 2018

Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

Present: Tom Appel, Clark Lingbeek, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing, John Shanahan and Tom Warmka.

Others Present: Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Kay Gross and Joshua Votruba.

Chairman Glen Mathiason called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Neal Mensing to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Tom Appel, second by John Shanahan to approve the August 10, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 9/1/18 to 9/30/18 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Neal Mensing to approve the accounts payable totaling \$71,364.37. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Amendments

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| Andy Linder | 22-03(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| J-Ace Farms Inc | 22-04(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| William Rauenhorst | 22-06(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Dan Schimek | 22-07(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Neal Mensing | 22-08(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Clint Eastman | 22-09(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Scott Volz | 22-10(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Brent Haase | 22-14(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Scott Haase | 22-15(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Kenneth Haase | 22-16(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Jeff Schultz | 22-18(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Ryan Hagedorn | 22-19(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Trails End Farm | 22-20(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Tim Peterson | 22-21(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Dominic Schultz | 22-22(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Greg Johanson | 22-23(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Ronald Volsen | 22-24(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |
| Eric Volsen | 22-25(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Time Extension Nov 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2019 |

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendments time extension from November 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019 for the above mentioned contract holders. Motion carried, all yes. Neal Mensing abstained from voting.

GBERBA Contract Final Payments

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| Casey Madson | 24-03(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops | Cost \$3,280.00 | C-S \$2,460.00 |
| G&S Drainage & Excavating | 22-01(CWF-MDM) | CAP 130 Plan | Cost \$2,100.00 | C-S \$1,575.00 |

Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Neal Mensing to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract final payments for Madson (\$2,460.00) and G&S Drainage & Excavating (\$1,575.00). Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

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| Don Bot | 42-5-05 | Worksheet Completion | Incentive \$100.00 |
| Dennis Oeltjenbruns | 42-5-06 | Worksheet Completion | Incentive \$100.00 |
| Lance Smith | 42-5-07 | Worksheet/Certification Completion | Incentive \$300.00 |
| Randall Weirtsema | 53-5-06 | Certification Completion | Incentive \$200.00 |
| Karl Schauer | 72-6-06 | Worksheet/Certification Completion | Incentive \$300.00 |
| Goplen Florida Creek Farm | 87-5-15 | Worksheet Completion | Incentive \$100.00 |
| Jeff Schultz | 22-6-09 | Worksheet/Certification Completion | Incentive \$300.00 |
| Eric Volsen | 22-6-10 | Worksheet/Certification Completion | Incentive \$300.00 |
| Trails End Farm Inc | 22-6-11 | Worksheet/Certification Completion | Incentive \$300.00 |

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Tom Warmka to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above mentioned landowners Bot, Oeltjenbruns and Goplen Florida Creek Farm(\$100.00), Weirtsema(\$200.00) and Smith, Schauer, Schultz, Volsen and Trails End Farm Inc (\$300.00). Motion carried, all yes. Tom Warmka abstained.

COORDINATOR REPORT

★ **MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program**

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports.

★ **2016 MPCA – 319 Drainage Grant**

An Outreach Booklet has been printed and will be sent to Drainage staff and elected officials to see conservation opportunities and potential in drainage systems. *319 Drainage Grant*: Side inlet structures 50% cost share. These are federal dollars matched by state or local dollars.

★ **2017 MPCA 319 Grant - Cover Crops and Alternative Tile Intakes**

An Implementation Policy Paper for the grant titled "Greater Blue Earth River Basin TMDL Implementation" has been developed and reviewed at the Technical meeting. This guidance document will be posted on the GBERBA website.

Cover crops: \$50.00 dollars per acre maximum, 75% cost share maximum (\$ 37.50 ac.), 80 acre size maximum per owner. Prioritization required. Alternative intakes: Rock and pattern tile. \$500.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match. Perforated risers, broom and other water quality intakes: \$200.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match. We are filling out an amendment for this grant to utilize more funds for cover crops and other drainage practices. All eligible practices will be at a 50% cost share rate after the amendment is approved.

★ **2017 CWF Grant- Multipurpose Drainage Management**

Multipurpose Drainage Management - \$301,200: Projects for this Drainage Grant will need to be located in public ditch sheds. **GBERBA member entire counties are eligible**. Priority parameters are developed to identify the eligible ditches. A guidance policy sheet is online.

★ **One Watershed One Plan Planning Grants, Watonwan Watershed**

The Watonwan 2W2P Policy Board Consultant Selection Committee has the six consultant applications and will score them before the Policy meeting on the 17th of October. A public kick off meeting and a watershed advisory committee meeting will be scheduled shortly after the consultant is hired.

★ **New Grants Potential**

With most of the drainage grant funds now encumbered, GBERBA is looking for new grant opportunities to acquire funds for conservation drainage projects. The 2019 Clean Water Fund Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant Category has \$610,000 dollars set aside for drainage grant applications and the Accelerated Implementation Grant has \$1.4 million. The GBERBA Drainage Partnership MDM application is for \$304,950.00 and the Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist AIG application is for \$99,000.00. The grant awards will be made known in December 2018.

★ **November 9, 2018 Policy/Tech Meeting**

The program will continue with the conservation drainage initiative theme. ISG has agreed to put together a drainage presentation with drone footage of ditch project sites and construction of practices. We hope to have state agency staff to update GBERBA on ditch system water storage projects, their potential and application.

Staff Reports

Watowan Watershed Resource Specialist – Joshua Votruba
Area 6 Certification Specialist – Herman Bartsch – See Handout
Area 5 Certification Specialist – Danielle Evers - See Handout
MDA – Conservation Corp Member – Matt Remer – See Handout

Agency Reports

BWSR – Jill Sackett Eberhart

CONTINUATION OF FINANCIAL POSITION THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Neal Mensing to extend the GBERBA Financial Position contract through December 31, 2018 with the Martin SWCD. Motion carried, all yes.

OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Glen Mathiason at 2:34 p.m.

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| Next meeting date: | Technical Committee Meeting | October 24, 2018 | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting | November 9, 2018 | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Technical Committee Meeting | December 19, 2018 | 9:30 a.m. |
| | Executive Board Meeting | December 19, 2018 | 1:00 p.m. |

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____