

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes
Wednesday, June 27, 2018
Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

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

Others Present: Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Kay Gross, Heidi Rudolph and Jesse Walters.

Chairman Glen Mathiason called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Neil Mensing to approve the April 13, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report/Accounts Payable

The Financial Report dated 5/1/18 to 5/31/18 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the accounts payable totaling \$187,965.02. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Cancellation

Lunz Farms Inc.	46-01(FY16-CWP)	Bioreactor	C-S \$7,500.00
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Motion by Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the cancellation of GBERBA Cost-Share contract for Lunz Farm Inc. (\$7,500.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Amendments

Faribault Co. D.A.				
FY-14-CWP	FY16-CWP(Drain-15)	Increase Cost-Share	Increase \$3,054.72	New C-S \$12,551.16
Faribault Co. D.A.	319-CDP-16(22-02)	Increase Cost-Share	Increase \$6,894.00	New C-S \$29,169.00

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendments for Faribault Co Drainage Authority (\$3,054.72 and \$6,894.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Administrative Changes

Faribault/Martin Co. D.A.			
JCD No. 414	FY16-CWP(22-02)	Move all Grant Funding to FY16-CWP	New C-S \$52,437.82
	319-CDP-16	Remove all Grant Funding from 319-CDP	New C-S \$0.00
Faribault Co. D.A.	319-CDP-16(22-02)	Decrease Grant Funding 319-CDP	New C-S \$7,004.98
	FY16-CWP	Move Grant Funding to FY16-CWP	New C-S \$22,164.02

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract administrative changes as indicated above for the two Faribault Co. Drainage Authority FY16-CWP and 319-CDP-16 grants. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Approval

Greenwood Prop LLC	83-01(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00
Gary Dannhoff	83-02(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00
Darby Harder	17-02(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,700.00	C-S \$2,775.00
Le Sueur Co. D.A.	40-01(CWF-MDM)	Storage/Treatment Wetland	Cost \$48,598.00	C-S \$36,448.50
Dennis Baxter	22-11(319-TMDL)	Alternative Tile Intakes	Cost \$1,000.00	C-S \$500.00
Dennis Baxter	22-12(319-TMDL)	Alternative Tile Intakes	Cost \$500.00	C-S \$250.00
Steve Lawrence	22-13(319-TMDL)	Alternative Tile Intakes	Cost \$500.00	C-S \$250.00
George Sill	83-03(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00
Jerry Sill	83-04(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00

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Matt Warmka	07-02(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,575.00	C-S \$2,681.25
Brent Haase	22-14(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,350.00	C-S \$2,512.50
Scott Haase	22-15(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$2,150.00	C-S \$1,612.50
Kenneth Haase	22-16(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,400.00	C-S \$1,800.00

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Tom Warmka to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contracts encumbrance for Le Sueur Co, Drainage Authority (\$36,448.50), Baxter (\$500.00 and \$250.00), Lawrence (\$250.00)m, G. Sill (\$3,000.00), J. Sill (\$3,000.00), Warmka (\$2,681.25), B. Haase (\$2,512.5), S. Haase (\$1,612.50) and K. Haase (\$1,800.00). Motion carried, all yes. Tom Warmka abstained.

GBERBA Contract Final Payment

Faribault Co. D.A.	22-01(FY16-CWP)	16 Alternative Side Inlets	Cost \$50,748.00	C-S \$25,374.00
Faribault/Martin Co.D.A	22-02(FY16-CWP)	47 Alternative Side Inlets	Cost \$104,875.64	C-S \$52,437.82
Faribault Co. D.A.	Drain-15(FY16-CWP)	24 Alternative Side Inlets	Cost \$76,392.00	C-S \$12,551.16
Faribault Co. D.A.	22-02(FY16-CWP)	29 Alternative Side Inlets	Cost \$58,338.00	C-S \$22,164.02
	(319-CDP-16)			C-S \$7,004.98

Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Neal Mensing to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share final payments for Faribault County Drainage Authority (\$25,374.00, \$12,551.16, \$29,169.00) and Faribault/Martin Co. Drainage Authority (\$52,437.82). Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

James Thompson	17-5-20	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Ranger Farms LLLP	59-5-24	Worksheet Incentive	Incentive \$100.00
Poppel Family Farms	7-6-09	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Potterosa Farms	64-5-01	Certification Incentive	Incentive \$200.00
Joseph Deschepper	64-5-26	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Ryan LaBrune	59-5-25	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Pater Dairy Inc.	59-5-26	Worksheet Incentive	Incentive \$100.00
Harold Fick	67-5-13	Worksheet Incentive	Incentive \$100.00
Kelly Luebben	32-5-17	Worksheet Incentive	Incentive \$100.00
Dale Schmidt	51-5-10	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Chris Schmidt	51-5-11	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Steven Hansberger	53-5-11	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	Incentive \$300.00
Bruce Leinen	53-5-08	Certification Incentive	Incentive \$200.00
Aaron Leinen	53-5-10	Certification Incentive	Incentive \$200.00

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Tom Appel to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above mentioned landowners (\$300.00 (7)), (\$200.00 (3)) and (\$100.00 (4)). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Audit Update

Peterson and Company were at the Cottonwood SWCD on June 12th to meet with Ashley Brenke and Kay Gross. At this time only two items need completing the Compliance Questionnaire and Check Recipient request letters.

COORDINATOR REPORT

☆ MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

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

We are securing a booth for the MN State Cattlemen’s Summer Tour and Trade Show, Danielle, Herman and Matt will man the booth and attend the tour, Tuesday, July 10 in Cottonwood County.

☆ 2016 MPCA – CWP and 319 Drainage Grants

CWP Drainage Grant: An amendment to the budget was approved by the MPCA in February. Funds were moved from project development, technical services, and administration to project cost-share in order to fully utilize the grant funds. The grant deadline is June 30, 2018. ***This grant is fully encumbered.***

An Outreach Booklet is being developed to assist 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.

☆ **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 1W1P work plan/timeline/budget has been approved and an eLINK file, including the unexecuted grant agreement, has been created. The unexecuted grant agreement needs to go to the Watonwan County Board for signature and then sent to St. Paul. A meeting date for the Steering Team (and possibly the Policy Committee) will need to be held soon. BWSR will also need to work with somebody to develop the eLINK work plan activities.

☆ **New Grants Potential**

With most of the drainage grant funds now encumbered, GBERBA will be looking for new grant opportunities to acquire funds for conservation drainage projects in 2018. Question if any SWCD/Counties will be sending in an interest request for the new 319 funding. At this time Mark Schaezke may be interested for Waseca.

☆ **GBERBA Watonwan Watershed Technician**

Five candidates have been selected for interviews on Monday, June 25 and Friday June 29, with Becky Alexander, Dave Bucklin, David Haler, Clark Lingbeek and Tom Appel participating in the interviews/hiring process.

☆ **GBERBA July Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting**

Speakers and venue for July Meeting. Pat Baskfield (MPCA) and Kevin Roth (BWSR) have agreed to speak at the July Policy / Technical meeting. Pat will be talking about the "Water quality in the Greater Blue Earth watershed, where do we stand?" Kevin will be speaking on the BWSR Excessive Soil Loss Program. Additional information on ongoing conservation drainage projects in GBERBA will also be presented and we will determine the location for the meeting soon.

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Tom Warmka to approve the expenditure by GBERBA for refreshments at the July 13 Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting. Motion carried, all yes.

Staff Reports

Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist – Vacant

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 – Planning grants for 1W1P is open and will close on July 2. Overview of Clean Water Fund grants for FY19 Opens July 9th and closes August 31st.

MPCA – None

DNR – None

OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Glen Mathiason at XXXX p.m.

Next meeting date: Policy/Technical Board Meeting – July 13, 2018 9:30 a.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____