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

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
are federal dollars matched by state or local dollars. Opportunities and potential in drainage.

An Outreach Booklet is being developed to assist Drainage staff and elected officials to see conservation grant funds. The grant deadline is June 30, 2018.

From project development, technical services, and administration to project cost sharing.

CWP Drainage Grant

Will man the booth and attend the tour, Tuesday, July 1, 2018. We are securing a booth for the MN State Cattlemen’s Summer Tour and Trade Show, Danielle, Herman and Matt will man the booth.

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6

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 Schaetzke 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__________________