

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes
Friday, August 10, 2018
Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

Present: Tom Appel, Clark Lingbeek, Glen Mathiason, 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 Tom Warmka to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Tom Appel to approve the June 27, 2018 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report/Accounts Payable

The Financial Report dated 7/1/18 to 7/31/18 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 Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the accounts payable totaling \$42,665.37. Motion carried, all yes. Tom Warmka abstained.

GBERBA Audit Update

Ashley Brenke presented the Board the Draft Audit Report from Peterson and Company.

GBERBA Contract Approval

Trails End Farm Inc	22-20(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00
Tim Peterson	22-21(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00
Dominic Schultz	22-22(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,500.00	C-S \$2,625.00
Greg Johanson	22-23(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$1,000.00	C-S \$750.00
Ben Christensen	83-06(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$2,900.00	C-S \$2,175.00
Porter-A.G. Whiteside	83-07(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$2,900.00	C-S \$2,175.00
Homewood Farms	83-08(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$3,000.00

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contracts encumbrance for Trails End Farm, Peterson, Homewood Farms (\$3,000.00), Schultz (\$2,625.00), Johanson (\$750.00) and Christensen and Whiteside (\$2,175.00). Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

Harold Fick	67-5-13	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00
Tom Warmka	22-6-06	Worksheet/Certification Completion	Incentive \$300.00
Allan Hachmann	59-5-20	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00
Mike Hachmann	59-5-21	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00
Horizon Farms	65-6-05	Worksheet/Certification Completion	Incentive \$300.00

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above mentioned landowners Warmka, Horizon Farms(\$300.00), Fick, A. Hachmann, M. Hachmann(\$200.00). 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 will be filling out an amendment for this grant to utilize more funds for cover crops and other drainage practices.

☆ **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 Policy Board will have the first official meeting on August 15 at 1PM at the Human Services Building in Saint James. Things to be covered include; Establishing By-laws, Election of Officers, Review major milestones for the 1W1P process, and approve the Consultant Selection Process. The 1W1P Steering Committee is planning to meet that day also.

☆ **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. The Clean Water Fund Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant Category has \$600,000 dollars set aside for drainage grant applications for CWF 2019.

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Warmka to approve Clean Water Fund applications one for Multipurpose Drainage Management and the Watonwan Watershed Technician (if approved by the Watonwan Watershed partners). Motion carried. All yes.

☆ **GBERBA Watonwan Watershed Technician**

The new Watonwan Watershed Technician Josh Votruba started work on Monday August 6. He will be working out of various locations depending on workload.

☆ **Hydro-Conditioning Grants and Training**

The August 22nd Technical meeting will have a presentation on the Hydro-Conditioning Grant product. After the meeting will be hands on training to understand the product and application uses for the information.

Policy Board Meeting Date Change for September

Motion Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve changing the Policy Board meeting date to Wednesday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried. All yes.

Staff Reports

Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist – Joshua Votruba - Introduction

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 – Le Sueur MDM project moving along – working on easement language. CWF are due Friday, August 31.

OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Glen Mathiason at 2:10 p.m.

Next meeting date:	Technical Committee Meeting	August 22, 2018	9:30 a.m.
	Policy Board Meeting	Wednesday, September 19, 2018	1:00 p.m.
	Executive Board Meeting	October 12, 2018	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____