

## GBERBA Executive Board Minutes

Wednesday, August 28 2019

Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

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

**Others Present:** Dustin Anderson, Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Kay Gross and Heidi Salminen.

Chairman Neal Mensing called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

### Agenda

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of Grant Extension Request for the BWSR – CWF – Multipurpose Drainage Grant. Motion carried, all yes.

### Minutes

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the June 14, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

### INFORMATION/ACTION

#### Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 7/1/19 to 7/31/19 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

#### Accounts Payable

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the accounts payable totaling \$96,052.87. Motion carried, all yes.

#### GBERBA Contract Approval

Darby Harder	17-07(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Roger Hubmer	07-07(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
John Rollings	07-08(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (20 ac)	Cost \$1,000.00	C-S \$500.00
Tom Klug	81-04(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (55 ac)	Cost \$2,750.00	C-S \$1,375.00
Dan Roemhildt	81-05(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Mark Yokiell	22-37(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (70 ac)	Cost \$3,500.00	C-S \$1,750.00
Nathan Carr	22-38(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Clinton Eastman	22-39(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (76 ac)	Cost \$3,800.00	C-S \$1,900.00
Ryan Hagedorn	22-40(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Eric Volsen	22-41(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Roger Iliff	22-42(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (74 ac)	Cost \$3,700.00	C-S \$1,850.00
Waseca County D.A.	81-02(CWF-MDM)	Storage/Treatment Wetland Rest.	Cost \$96,300.00	C-S \$50,000.00

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract approval for Harder, Hubmer, Roemhildt, Carr, Hagedorn and Volsen(319-TMDL-\$2,000.00), Rollings(319-TMDL-\$500.00), Klug(319-TMDL-\$1,375.00), Yokiell(319-TMDL-\$1,750.00), Eastman(319-TMDL-\$1,900.00), Iliff(319-TMDL-\$1,850.00) and Waseca County Drainage Authority (CWF-MDM-\$50,000.00). Motion carried, all yes.

#### GBERBA Contract Amendment

Faribault Co D.A.	22-03(319-CDP-16)	Increase C-S to full 75%	Increase Cost-Share \$391.48
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Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendment for Faribault County Drainage Authority JD-1F contract 22-03 (\$391.48 – 319-CDP-16 Grant). Motion carried, all yes.

#### GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Completion

Faribault Co D.A.	22-03(319-CDP-16)	40 Side Inlet Replacements	Cost \$97,846.00	C-S \$73,384.50
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JD1F

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract final payment for Faribault County Drainage Authority JD-1F (\$73,384.50 – 319-TMDL-16 Grant). Motion carried, all yes.

**MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment**

Greg Entinger	40-6-04	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00
Rob Grover	7-6-10	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above landowners Entinger (\$200.00) and Grover (\$100.00). Motion carried, all yes.

**GBERBA Request for Extension – Grant 39 – BWSR – CWF – Multi-Purpose Drainage**

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the formal request for extension to BWSR for the C17-3714 CWF-Multipurpose Drainage Grant totaling \$301,200 and extend to December 31, 2020. Motion carried, all yes.

**COORDINATOR REPORT**

☆ **MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program**

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports. Over 500,000 acres certified!

☆ **2016 MPCA – 319 Drainage Grant Ending August 31, 2019**

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, 50% cost share maximum (\$ 25.00 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.

**The grant amendment has been completed and all remaining cost share for projects including Alternative intakes, Side inlets, and Cover crops will be at 50% cost share. New grant policy papers have been generated.**

☆ **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.

A grant Work Plan Revision has been approved by the BWSR to allow for CAP 130 Drainage Water Management plans and for Structures for Water Control.

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

The Watonwan 1W1P Project is in full swing completing the plan language. The Steering Committee last met on August 21 to review progress made on the measurable goals, actions, and programs table. These will need to be completed for all issues in the plan.

☆ **2020 Clean Water Fund Grant Potential**

GBERBA staff is working on a Drinking Water Protection Grant application as well as a MDM Grant application. We will need as many potential projects in the GBE watershed to include in the applications.

**Staff Reports**

**Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist** – Joshua Votruba – See Handout

**Area 6 Certification Specialist** – Herman Bartsch – See Handout

**Area 5 Certification Specialist** – Danielle Evers - See Handout

**MDA – Conservation Corp Member** – Lee Tapper – See Handout

**Agency Reports**

**BWSR** – Jill Sackett Eberhart – Cover Crop program started by BWSR with \$1 million in funding; 4-8 demonstration sites around Minnesota. District Capacity is still on hold until the funding allotments are figures. County changes are that NRBG does not need to report match.

**OTHER** – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing at 1:58 p.m.

<b>Next meeting date:</b>	Technical Committee Meeting	Friday, September 27, 2019	9:30 a.m.
	Policy Board Meeting	Friday, September 13, 2019	1:00 p.m.
	Executive Board Meeting	Friday, October 11, 2019	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_