

**Month Ending 12/31/2018**  
**GBERBA POLICY BOARD MEETING - 1/11/2018**

<b>Checking /Savings Balance - 11/30/2018</b>	<b>\$ 150,660.44</b>
Total Receipts	60,008.95
Total Disbursements	(127,833.66)
<b>Checking/Savings Balance - 12/31/18</b>	<b>\$ 82,835.73</b>
<b>Receipts 12/1/18 to 12/31/18</b>	
United Prairie Bank - Loan Advance	\$ 60,000.00
Interest	8.95
	<b>\$ 60,008.95</b>
<b>Disbursements - 12/1/18-12/31/2018</b>	
3664 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$ 6,066.00
3665 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	470.00
3666 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,386.83
3667 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	5,445.98
3668 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist	2,649.79
3669 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist-Grant 37 Reimbursement - July - Dec	6,834.76
3670 Widseth Smith Nolting Assoc - Final Contract Payment - Grant 36	26,631.31
3671 Minnesota State University - WRC - Final Contract Payment - Grant 35	18,366.03
3672 Curtis Janzen - 319-TMDL-16-17-03 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,100.00
3673 Ramont Schrock - 319-TMDL-16-17-04 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	924.00
3674 Ryan O'Hara - 319-TMDL-16-22-02 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,275.00
3675 Andy Linder - 319-TMDL-16-22-03 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,740.00
3676 J-Ace Farms Inc - 319-TMDL-16-22-04 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,125.80
3677 Matt Alford - 319-TMDL-16-22-05 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,408.34
3678 William Rauenhorst - 319-TMDL-16-22-06 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,740.00
3679 Schimeck Enterprises - 319-TMDL-16-22-07 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,920.00
3680 Neal Mensing - 319-TMDL-16-22-08 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,932.00
3681 Clint Eastman - 319-TMDL-16-22-09 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,133.00
3682 Scott Volz - 319-TMDL-16-22-10 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,552.40
3683 Dennis Baxter - 319-TMDL-16-22-11 - C-S Payment Alternative Tile Intakes	500.00
3684 Dennis Baxter - 319-TMDL-16-22-12 - C-S Payment Alternative Tile Intakes	250.00
3685 Brent Haase - 319-TMDL-16-22-14 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,119.69
3686 Scott Haase - 319-TMDL-16-22-15 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	925.90
3687 Ken Haase - 319-TMDL-16-22-16 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,706.25
3688 Jeff Schultz - 319-TMDL-16-22-18 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,195.90
3689 Ryan Hagedorn - 319-TMDL-16-22-19 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,077.50
3690 Trails End Farms - 319-TMDL-16-22-20 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,194.50
3691 Timothy Peterson - 319-TMDL-16-22-21 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,027.25
3692 Dominic Schultz - 319-TMDL-16-22-22 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,901.25
3693 Greg Johanson - 319-TMDL-16-22-23 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	750.00
3694 Ronald Volsen - 319-TMDL-16-22-24 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,461.80
3695 Eric Volsen - 319-TMDL-16-22-25 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	2,925.00
<del>3696 Thomas Klug - 319-TMDL-16-81-01 - C-S Payment Cover Crops</del>	VOID
3697 Faribault SWCD - TS-22-6-03 - MAWQCP Additional Technical Assistance	6,000.00
3698 Le Sueur SWCD - TS-40-6-01 - MAWQCP Additional Technical Assistance	6,000.00

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3699 Randall Pankonin - 17-5-19 - MAWQCP Certification Incentive	200.00
3700 Todd M Anderson - 35-5-18 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3701 Douglas Pohlman - 35-5-19 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3702 Richard Dickman - 22-6-12 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3703 Steve Schauer - 43-6-04 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3704 Steven Hesse - 41-5-10 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	200.00
3705 Thomas Klug - 319-TMDL-16-81-01 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	1,497.38
	<u><u>\$ 127,833.66</u></u>

**Accounts Payable - 1/11/18**

3706 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$ 6,066.00
3707 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	423.00
3708 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,351.04
3709 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	6,800.08
3710 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist	5,626.97
3711 MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust - Insurance	2,559.00
3712 John Frey - 319-TMDL-16-07-04 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	849.66
3713 John Rollings - 319-TMDL-16-07-05 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	536.55
3714 Naomi Schaetzke - 319-TMDL-16-81-02 - C-S Payment Cover Crops	501.75
3715 Brian Millmann - 22-6-13 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
	<u><u>\$ 29,814.05</u></u>

**Accounts Receivable**

Minnesota Department of Ag. - November - <i>Received 1-14-19</i>	\$ 20,358.58
Minnesota Department of Ag. - December - <i>Submitted</i>	\$ 28,404.94
BWSR - Watonwan Watershed Specialist - Grant 38 - 40% Request - <i>Submitted</i>	39,600.00
BWSR - Grant 36 - Final 10% - <i>Received 1-9-19</i>	21,200.00
BWSR - Grant 35 - Final 10% - <i>Received 1-7-19</i>	5,228.00
MPCA - Grant 37 - July-December Grant Reimbursement	51,840.00
MPCA - Grant 33 - July-December Grant Reimbursement	0.00
	<u><u>\$ 166,631.52</u></u>

**Bank Account Balances**

GBERBA Checking - #1839	\$ 5,674.82
GBERBA CWL Savings - #3367	30,217.41
GBERBA Operating Savings - regulated funds - #1871	46,943.50
	<u><u>\$ 82,835.73</u></u>



**Grant Balances and Projects**

**Technical Committee Meeting - 1/23/19**

		Grant 33	Grant 37	Grant 39		
		319 Drainage	Cover Crops/Intakes	Multi Purpose DM		
		8/31/2019	8/31/2020	12/31/2019		
		Project Funds	Project Funds	Project Funds		
		\$104,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$226,000.00		
County	Code	Project Dev. & T/E				
Blue Earth	7		\$8,142.74	\$23,550.00		
Brown	8		\$3,850.24			
Cottonwood	17		\$7,247.14			
Faribault	22		\$18,506.98	\$40,430.74	\$1,575.00	
Freeborn	24		\$16,750.00	\$6,960.00		
Jackson	32					
LeSueur	40				\$36,448.50	
Martin	46		\$2,347.50			
Waseca	81		\$2,749.13	\$35,625.00		
Watonwan	83		\$21,750.00			
<b>Encumbered and/or Paid Totals</b>		<b>\$35,256.98</b>	<b>\$93,477.49</b>	<b>\$97,198.50</b>		
<b>Funds Remaining</b>		<b>\$68,743.02</b>	<b>\$206,522.51</b>	<b>\$128,801.50</b>		

319-TMDL	81-01	Thomas Klug	\$1,497.38	cover crops		12/31/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-05	John Rollings	\$536.55	cover crops		9/15/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	83-05	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	22-19	Ryan Hagedorn	\$2,077.50	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-20	Trails End Farm	\$2,194.50	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-21	Tim Peterson	\$2,027.25	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-22	Dominic Schultz	\$1,901.25	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-23	Greg Johanson	\$750.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-06	Ben Christensen	\$0.00	cover crops	Canceled 9-19		
319-TMDL	83-07	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$0.00	cover crops	Canceled 9-19		
319-TMDL	83-08	Homewood Farms	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	83-09	AVG II, LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	24-02	Glen Ausen	\$1,500.00	cover crops	Amendment	12/1/18 to 12/1/19	
319-TMDL	24-03	Casey Madson	\$2,460.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	10/12/2018
319-TMDL	17-03	Curtis Janzen	\$2,100.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-24	Ronald Volsen	\$2,461.80	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,925.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-10	Noren Durheim	\$750.00	cover crops		6/17/2019	
319-TMDL	08-01	Steve Michels	\$1,500.00	cover crops	Amendment	11/1/18 to 11/1/19	
319-TMDL	08-02	Bryon Christenson	\$2,350.24	cover crops	Slippage - \$87.26	11/1/2018	11/9/2018
319-TMDL	17-04	Ramont Schrock	\$924.00	cover crops		12/1/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	81-02	Naomi Schaetzke	\$501.75	cover crops		12/1/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	81-03	Marvin Guse	\$750.00	alternative tile intakes		12/1/2019	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$93,477.49</b>				

FY17 Multipurpose Drainage		Grant 39		
CWF-MDM-17	07-01	Blue Earth DA %Craig Austinson	\$23,550.00	side inlets
CWF-MDM-17	81-01	Byron Properties of New Richland	\$35,625.00	Bioreactor
CWF-MDM-17	22-01	G&S Drainage & Excavating	\$1,575.00	Drainage Water Mgmt Plan
CWF-MDM-17	40-01	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	\$36,448.50	Storage and Treatment Wetland
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$97,198.50</b>	

Expiration Date	Payment Date
	1/12/2018
12/1/18 to 12/1/19	
C-S Increase \$2,775.00	
4/31/19	10/12/2018
12/1/2019	

Amendment



**GBERBA Cost-Share Projects**

**GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting - 1/23/2019**

Red (action needed)	Grant	County Number & Contract	Original Contract Funds Encumbered	Amendment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Slippage/Re-Encumbered Funds	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Approval Needed Local Board/ Tech/Policy-Exec
<b>New Projects</b>										
<b>Cancellations</b>										
<b>Amendments</b>										
<b>Administrative Change (From one grant to another)</b>										
<b>Completed Contracts</b>										
John Frey	319-TMDL	07-04	\$2,062.50		\$849.66		\$1,212.84	Cover Crops (56 acres)	\$1,132.88	Policy, Tech
John Rollings	319-TMDL	07-05	\$750.00		\$536.55		\$213.45	Cover Crops (20 acres)	\$715.40	Policy, Tech
Naomi Schaezke	319-TMDL	81-02	\$562.50		\$501.75		\$60.75	Cover Crops (20 acres)	\$669.00	Policy, Tech
<b>MAWQCP Incentive Contracts</b>										
Brian Millmann	MAWQCP	22-6-13			\$100.00			Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00	Policy
Steve Gorres	MAWQCP	64-5-30			\$100.00			Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00	Exec



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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**DATE:** JANUARY 23, 2019  
**TO:** GBERBA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS and DAVID BUCKLIN, GBERBA COORDINATORS  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT GBERBA TECHNICAL MEETING

## **MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program**

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports. Matthew Remer our MAWQCP Conservation Corps member completed his one year term on December 13. GBERBA was awarded another year long Corps position. The new Corps member for 2019 will be Lee Tapper. His start date is January 22, 2019.

## **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.

**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.

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

The Watonwan 2W2P Policy Board Consultant Selection Committee has completed its task and Houston Engineering Inc. has been hired to provide the consultant. The Steering Committee, Policy Board, and HEI are scheduled to meet on January 16. The Public Kick off meeting is scheduled for Monday January 28, 2019.

## **GBERBA Reporting**

January is a busy month for reporting to the state on grant progress.



**GBERBA**

# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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**DATE:** January 24, 2019

**NAME:** Josh Votruba  
Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist

**Topics:** Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

**Past Events:**

- Dec 17 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Dec 20 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting, Windom, MN
- Dec 21 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 8 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 11 – GBERBA Policy Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Jan 16 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 16 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 23 – GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN

**Upcoming Events:**

- Jan 25 – Cover Crop Winter Workshop, Heron Lake, MN
- Jan 28 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 28 – Watonwan 1W1P Kickoff Meeting, St. James, MN

**Working on:**

- *Training:* I recently have gotten training in using eLINK to report grant information for GBERBA projects. I have begun entering the GBERBA project information for the cover crop and alternative tile intake projects into eLINK.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The public kickoff meeting for the Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan will take place January 28th and will be from 4-7 PM at the American Legion in St. James. During the kickoff meeting/open house Houston Engineering will be giving a presentation about the Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan. In addition, keynote speaker Billy Hildebrand of KFAN Outdoors will be speaking about the importance of conservation in regards to outdoor activities. To gain public interest for the kickoff meeting public notices have been put out in the counties involved, and kickoff meeting/open house flyers and invitation letters were mailed out to farmers, citizens, cities, township officials, and other groups within the watershed.



# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

Jan 7, 2019



DANIELLE EVERS

AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

**Projects and Workload:**

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, create maps, & upload documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Coordinating with Water Resource Specialist in Nobles, Lyon, Lincoln, Pipestone, Rock for program promotion and to reach more producers in the wellhead protection areas
- Attending/Participating in events to gain continuing education credits for CCA certification
- Homework for the Minnesota Rural Leadership Program
- Working on trying to have some Ag Water Quality Meetings in different counties & inviting producers

**Events:**

- **Jan 10<sup>th</sup>** – Training – Ivanhoe, MN
- **Jan 15-18<sup>th</sup>** – MARL Seminar 3 – St. Paul, MN
- **Jan 25<sup>th</sup>** – Cover Crop Winter Workshop – Heron Lake, MN
- **Jan 30<sup>th</sup>** – MECA Conference – Willmar, MN

**Program Updates and Information:**

- Water quality inlets are still available for interested farmers pursuing certifications (2 free for each applicant)
- **\$6,000** of Additional funding is still available through GBERBA for districts to continue working on the MAWQCP
- MAWQCP has certified over **691 farms**, including over **449,281 acres** with **1,328 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **25,111 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **63,525 tons** soil reduced per year, **29,649 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers

**YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS**

<b><u>Area 5</u></b>	<b><u>Applications</u></b>	<b><u>Assessments Completed</u></b>	<b><u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u></b>	<b><u>Certifications</u></b>
Cottonwood SWCD	31	29	1	12
Jackson SWCD	30	26	7	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	5	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	12	9	3	4
Murray SWCD	12	12	1	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	0	9
Pipestone SWCD	31	30	0	16
Redwood SWCD	30	30	1	21
Rock SWCD	18	15	1	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	22	20	3	9
<b>Totals</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>110</b>

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# Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist

Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



Herman Bartsch  
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST  
January 23rd, 2019

### Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Program Promotion – Planning with SWCDs
- UMN Extension Research Update – Waseca 1-8-19
- Faribault SWCD Board Meeting – 1-9-18
- Soil Health Winter Workshops – Albert Lea 1-23-19  
Fairmont 1-24-19

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	14	11
LeSueur SWCD	3	2	2
Martin SWCD	8	5	5
McLeod SWCD	8	6	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	0
Renville SWCD	7	7	5
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	9	9	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>47</b>

Faribault SWCD invited me to a board meeting to review the assessment process with their supervisors. One of the supervisors is already certified, and at least one other is interested in completing the assessment after seeing the process. Nate and I also met with three other producers the same day. Two of them submitted applications and brought information to start the assessment. The small group setting seems like a great way to promote certification, and address specific questions or concerns that producers may have.

### MAWQCP Numbers as of 1-14-19

- 694 producers certified
- 452,401 acres certified
- 1,335 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 25,251 tons per year (50,502,740 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 63,772 tons per year (127,544,553 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 29,820 lbs. of P per year