

**GBERBA Technical Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, August 28, 2019  
9:30 AM**

**Blue Earth County Ag Service Center, Mankato, MN**

**Call to Order**

**Heidi Rudolph, Chair  
Michele Stindtman, Vice Chair**

**Introductions**

**Agenda Changes**

**Minutes July 19, 2019**

**Information/Action**

Cost-Share Projects and Grant Update

Financial Report

Request for Extension – BWSR- Multipurpose Drainage Grant

**Kay Gross  
Ashley Brenke**

**Coordinators Report**

☆MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program

☆2016 MPCA- 319 Drainage Grants

☆2016 MPCA 319 Grant- Cover Crops and Alternative Tile Intakes

☆2017 CWF Multi Purpose Drainage Grant

☆One Watershed One Plan Watonwan

☆2019 Clean Water Fund Grant Potential

**Kay Gross, Dave Bucklin**

**Staff Reports**

**Danielle Evers    Josh Votruba  
Herman Bartsch    Lee Tapper**

**Agency Reports**

**PCA, BWSR, DNR, Others**

**Other Business**

**Adjourn Technical Meeting**

**Next Meetings**

**Executive Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Policy Meeting**

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Technical Meeting**

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Month Ending 7/31/2019  
GBERBA EXECUTIVE BOARD & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 8/28/2019**

**Checking /Savings Balance - 6/30/2019**

Total Receipts \$ 138,752.90  
 Total Disbursements 46,999.58  
**Checking/Savings Balance - 7/31/19 (50,707.34)**  
**\$ 135,045.14**

**Receipts 7/1/19 to 7/31/19**

Minnesota Department of Ag. - May - *Received* \$ 29,842.24  
 Minnesota Department of Ag. - June - *Received* 17,148.02  
 Interest 9.32  
**\$ 46,999.58**

**Disbursements - 7/1/19-7/31/2019**

3766 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators \$4,334.00  
 3767 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator 282.00  
 3768 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist 6,212.26  
 3769 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist 8,728.31  
 3770 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist 4,381.65  
 3771 Cottonwood SWCD - Reimbursement WWT Grant 37 - 264 Hours 6,628.49  
 3772 Faribault County Drainage - Grant 33 - Technical and Engineering 7,159.43  
 3773 Faribault County - Grant 33 - Engineering (ISG) 1,220.00  
 3774 Jerry Sill - Cost-Share Contract 319-TMDL-16-83-04 - Cover Crops 2,101.20  
 3775 Blue Earth County Drainage Authority - C-S Contract - 319-CDP-16-07-01 9,560.00  
 3776 Greg Entinger - 40-6-04 - MAWQCP - Worksheet Incentive 100.00  
**\$50,707.34**

**Accounts Payable - 8/28/19**

3777 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators \$4,334.00  
 3778 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator 282.00  
 3779 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist 6,520.78  
 3780 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist 6,466.61  
 3781 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist 3,450.60  
 3782 Cottonwood SWCD - Reimbursement - July Policy-Tech Meeting 564.38  
 3783 Cottonwood SWCD - Reimbursement WWT Grant 33 - 30 Hours 750.00  
 3784 Faribault County D.A. - JDIF - C-S - #319-CDP-22-02 73,384.50  
 3785 Greg Entinger - 40-6-04 - MAWQCP - Certification Incentive 200.00  
 3786 Rob Grover - 7-6-10 - MAWQCP - Worksheet Incentive 100.00  
**\$96,052.87**

**Accounts Receivable**

Minnesota Department of Ag. - July \$ 13,724.90  
 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency - 319-TMDL Grant - 37 \$ 18,380.24  
 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency - 319-TMDL Grant - 33 97,648.93  
**\$ 129,754.07**

**Bank Account Balances**

GBERBA Checking - #1839 \$ 58,056.92  
 GBERBA CWL Savings - #3367 46,970.78  
 GBERBA Operating Savings - regulated funds - #1871 30,017.44  
**\$ 135,045.14**



**Grant Balances and Projects**

**GBERBA Executive Board & Technical Committee Meeting - 8/28/19**

Grant Deadlines		Grant 33	Grant 37	Grant 39
County	Code	319 Drainage	Cover Crops/Intakes	Multi Purpose DM
	Project Dev. & T/E	8/31/2019	8/31/2020	12/31/2019
Blue Earth	7	\$104,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$226,000.00
Brown	8	\$9,560.00	\$10,427.49	\$86,325.00
Cottonwood	17		\$3,850.24	
Faribault	22	\$91,891.48	\$13,022.14	
Freeborn	24	\$0.00	\$69,180.74	\$1,575.00
Jackson	32		\$6,960.00	
LeSueur	40			\$50,000.00
Martin	46		\$6,497.50	
Waseca	81		\$6,124.13	
Watonwan	83		\$20,851.20	\$85,625.00
<b>Encumbered and/or Paid Totals</b>		<b>\$101,451.48</b>	<b>\$136,913.44</b>	<b>\$223,525.00</b>
<b>Funds Remaining</b>		<b>\$2,548.52</b>	<b>\$163,086.56</b>	<b>\$2,475.00</b>

319 Drainage	Grant 33	Grant 37	Grant 39	Expiration Date	Payment Date
CWF-R&G14	22-06x	CD514 - Farl. Co. D.A.	Grade Stab. - Altern. Inlets		
FY16 - CWP	22-02x	JCD No. 414		4/30/2018	12/20/2017
		Martin/Faribault Co. DA	Grade Stab. - Altern. Inlets	Administrative Move	
319-CDP-16	24-01	Stanley Thompson		12/31/18 to 8/31/19	
FY14-CWP-DRAIN-15	22-01	Faribault Co D.A.	Side Inlets (27)	6/1/2018	
			Grass Waterway-Grade Stab.	Administrative Move	
319-CDP-16	22-02	Faribault Co D.A. CD41	Side Inlets (19)	8/1/2019	
319-CDP-16	07-01	Blue Earth Co D.A. JD85	Side Inlets (5)	Administrative Move and Amendment to Increase Funding	6/27/2018
319-CDP-16	22-03	Faribault Co D.A. JD 1F	Side Inlets (29)	7/31/2019	7/19/2019
		<b>TOTAL</b>		Additional 7 Alternative Side Inlets increase Funding and Approved for 75% C-S	8/28/2019

319 Drainage/Cover Crops	Grant 37	Grant 39	Expiration Date	Payment Date
319-TMDL	46-01	Larry Cowing		
319-TMDL	17-01	Ramont Schrock	\$1,012.50 cover crops	12/20/2017
319-TMDL	46-02	Harvey Hagedorn	\$1,448.14 cover crops	12/20/2017
319-TMDL	24-01	Doug Redman	\$585.00 cover crops	10/30/2017
319-TMDL	07-01	Lucas Bunde	\$3,000.00 cover crops	11/17/2017
319-TMDL	22-01	Wegner Farms	\$1,075.28 cover crops	3/9/2018
319-TMDL	22-02	Ryan O'Hare	\$1,819.16 cover crops	10/30/2017
319-TMDL	22-03	Andy Linder	\$1,275.00 cover crops	3/9/2018
319-TMDL	22-04	J-Ace Farms, Inc	\$1,740.00 cover crops	10/30/2017
319-TMDL	22-05	Matt Alford	\$2,125.80 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-06	William Rauenhorst	\$1,408.34 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	22-07	Dean Schimek	\$1,740.00 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	22-08	Neal Mensing	\$1,920.00 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-09	Clint Eastman	\$1,932.00 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	07-03	Roger Hubmer	\$2,133.00 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-04	John Frey	\$2,784.75 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	22-10	Scott Volz	\$849.66 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	83-01	Greenwood Prop. LLC	\$2,552.40 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	83-02	Gary Dannhoff	\$3,000.00 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	17-02	Darby Harder	\$3,000.00 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	22-11	Dennis Baxter	\$2,775.00 cover crops	4/12/2019
319-TMDL	22-12	Dennis Baxter	\$500.00 alternative tile intakes	4/12/2019
319-TMDL	22-13	Steve Lawrence	\$250.00 alternative tile intakes	11/1/2018
319-TMDL	83-03	George Sill	\$250.00 alternative tile intakes	7/1/2020
319-TMDL	83-04	Jerry Sill	\$3,000.00 cover crops	7/1/2020
319-TMDL	07-02	Matt Warmka	\$2,101.20 cover crops	7/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-14	Brent Haase	\$2,681.25 cover crops	9/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-15	Scott Haase	\$1,119.69 cover crops	4/12/19 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	22-16	Kenneth Haase	\$925.90 cover crops	4/13/2019
319-TMDL	22-17	Eric Wegner	\$1,706.25 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	22-18	Jeff Schultz	\$1,500.00 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	46-03	David Ammann	\$1,195.90 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	81-01	Thomas Klug	\$0.00 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	07-05	John Rollings	\$1,497.38 cover crops	12/31/2018
319-TMDL	83-05	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$536.55 cover crops	12/31/2018
319-TMDL	22-19	Ryan Hagedorn	\$3,000.00 cover crops	9/15/2019
319-TMDL	22-20	Trails End Farm	\$2,077.50 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-21	Tim Peterson	\$2,194.50 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-22	Dominic Schultz	\$2,027.25 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-23	Greg Johanson	\$1,901.25 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-06	Ben Christensen	\$750.00 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-07	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$0.00 cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	83-08	Homewood Farms	\$0.00 cover crops	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-09	AVG II, LLC	\$3,000.00 cover crops	6/17/2019
319-TMDL	24-02	Glen Ausen	\$3,000.00 cover crops	6/17/2019
319-TMDL	24-03	Casey Madson	\$1,500.00 cover crops	12/1/18 to 12/1/19
319-TMDL	17-03	Curtis Janzen	\$2,460.00 cover crops	12/1/2018
319-TMDL	22-24	Ronald Volsen	\$2,100.00 cover crops	12/1/2018
319-TMDL	22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,461.80 cover crops	12/1/2018
319-TMDL	22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,925.00 cover crops	12/1/2018

**Grant Balances and Projects**

**GBERBA Executive Board & Technical Committee Meeting - 8/28/19**

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			319 Drainage	Cover Crops/Intakes	319 Drainage	Cover Crops/Intakes	Multi Purpose DM	
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Cottonwood	17		\$9,560.00	\$10,427.49	\$10,427.49	\$86,325.00		
Faribault	22		\$91,891.48	\$13,022.14	\$13,022.14			
Freeborn	24		\$0.00	\$69,180.74	\$69,180.74	\$1,575.00		
Jackson	32			\$6,960.00	\$6,960.00			
LeSueur	40			\$6,497.50	\$6,497.50	\$50,000.00		
Martin	46			\$6,124.13	\$6,124.13	\$85,625.00		
Waseca	81			\$20,851.20	\$20,851.20			
Watonswan	83							

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Funds Remaining		\$2,548.52	\$163,086.56	\$2,475.00

319-TMDL	83-10	Noren Durheim	\$750.00	cover crops	6/17/2019 to 12/31/19
319-TMDL	08-01	Steve Michels	\$1,500.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 11/1/19
319-TMDL	08-02	Bryon Christenson	\$2,350.24	cover crops	11/1/2018
319-TMDL	17-04	Ramont Schrock	\$924.00	cover crops	12/1/2018
319-TMDL	81-02	Naomi Schaezke	\$501.75	cover crops	12/1/2019
319-TMDL	81-03	Marvin Guse	\$750.00	alternative tile intakes	12/1/2019
319-TMDL	46-04	Larry Cowing	\$1,875.00	cover crops	12/31/2019
319-TMDL	46-05	Andrew Krusemark	\$2,000.00	cover crops	12/31/2019
319-TMDL	22-26	Matt Alford	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-27	Andrew Linder	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-28	Linder Family Farms	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-29	Leo Olson	\$1,250.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	46-06	Wade Krenz	\$1,025.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	17-05	Tom Muller	\$2,000.00	cover crops	12/31/2019
319-TMDL	22-30	William Rauenhorst	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	17-06	Ramont Schrock	\$1,775.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-31	Bill Anderson	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-32	Kurt Schimek	\$1,375.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-33	J-Ace Farms, Inc - J.Erdahl	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-34	Scott Volz	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-35	Tim Murray	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-36	Daryl Murray	\$1,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	17-07	Darby Harder	\$1,125.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	07-07	Roger Hubmer	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	07-08	John Rollings	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	81-04	Tom Klug	\$500.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	81-05	Dan Roemihildt	\$1,375.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-37	Mark Yokiel	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-38	Nathan Carr	\$1,750.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-39	Clint Eastman	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-40	Ryan Hagedorn	\$1,900.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-41	Eric Volsen	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
319-TMDL	22-42	Roger Iliff	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$136,913.44</b>		

FY17 Multipurpose Drainage		Grant 39	Expiration Date	Payment Date
07-01	%Craig Austinson	\$23,550.00	side inlets	1/12/2018
81-01	Byron Properties of New Richland	\$35,625.00	Bioreactor	
22-01	G&S Drainage & Excavating	\$1,575.00	Drainage Water Mgmt Plan Storage and Treatment Wetland	
40-01	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	\$50,000.00	Water Sediment Control	
07-02	%Craig Austinson	\$25,125.00	Basin or ASI/ASIRO	
07-03	%Craig Austinson	\$37,650.00	Water Sediment Control Basin or ASI/ASIRO	
81-02	Waseca County Drainage Authority	\$50,000.00	Storage and Treatment Wetland Restoration	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$223,525.00</b>	

12/1/18 to 12/1/19			
C-S Increase \$2,775.00	Amendment		1/12/2018
4/31/19			
12/1/19			
C-S Increase \$13,551.50	Amendment		10/12/2018
12/1/2019			
12/1/2019			
12/19/2019			



**GBERBA**

# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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**DATE:** AUGUST 28, 2019  
**TO:** GBERBA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS and DAVID BUCKLIN, GBERBA COORDINATORS  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT GBERBA TECHNICAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETING

## **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 FULLY ENCUMBERED**

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.

## **2019 Clean Water Fund Grant Potential**

GBERBA staff are 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.

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**DATE:** August 22, 2019

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

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

**Past Events:**

- July 30 to Aug 2 – Basic Conservation Planning Training, Morris, MN
- Aug 7 – Watonwan One Watershed, One Plan Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Aug 7 – Watonwan One Watershed, One Plan Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Aug 19 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN
- Aug 21 – Watonwan One Watershed, One Plan Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN

**Upcoming Events:**

- Aug 27 to Aug 28 – Cover Crop Logistics Training, Lambertton, MN
- Aug 28 – GBERBA Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Aug 28 – GBERBA Executive Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Sept 11 – Watonwan IWIP Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Sept 11 – Watonwan IWIP Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN

**Working on:**

- *Training:* I recently attended the NRCS Conservation Planning Training in Morris July 30 to August 2. This 4-day training covered the conservation planning process in great detail. August 27 to August 28 I will be attending a Cover Crop Logistics Training in Lambertton.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost Share:* A Semi-Annual report for the GBERBA Cover Crop Grant was completed and submitted to the MPCA at the end of July. With the Conservation Drainage Grant 33 expiring August 31 a Final Report will need to be put together and sent to the MPCA in the coming months.
- *GBERBA Grant Applications:* I have been working with Dave Bucklin on a Drinking Water Protection Grant Application for GBERBA. The overall purpose of the grant would be to protect and improve drinking water within the Greater Blue Earth River Basin. The application is targeting Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMAs) and Source Water Protection Areas completely within the Greater Blue Earth River Basin. Groundwater contaminants will be reduced/prevented by placing recommended BMPs outlined in Groundwater Restoration and Protection Strategies, County Local Water Management Plans, and Wellhead Protection Plans for each DWSMA. These BMPs include cover crops, tillage practices, nutrient management, conservation cover, and urban storm water management projects. In addition, GBERBA plans to apply for another CWF Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan Advisory Committee held a meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting covered the topics of habitat and recreation/wetlands. During this meeting the Advisory Committee discussed the measurable goals, actions, and programs in regards to these resource concerns. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> and will include the topics of groundwater and surface water (run off and flooding).

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Serving the counties of Blue Earth, Brown,  
Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, and  
Watonwan



# 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

August 20th, 2019

### Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Program Promotion
- NRCS - RCPP Applications
- Field Verifications
- FarmFest - 8/8/19
- 4R Field Day – 8/14/19
- Soil Health Coalition Kickoff - 8/16/19
- Farm BMP Showcase and Certification Presentation – LeSueur County – 8/28/19

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	12
LeSueur SWCD	7	4	3
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	8	7	6
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	9	9	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>51</b>

### MAWQCP Numbers as of 8-19-19

- 780 producers certified
- 522,432 acres certified
- 1,626 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 34,967 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 91,429 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 42,390 lbs. of P per year

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# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

August 20, 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, mapping, & uploading documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working on Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water MAWQCP incentive applications/assessments.

### Events:

- **Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** – Cover Crop/Soil Health Field Day – Luverne
- **Aug 6<sup>th</sup>** – SWMACDE Employees Meeting - Slayton
- **Aug 7<sup>th</sup>** – Farmfest helping Minnesota Soil Health Coalition (MNSHC)
- **Aug 16<sup>th</sup>**- Soil Health Kickoff – Redwood Falls
- **Aug 20<sup>th</sup>** – Cover Crop Field Day – Lambertton
- **Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** – Lincoln SWCD Cover Crop Field Day – Lincoln Co.

### Program Updates and Information:

- MAWQCP has certified over **780 farms**, including over **522,432 acres** with **1,626 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **34,967 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **91,429 tons** soil reduced per year, **42,390 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- The MAWQCP has signed a MOU with the MNSHC to provide support, promote, & work toward sustainable ag production.
- A Story Map has been launched on the MAWQCP website. You can view it here: <https://mnag.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Shortlist/index.html?appid=f5f1c86e75cd48bf9a79b5eccb51d36e>

### YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

<b>Area 5</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Assessments Completed</b>	<b>Actively Pursuing Cert.</b>	<b>Certifications</b>
Cottonwood SWCD	32	30	1	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	1	17
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	0	4
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	14	12	2	7
Murray SWCD	13	13	1	9
Nobles SWCD	14	13	0	9
Pipestone SWCD	39	37	1	18
Redwood SWCD	33	33	0	22
Rock SWCD	18	15	0	10
Yellow Medicine SWCD	23	23	2	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>125</b>

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### Workload:

- Assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Entering producer fields into Web Soil Survey to check for sensitive soils
- Assisting Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with filling in soil and nutrient management information for applicant's fields
- Attended producer meetings with Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers
- Assisted Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers with field verifications
- Assisted David Bucklin plant trees in Cottonwood County
- Assisted Hannah Herzfeld check RIM Easements in Cottonwood County
- Assisted Herman Bartsch design a seed mix for a waterway

### Projects and Events:

- Cottonwood SWCD Open House in Windom on 7/29
- Attended Cover Crop "How To" Event in Luverne on 8/1
- Farm Fest in Redwood Falls on 8/7
- Assisted Taylor Letexier NRCS and Hannah Herzfeld with Rainfall Simulator at the Cottonwood County Fair 8/14-8/17
- Continue to input maps and other data into the mapping and assessment tool

### Upcoming Events:

- 1W1P Steering Team in St. James on 8/21
- Cover Crop Logistics Training at the U of MN Lamberton Research Center on 8/27-8/28
- Conservation Corps Fall Retreat at Whitewater State Park on 9/9-9/11
- 1W1P Advisory Meeting in St. James on 9/11
- GBERBA Policy Meeting in Mankato on 9/13

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