

Month Ending 12/31/2019
GBERBA POLICY BOARD MEETING - 1/10/2020

Checking/Savings Beginning Balance - 11/30/2019	\$ 116,807.92
Total Receipts	90,804.29
Checking/Savings Balance - 12/31/19	(68,709.11)
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Receipts 12/1/19 to 12/31/19	\$ 138,903.10
Minnesota Department of Ag - November	\$ 16,920.17
2020 Dues - Faribault, Le Sueur and Watonwan	\$ 13,876.00
United Prairie Bank - Loan Advance (12/18/19)	\$ 60,000.00
Interest	8.12
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	\$ 90,804.29

Disbursements - 12/1/19-12/31/2019	
3816 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$4,334.00
3817 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	235.00
3818 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	8,845.88
3819 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	6,706.40
3820 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist - Grant 38 - November	1,621.30
3821 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist - Grant 38 - December - FINAL	1,143.20
3822 Cottonwood SWCD - Watonwan Watershed Specialist - Grant 37 - July - December	11,281.25
3823 Peterson Company LTD - Financial Statements for December 31, 2018	2,600.00
3824 Roger Hubmer - 319-TMDL-16-07-07 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,620.00
3825 John Rollings - 319-TMDL-16-07-08 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	500.00
3826 Ramont Schrock - 319-TMDL-16-17-06 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,207.60
3827 Matt Alford - 319-TMDL-16-22-26 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,356.60
3828 Andy Linder - 319-TMDL-16-22-27 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	2,000.00
3829 Linder Family Farms - 319-TMDL-16-22-28 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	2,000.00
3830 Leo Olson - 319-TMDL-16-22-29 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	888.00
3831 William Rauenhorst - 319-TMDL-16-22-30 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,180.00
3832 Kurt Schimek - 319-TMDL-16-22-32 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	825.00
3833 J-Ace Farms - 319-TMDL-16-22-33 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,119.20
3834 Scott Volz - 319-TMDL-16-22-34 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,180.00
3835 Tim Murray - 319-TMDL-16-22-35 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	557.37
3836 Daryl Murray - 319-TMDL-16-22-36 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	627.48
3837 Mark Vokiel - 319-TMDL-16-22-37 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,572.90
3838 Nathan Carr - 319-TMDL-16-22-38 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,165.25
3839 Clinton Eastman - 319-TMDL-16-22-39 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,446.53
3840 Ryan Hagedorn - 319-TMDL-16-22-40 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,180.00
3841 Eric Volsen - 319-TMDL-16-22-41 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,506.25
3842 Roger Iliff - 319-TMDL-16-22-42 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,165.50
3843 Shawn Hassing - 319-TMDL-16-22-43 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,125.00
3844 Jared Mensing - 319-TMDL-16-22-45 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,368.00
3845 Neal Mensing - 319-TMDL-16-22-46 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,440.00
3846 Doug Meyer - 319-TMDL-16-22-47 - Alternative Tile Intake Cost-Share	500.00
3847 Marvin Guse - 319-TMDL-16-81-03 - Alternative Tile Intake Cost-Share	250.00
3848 Dan Roemhildt - 319-TMDL-16-81-05 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	681.40
3849 Glen Ausen - 319-TMDL-16-24-02 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,050.00
3850 Mark Byron - 319-TMDL-16-81-06 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,430.00
3851 Ethan Quade - 17-5-23 - MAWQCP Certification Incentive	200.00
3852 Mike Longtin - 42-5-10 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3853 Mark Enninga - 53-5-12 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3854 Naomi Schaezke - 81-6-04 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3855 Mark Byron - 81-6-05 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
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	\$68,709.11

Accounts Payable - 1/10/2020	
3856 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$4,334.00
3857 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	235.00
3858 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,329.32
3859 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	8,688.06
3860 MCIT - 2020 Insurance Premium	3,187.00
3861 Andrew Krusemark - 319-TMDL-16-46-05 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,578.67
3862 Jim Opdahl - 42-5-11 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3863 Jason Miller - 51-5-12 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3864 Duane Baker - 59-5-29 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3865 Terry Aukes - 67-5-16 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
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	\$24,952.05

Accounts Receivable	
Minnesota Department of Ag - December	\$ 17,859.38
MPCA - Grant 37 - Cover Crop - July-December 2019 - Reimbursement	\$ 52,336.13
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	\$ 70,195.51

Bank Account Balances	
GBERBA Checking - #1839	\$ 73,344.29
GBERBA CWL Savings - #3367	35,528.78
GBERBA Operating Savings - regulated funds - #1871	30,030.03
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	\$ 138,903.10

GBERBA Policy Board Meetings - 1/10/2020

GBERBA Cost-Share Projects

Red (action needed)	Grant	County Number & Contract Funds	Original Contract Funds	Amendment	Payment Request	New Contract Funds	Slippage/Re-Encumbered Funds	Project Description	Total Project Cost	Approval Needed Local Board/ Tech/Policy-Exec
New Projects	Jared Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-48		\$832.50		Cover Crop - 37 ac	\$1,665.00		
	Neal Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-49		\$720.00		Cover Crop - 32 ac	\$1,440.00		
Cancellations	Neal Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-50		\$1,687.50		Cover Crop - 75 ac	\$3,375.00		
	Neal Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-51		\$1,080.00		Cover Crop - 45 ac	\$2,160.00		
	Neal Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-52		\$945.00		Cover Crop - 42 ac	\$1,890.00		
Amendments	Neal Mensing	319-TMDL-16	22-53		\$1,597.50		Cover Crop - 71 ac	\$3,195.00		
Administrative Change (From one grant to another)										
Partial Payment										
Completed Contracts										
Andrew Krusemark			319-TMDL-16	46-05			Cover Crop - 80 ac	\$421.33	\$3,157.33	Policy, Tech
MAWQCP Incentive Contracts										
Jim Opdahl	MAWQCP	42-5-11								
Jason Miller	MAWQCP	51-5-12								
Duane Baker	MAWQCP	59-5-29								
Terry Aukes	MAWQCP	67-5-16								
					\$100.00		Worksheet Incentive		\$100.00	Policy
					\$300.00		Worksheet/Certification		\$300.00	Policy
					\$100.00		Worksheet Incentive		\$100.00	Policy

GBERBA Cost-Share Projects

Grant Balances and Projects

GBERBA Policy Board Meeting -1/10/2020

		Grant Deadlines		Grant 37	Grant 39
		Project Funds		Cover Crops/Intakes	Multi Purpose DM
County	Code	Project Dev. & T/E			
Blue Earth	7			8/31/2020	12/31/2020
Brown	8			\$300,000.00	\$226,000.00
Cottonwood	17			\$10,047.49	\$86,325.00
Faribault	22			\$2,350.24	
Freeborn	24			\$13,677.14	\$1,575.00
Jackson	32			\$73,721.32	
LeSueur	40			\$6,510.00	
Martin	46			\$4,391.17	\$50,000.00
Waseca	81			\$6,917.23	\$85,625.00
Watonwan	83			\$20,101.20	
		Encumbered and/or Paid Totals		\$137,715.79	\$223,525.00
		Funds Remaining		\$162,284.21	\$2,475.00

319 Drainage/Cover Crops	Grant 37	319 Drainage/Cover Crops	Grant 37	Expiration Date	Payment Date
319-TMDL 46-01	Larry Cowing	\$1,012.50	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/20/2017
319-TMDL 17-01	Ramont Schrock	\$1,448.14	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/20/2017
319-TMDL 46-02	Harvey Hagedorn	\$585.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	10/30/2017
319-TMDL 24-01	Doug Redman	\$3,000.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	11/17/2017
319-TMDL 07-01	Lucas Bunde	\$1,075.28	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	3/9/2018
319-TMDL 22-01	Wegner Farms	\$1,819.16	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	10/30/2017
319-TMDL 22-02	Ryan O'Hare	\$1,275.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-03	Andy Linder	\$1,740.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-04	J-Ace Farms, Inc	\$2,125.80	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-05	Matt Alford	\$1,408.34	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-06	William Rauenhorst	\$1,740.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-07	Dean Schimek	\$1,920.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-08	Neal Mensing	\$1,932.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-09	Clint Eastman	\$2,133.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 07-03	Roger Hubmer	\$2,784.75	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 07-04	John Frey	\$849.66	cover crops	9/15/2019	3/8/2019
319-TMDL 22-10	Scott Volz	\$2,552.40	cover crops	9/15/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL 83-01	Greenwood Prop. LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 83-02	Gary Dannhoff	\$3,000.00	cover crops	4/12/2019	
319-TMDL 17-02	Darby Harder	\$2,775.00	cover crops	4/12/2019	
319-TMDL 22-11	Dennis Baxter	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes	11/1/2018	3/8/2019
319-TMDL 22-12	Dennis Baxter	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes	7/1/2020	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-13	Steve Lawrence	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes	7/1/2020	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 83-03	George Sill	\$3,000.00	cover crops	7/1/2020	9/19/2018
319-TMDL 83-04	Jerry Sill	\$2,401.20	cover crops	4/12/19 to 12/31/19	
319-TMDL 07-02	Matt Warmka	\$2,681.25	cover crops	4/13/2019	7/19/2019
319-TMDL 22-14	Brent Haase	\$1,119.69	cover crops	9/15/2019	
319-TMDL 22-15	Scott Haase	\$925.90	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-16	Kenneth Haase	\$1,706.25	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-17	Eric Wegner	\$1,500.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-18	Jeff Schultz	\$1,195.90	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 46-03	David Ammann	\$0.00	cover crops	12/31/2018	12/19/2018
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 to 12/31/19	
319-TMDL 22-19	Ryan Hagedorn	\$2,077.50	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-20	Trails End Farm	\$2,194.50	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-21	Tim Peterson	\$2,027.25	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-22	Dominic Schultz	\$1,901.25	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-23	Greg Johanson	\$750.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 83-06	Ben Christensen	\$0.00	cover crops		Cancelled
319-TMDL 83-07	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$0.00	cover crops		Cancelled
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	\$1,050.00	cover crops	12/1/18 to 12/1/19	12/20/2019
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	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,925.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 83-10	Noren Durheim	\$0.00	cover crops	6/17/2019 to 12/31/19	Cancelled
319-TMDL 08-01	Steve Michels	\$0.00	cover crops	11/1/18 to 11/1/19	Cancelled
319-TMDL 08-02	Bryon Christenson	\$2,350.24	cover crops	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 Schaeztkle	\$501.75	cover crops	12/1/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL 81-03	Marvin Guse	\$750.00	alternative tile intakes	12/1/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL 46-04	Larry Cowing	\$1,215.00	cover crops	12/1/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 46-05	Andrew Krusemark	\$1,578.67	cover crops	12/31/2019	9/13/2019
319-TMDL 22-26	Matt Alford	\$1,356.60	cover crops	12/31/2019	1/10/2020
319-TMDL 22-27	Andrew Linder	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 22-28	Linder Family Farms	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 22-29	Leo Olson	\$888.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 46-06	Wade Krenz	\$0.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 17-05	Tom Muller	\$1,222.40	cover crops	12/31/2019	Cancelled
319-TMDL 22-30	William Rauenhorst	\$1,180.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	11/8/2019
319-TMDL 17-06	Ramont Schrock	\$1,207.60	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL 22-31	Bill Anderson	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes	8/1/2020	12/20/2019

Grant Balances and Projects				GBERBA Policy Board Meeting -1/10/2020			
County	Code	Grant Deadlines Project Funds Project Dev. & T/E	Grant 37		Grant 39		
			Cover Crops/Intakes	8/31/2020	Multi Purpose DM	12/31/2019	
Blue Earth	7						
Brown	8		\$10,047.49		\$86,325.00		
Cottonwood	17		\$2,350.24				
Fairbault	22		\$13,677.14				
Freeborn	24		\$73,721.32		\$1,575.00		
Jackson	32		\$6,510.00				
LeSueur	40			\$4,391.17			
Martin	46			\$6,917.23			
Waseca	81		\$20,101.20		\$85,625.00		
Watsonwan	83						
Encumbered and/or Paid Totals							
Funds Remaining							
			\$137,715.79		\$223,525.00		
			\$162,284.21		\$2,475.00		

319-TMDL	22-32	Kurt Schimek	\$825.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-33	J-Ace Farms, Inc - J.Erdahl	\$1,119.20	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-34	Scott Volz	\$1,180.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-35	Tim Murray	\$557.37	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-36	Daryl Murray	\$627.48	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	17-07	Darby Harder	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	07-07	Roger Hubmer	\$1,620.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	07-08	John Rollings	\$500.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	81-04	Tom Klug	\$1,306.70	cover crops	8/1/2020	11/8/2019
319-TMDL	81-05	Dan Roemhildt	\$681.40	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-37	Mark Yokiel	\$1,572.90	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-38	Nathan Carr	\$1,165.25	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-39	Clint Eastman	\$1,446.53	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-40	Ryan Hagedorn	\$1,180.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-41	Eric Volsen	\$1,506.25	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-42	Roger Iliff	\$1,165.50	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	81-06	Mark Byron	\$1,430.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-43	Shawn Hassing	\$1,125.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-44	Schimek Enterprises	\$1,725.00	cover crops	11/1/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	17-08	Tony Dick	\$2,000.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-45	Jared Mensing	\$1,368.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-46	Neal Mensing	\$1,440.00	cover crops	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	81-07	Terry Groskreutz	\$750.00	cover crops	11/1/2019	
319-TMDL	22-47	Douglas Meyer	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes	8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-48	Jared Mensing	\$832.50	cover crops	8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	22-49	Neal Mensing	\$720.00	cover crops	8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	22-50	Neal Mensing	\$1,687.50	cover crops	8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	22-51	Neal Mensing	\$1,080.00	cover crops	8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	22-52	Neal Mensing	\$945.00	cover crops	8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	22-53	Neal Mensing	\$1,597.50	cover crops	8/25/2020	
TOTAL			\$137,715.79			

FY17 Multipurpose Drainage		Grant 39	Expiration Date	Payment Date
CWF-MDM-17	07-01	Blue Earth DA %Craig Austinson		1/12/2018
CWF-MDM-17	81-01	Byron Properties of New Richland G&S Drainage & Excavating	12/1/18 to 12/1/19 C-S Increase \$2,775.00	10-11-19 Held Until Approved by Tech
CWF-MDM-17	22-01		4/31/19	10/12/2018
CWF-MDM-17	40-01	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority Blue Earth DA	12/1/19	
CWF-MDM-17	07-02	%Craig Austinson Blue Earth DA	C-S Increase \$13,551.50	
CWF-MDM-17	07-03	%Craig Austinson	12/1/2019	
CWF-MDM-17	81-02	Waseca County Drainage Authority	12/1/2019	
TOTAL				

Amendment Partial Pmt
10-11-19 \$27,439.64
Amendment Ending Date
12-31-2020

Amendment - C-S Increase
Amendment Ending Date
12-31-2020

Amendment
12-31-2020

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2020
TO: GBERBA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS and DAVID BUCKLIN, GBERBA COORDINATORS
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT GBERBA POLICY 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! The GBERBA MAWQCP agreement has been extended for another two years.

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. **Grant End Date 8-31-2020**

For 2020 the cover crop acre limits are removed. At this point the 50% cost share rate will be continued.

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.

Grant Amendment Agreement has been approved to extend the expiration date to 12-31-2020.

One Watershed One Plan Planning Grants, Watonwan Watershed

The Watonwan 1W1P Project is in full swing completing the plan language. The Policy and Steering Committee will meet on January 15 to fine tune and approve measurable goals, actions, and programs table.

2020 Grant Applications

GBERBA staff submitted a Drinking Water Protection Grant application as well as a MDM Grant application for the 2020 Clean Water Fund. BWSR will announce the grant awards in January. **Congratulations to Faribault County for the Cover Crop Grant Award!**

2019 MAWQCP Conservation Corps Position

Lee Tapper has completed the 2019 Corps position requirements. Thank You, Lee! Lee has been hired by the Cottonwood SWCD as a Program Technician.

2020 MAWQCP Conservation Corps Position

Ashley Broussard has accepted the 2020 position. Her first day at the Cottonwood SWCD office will be the 22nd of January.

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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



MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

Herman Bartsch

AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

January 8th, 2020

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Promotion
- Conservation Tillage Conference – St. Cloud
- AgExpo – Mankato
- I-90 Soil Health Tour – Waseca, Fairmont

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	13
LeSueur SWCD	11	6	3
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	10	7	7
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	11	10	4
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	107	79	55

South Central MN has **nine new certifications** over the past year. **Eight new applications since October 2019.**

Common practices being used to gain certification include: **Alternative Tile Intake, Nutrient Management, Strip-Till/No-Till, Reduced-Till, Water & Sediment Control Basin, Cover Crop, Grassed Waterway**

Producers continue to use the MDA \$5,000 grant to install conservation practices that will address water quality concerns and help them gain certification.

MAWQCP is beginning to offer **three new endorsements** in addition to certification. Endorsements will recognize producers who are going above and beyond in the areas of **soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.**

The **Regional Conservation Partnership Program** with NRCS has been renewed for another **five years and nine million dollars**. This program offers a pot of EQIP money that producers can use to install conservation practices to help them become certified. Only certified producers, or those seeking certification have access to these funds.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 1-6-20

- 821 producers certified
- 558,373 acres certified
- 1,743 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,180 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 103,894 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 45,941 lbs. of P per year

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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 with Pipestone county on Soil Health Assessment project analyzing data and organizing a winter meeting to go over results. My goal in this project is to target potential new applicants and/or continue contact/provide services with previously certified producers
- Working on program promotion, and story map participation
- Contacting producers about endorsements

Events:

- Dec 3rd - Planning Meeting We Are Water - Pipestone, MN
- Dec 5th - Agronomy Update Meeting - Pipestone, MN
- Dec 18th-20th - MARL Seminar - Austin, MN

Program Updates and Information:

- ***NEW*** Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat and Soil Health are **ALL** now available for certified producers.
- **WRE dollars available** for 30 year & permanent easements. Please contact me if you know of an interested producer.
- The MAWQCP RCPP EQIP has been renewed!!!
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **820 farms**, including over **558,354 acres** with **1,743 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,180 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **103,894 tons** soil reduced per year, **45,941 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **36,988 CO_{2-e} tons** per year

YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

<u>Area 5</u>	<u>Applications</u>	<u>Assessments Completed</u>	<u>Actively Pursuing Cert.</u>	<u>Certifications</u>
Cottonwood SWCD	32	31	2	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	1	17
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	0	4
Lincoln SWCD	17	17	0	6
Lyon SWCD	14	13	1	7
Murray SWCD	13	13	0	10
Nobles SWCD	14	14	0	10
Pipestone SWCD	42	38	2	18
Redwood SWCD	34	34	1	22
Rock SWCD	20	16	2	10
Yellow Medicine SWCD	23	23	2	11
Totals	245	231	11	128

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YEAR END REPORT - 2019

By the Numbers:

- Received **25** Applications
- Completed **26** whole farm assessments
- Working with **11** producers to recommend resolutions to become certified
- Certified **19** producers

A note from Danielle

Overall these numbers are lower than I would have liked to see. The first two years of the program it seemed easier to reach producers who were already engaged in conservation. The past year has been more of a challenge trying to be more creative in my outreach and program promotion.

2019 Projects and Program Highlights:

- Assessment Incentive Partnership with Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water
- Attending MN Ag and Rural Leadership Seminars throughout the year
- Completed the 1st year of MAWQCP audits
- Worked as part of the Soil Health Endorsement Workgroup
- Partnered with Pipestone Soil and Water to offer soil health assessment outreach in hopes to build relationships with potential and previous MAWQCP producers
- MAWQCP signed a MOU with the new MN Soil Health Coalition, I have already seen great benefit from this partnership!
- MAWQCP Story Map was added to the mylandmylegacy.com website
- We Are Water MN traveling exhibit was announced to be in Pipestone in 2020. Working on MAWQCP farmer story pieces for the exhibit.
- Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management, Soil Health, & Wildlife were added to the certification lineup in December

2020 PLANS

- I'm planning to focus on new ways to engage producer's involvement in the program.
 - Local breakfast meetings - peer invitations
 - Continue to attend and speak at partner events/field days
 - Investigating potential new partnership opportunities in all 11 counties (i.e. rural water groups, watershed groups, environmental groups)
- 1st full year of program audits, I will be reviewing all of the 2016 certifications
- Focusing more on engaging and providing resources to my 11 SWCD's to make sure their needs are met as well as put together an outreach plan for each county

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