

MARCH TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 2/28/2019 \$344,956.41

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Trees and Down Payments	\$2,423.75
District Court - Restitution - January 2018	\$970.13
Bank of the West - February 2019 - Interest - Checking Account	\$2.91
Cottonwood County - First Quarter Allocation	\$13,000.00
State of MN - BWSR- Easement Completion - Kuecker, Porth	\$4,000.00
GBERBA - February Coordinator, WWWT, Cert Specialist	\$14,819.82
USDA - 2018 - NRCS Collaborative Grant - Oct - Dec 2018 - Southwest Prairie TSA	\$7,397.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$42,613.61

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

24192-198 Payroll 2/17/19 to 3/2/2019 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$14,769.71
24199-203 Incentive plus PERA MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$5,757.50
24204 Hardee's - Coffee - GBERBA Joint Meeting	\$21.38
24205 Mankato Armory - GBERBA Joint Meeting	\$60.00
24206 Citizen Publishing	\$1,645.99
24207 Staples Enterprises	\$202.63
24208 NCPERS - Group Life Ins March 2019	\$112.00
24209 Hwy 71 Storage- February Storage Unit Rent	\$45.00
24210 MN Onsite Wastewater Association - Dues	\$240.00
1457 Pagliai's Pizza - GBERBA Joint Meeting	\$357.61
24211 Postmaster-Postage Stamps	\$290.00
24212 VOID	\$0.00
24213 VOID	\$0.00
24214 Ducks Unlimited - Registration for Staff	\$70.00
24221 VOID	\$0.00
24215-222 Payroll 3/3/19 to 3/16/2019 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$14,558.34
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$38,130.16

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING \$349,439.86

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

3/21/2019

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24223	Delta Dental - April	\$190.30
24224	Cottonwood County - April Insurance	\$5,938.49
24225	Cottonwood County - Plat Books - (3) WCA, SSTS and Buffer Enforcement County	\$87.00
24226	Minn-Kota Properties - Rent	\$2,491.85
24227	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24228	Card Member Services - Manager's Mtg; GBERBA Mtg Supplies; Childrens Water Festival Supplies	\$337.95
24229	Hy-Vee - Childrens Water Festival Supplies and GBERBA Joint Policy/Tech Meeting Supplies	\$142.24
24230	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$189.49
24231	SWMACDE- Area Meeting Registration Dave & Hannah	\$20.00
24232	KDOM - Tree Advertising	\$36.72
24233	Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney - Attorneys - Investigation of Financial Issues	\$3,146.59
24234	ESRI - ArcGIS - Primary, Secondary, Single Use and Maintenance	\$2,750.00
24235	Herman Bartsch - Mileage, Cell Phone & Soil Health Summit Registrations, Meal	\$436.86
24236	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone Expense and Mileage - EROS Station - Linc Pass	\$59.70
24237	Kay Gross - Cell Phone, CrashPro, District Cell Phone, Mile - 2W2P Mtg - St. James	\$99.32
24238	Lee Tapper - Mileage	\$164.72
24239	VOID	\$0.00
24240	University of MN OSTP - Becky Buchholz SSTS Training	\$465.00
24241	University of MN WDCCP - Hannah Herzfeld Wetland Cert Delineator Program	\$1,000.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		\$17,642.23

District Checking Account Balance \$331,797.63

Balances as of 3-21-19

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance) \$50.00

FIRST QUARTER MEETINGS 2019

JANUARY

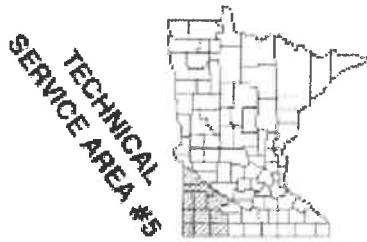
January 3	RCRCA/Area II Meeting – Marshall	- \$75.00
January 9	Southwest Prairie TSA Reviews & Meeting – Marshall	- \$75.00
January 11	GBERBA Policy Meeting - Mankato	- \$75.00
January 16	1W1P Watonwan Watershed Policy Committee Meeting – St. James	- \$75.00
January 24	SWCD Board Meeting – Office	- \$75.00
January 28	2W2P – Watonwan Kick-Off Meeting – St. James	- \$75.00

FEBRUARY

February 1	Mediation – Civil Case – Minneapolis	- \$75.00
February 4	SWCD Special Board Meeting – Office	- \$75.00
February 7	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Redwood Falls	- \$75.00
February 8	GBERBA Executive Meeting – Mankato	- \$75.00
February 22	Area V Meeting – Marshall	- \$75.00
February 28	SWCD Board Meeting – Office	- \$75.00

MARCH

March 1	1W1P Watonwan Watershed Policy Committee Meeting – St, James	- \$75.00
March 5-6	Legislative Day at the Capitol – St. Paul	- \$75.00 per Day
March 7	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Marshall	- \$75.00
March 8	GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – Mankato	- \$75.00
March 20	1W1P Watonwan Watershed Policy Committee Meeting – St. James	- \$75.00
March 21	SWCD Board Meeting – Office	- \$75.00



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DATE: MARCH 21, 2019
TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

NACD Grant – Technical Assistance Grant

Quarterly report was completed and submitted by the January 31 deadline. Thank you to Dawn Madison for all of her help with the submission!!!

2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

With the help of Dawn Madison and Becky Buccholz we were able to complete the submission of the 2019 NACD Technical Assistance Grant. We were one of three applications submitted from Minnesota totaling \$125,000.

NRCS Grant – Collaboration

Quarterly report was completed by January 31 deadline. We did need to make some adjustments in the online submission and with the help of Becky Buchholz we were able to complete the submission and have received the reimbursement totaling \$7,397.00. Funds will be forwarded to the TSA this month.

Southwest Prairie TSA Managers Meeting

A Southwest Prairie TSA Managers Meeting is being held on Friday, March 22 at Slayton, MN. Topics of discussion are as follows:

- Grant Updates
- TSA Staff Updates
- SWCD Updates – Technical Abilities of Loca Staff
- Present and Upcoming TSA – Request for Services
- Staffing Levels
- BWSR Update

Soil Health/Training Contract Position

A Performance Review Form has been developed and sent to all SWCD members for completion. Information gathered will be reviewed with the TSA Policy Board on April 1.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
February 2019**

<u>Use of Cash</u>	<u>Beginning Balance 2/1/2019</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance 2/28/2019</u>
Checking	\$ 5,739.60	\$ 59,042.31	\$ 49,590.98	\$ 15,190.93
Select Business Svg	\$ 861,814.01		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 851,814.01
Interest Money	\$ 51,811.09			\$ 51,811.09
Investments	\$ -			\$ -
Petty Cash	\$ 25.00			\$ 25.00
Total	\$ 939,389.70	\$ 59,042.31	\$ 79,590.98	\$ 918,841.03

Program Summary

JPO Fund Balance	\$ 51,811.09			\$ 51,811.09
FY19 NPEA Grant	\$ 91,534.48	\$ 8,642.31	\$ 17,306.59	\$ 82,870.20
FY19 NPEA Local Share	\$ -	\$ 7,092.00		\$ 7,092.00
FY17 NPEA Equipmer exp 06/30/2019	\$ 20,000.00			\$ 20,000.00
Technical Services	\$ 166,364.46			\$ 166,364.46
TSA Shared Technician	\$ 21,843.49			\$ 21,843.49
FY17 ESTS Pt 1-Lincoln exp-06/30/2019	\$ 16,450.97		\$ 6,730.93	\$ 15,112.56
FY17 ESTS Part 2(equipment)	\$ 32,392.89		\$ 6,413.46	\$ 10,037.51
FY17 ESTS Part 2-Local Share	\$ 8,017.96			\$ 8,017.96
FY17 ESTS Part 2- Admin	\$ 7,341.10			\$ 7,341.10
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$ 23,991.00			\$ 23,991.00
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	\$ 169,600.00			\$ 169,600.00
FY18 ESTS Admin	\$ 10,838.16			\$ 10,838.16
FY18 ESTS Equipment	\$ 34,700.00			\$ 34,700.00
FY19 ESTS Grant	\$ 240,000.00			\$ 240,000.00
FY19 ESTS Local Share	\$ -	\$ 13,308.00		\$ 13,308.00
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$ (7,397.00)			\$ (7,397.00)
NACD Technical Assistance Grant	\$ 51,901.10		\$ 19,140.00	\$ 32,761.10
Total	\$ 939,389.70	\$ 29,042.31	\$ 49,590.98	\$ 918,841.03

Balance Sheet Detail

As of February 28, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings Account									
Check	02/04/2019	2846	Murray SWCD						1,060,318.62
Transfer	02/04/2019			Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	-1,250.00	4,489.60
Deposit	02/04/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	20,000.00	24,489.60
Deposit	02/04/2019			Deposit		X	TSA-Technical...	3,400.00	27,889.60
Liability Check	02/04/2019	auto	Sun Life Insurance	cell phone De...		X	-SPLIT-	754.66	28,644.26
Check	02/05/2019	2847	Tom Foerster	Cell Phone Ja...		X	Telephone Exp...	-72.83	28,571.43
Check	02/05/2019	2848	Hoogendoorn, Russell	cell/rmfi		X	Telephone Exp...	-620.00	27,951.43
Check	02/05/2019	2849	Verizon	319hrs@60.0...		X	-SPLIT-	-149.21	27,802.22
Check	02/05/2019	2850	Verizon	autocad, meal...		X	Project Develo...	-19,140.00	8,162.22
Check	02/05/2019	2851	Cardmember Service	Created by P...		X	-SPLIT-	3,422.05	3,676.85
Check	02/06/2019	2852	QuickBooks Payroll ...	Area V Meeting		X	Direct Deposit ...	-7,098.90	-3,691.85
Check	02/07/2019	DD1114	SWMASWCD			X	Training Expen...	-15.00	0.00
Paycheck	02/07/2019	DD1114	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	ESTS 1-L...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	-3,691.85
Paycheck	02/07/2019	DD1115	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	-3,691.85
Paycheck	02/07/2019	DD1116	Mathys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	-3,691.85
Paycheck	02/07/2019	DD1117	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	-3,691.85
Liability Check	02/07/2019	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,250.66	-5,942.51
Liability Check	02/07/2019	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-381.00	-6,323.51
Liability Check	02/07/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	-6,548.51
Liability Check	02/07/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,388.75	-7,937.26
Liability Check	02/07/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	-7,977.26
Transfer	02/11/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	18,087.65	10,110.39
Liability Check	02/20/2019			Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	Select Business...	10,000.00	20,110.39
Paycheck	02/21/2019	DD1118	QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-7,098.93	13,011.46
Paycheck	02/21/2019	DD1119	Foerster, Thomas	Direct Deposit	ESTS 1-L...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,011.46
Paycheck	02/21/2019	DD1120	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,011.46
Paycheck	02/21/2019	DD1121	Mathys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	Shared T...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,011.46
Paycheck	02/21/2019	DD1121	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	13,011.46
Liability Check	02/21/2019	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,250.62	10,760.84
Liability Check	02/21/2019	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-381.00	10,379.84
Liability Check	02/21/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-225.00	10,154.84
Liability Check	02/21/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,388.75	8,766.09
Liability Check	02/21/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	8,726.09
Check	02/21/2019	2859	Verizon	battery		X	-SPLIT-	-154.21	8,571.88
Check	02/21/2019	2854	Gary's Service	area v meeting		X	Auto Expense	-165.95	8,405.93
Check	02/21/2019	2855	SWMASWCD	Deposit		X	Training Expen...	-15.00	8,390.93
Deposit	02/21/2019			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	6,800.00	15,190.93
Total Checking Account									15,190.93
Savings Interest Account									51,811.09
Total Savings Interest Account									51,811.09
Select Business Savings									
Transfer	02/04/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-20,000.00	881,814.01
Transfer	02/14/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	-10,000.00	861,814.01
Total Select Business Savings									851,814.01
Total Checking/Savings									851,814.01
Accounts Receivable									918,816.03
Accounts Receivable									0.00
Accounts Receivable									0.00



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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for March 21, 2019.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

There is ongoing work in Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties. One application is noticed for Cottonwood at this time. Watonwan has applied for a Road Authority Bank site project.

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

GBERBA has applied for a 319 MPCA Grant for Cover Crops. We have not heard yet if that is awarded to GBERBA. The joint GBERBA Policy-Technical meeting was held on March 8th and was well attended and was very informative. The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is moving at a fast pace. The first advisory committee meeting was held and went well.

3) Tree Program.

Tree orders have been coming in at a very steady pace. There are 55 tree orders so far for 3000 trees.

I have been asked to give a presentation on SWCD tree programs at the SWCD Area 5 employees meeting today.

4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies WRAPS

The completed WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. Staff is involved in the Des Moines, Little Cottonwood included in the Middle Minnesota, and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process all at the same time. Part of the WRAPS work is establishing pollution/impairment reduction goals. This includes, which BMP's will work and how many of each practice will be needed to meet goals, and then use this data to predict how long will it take to achieve the water quality goals.

5) State Cost Share

The SWCD has several waterway/basin project requests that have come in. So far several projects have been field checked and the estimates total over \$100,000 dollars for those projects. We do not have cost share dollars for these practices.

David Bucklin,
Cottonwood SWCD



COTTONWOOD
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Date: March 19, 2019

Name: Becky Buchholz (Farm Bill Assistant/Program Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Farm Bill Assistance, SSTS, Buffers, Feedlots, Planning and Zoning

Past Events:

- March 4, 2019 – Conflict Management Training in Worthington, MN
- March 5, 2019 – CREP Training, Mankato Armory in Mankato, MN
- March 6, 2019 – Children's Water Festival in Mankato, MN
- March 8, 2019 – GBERBA in Mankato, MN

Upcoming Events:

- March 26-27, 2019 – Public Administration Cohort Training in St. Cloud, MN
- March 28, 2019 – Ag Tech Note 31 Seed Training in Marshall, MN (rescheduled from February)
- April 30 – May 2, 2019 - Public Administration Cohort Training in St. Cloud, MN

Farm Bill Assistance:

- CREP and CRP are still closed for new applications. I have been completing eligibility for interested landowners with the caveat it could change after the new CRP policies and rates are finalized.
- We have quite a few RIM violations that will be fixed this past Fall after harvest due to crop encroachment. We were not able to get to all of these because we hadn't received contact back from landowners before winter, we will have to continue the remediation in Spring 2019.
- We currently have 8 active CREP applications in process, an additional three have been completed and paid out. There is still wetland restoration work to be done on these easements.
- I will be working with Hannah and Dave on getting more of our easement staked that are adjacent to cropland and staking new CREP easements this Spring.

SSTS:

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- Gearing up for the next SSTS season. Working on contractor beginning of season letters. Worked on an effluent screen handout to send out with COCs for new homeowners on effluent screen care and maintenance. Working on maintenance pumping letters and magnets for 2019 (2016 installed systems). Also sending out a postcard to those landowners that are in their second pumping maintenance schedule.
- Also working with MPCA on updating language on some of my letters that go out so if I need certain enforcement on straight pipes, I can do it through MPCA and not the county attorney.

Feedlots

- Will be working on downloading feedlot data and setting up registration feedlot update forms. The new system, TEMPO, does not automatically formulate the Registration Update forms like DELTA (old system) did. When the new registration cycle started in 2018 the State was backed up with thousands of previous registrations from 2014-2017 period and did not want any new cycle registrations for almost a year. They are now accepting current period re-registrations.



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Date: March 21, 2019

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Project Updates, Working on

Past Events:

- March 6th – Children’s Water festival

Upcoming Events:

- March 28th – Ag Tech note training
- April 6th – Farm and Home Show

Project Updates:

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 90%. Administrative Penalty Order and Corrective Action Notices have been finalized for the Buffer Law to send to landowners with non-compliant buffers. Letters have been put together and will be sent to landowners on March 27th and penalties will become valid on April 1st 2019.

Working on:

- Developing an alternative practices list, and making site visits to determine alternative practices for individual landowners.
- Working with Becky Alexander and occasionally going into the field to correct maps made in the office or working on individual buffer maps for landowners.
- Tracking buffer compliance using the BWSR BuffCAT tool is a continual process.
- Continuing SSTS mentoring
- Beginning work and prep for RIM site inspections and staking this summer.
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law to prepare to send out APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice to landowners with parcels that are non-compliant with the Buffer Law.



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
March 18th, 2019

Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Program Promotion
- Working with Lee
- WASCOB training 2-27-19
- Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting 3-6-19
- Midwest Soil Health Summit – Gustavus 3-12-19
- LeSueur Cover Crop Meeting 3-14-19

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	9	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	11
LeSueur SWCD	4	2	2
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	6	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	7	7	5
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	9	9	2
Watonwan SWCD	10	6	5
Total	95	73	48

MAWQCP Numbers as of 3-11-19

- 710 producers certified
- 467,164 acres certified
- 1,421 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 26,930 tons per year (53,860,940 lbs.)
- Soil loss reduced by 66,725 tons per year (133,449,433 lbs.)
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 31,143 lbs. of P per year

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Greater Blue Earth River Basin

March 19, 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:

- Feb 24th-March 1st – MARL Seminar –Washington DC
- March 8th – Managing Phosphorous Webinar
- March 14th – MAWQCP Lunch Promo – Nobles County (**Rescheduled Date to Be Determined**)
- March 20th-22nd – MARL Seminar - Crookston, MN
- April 3rd- ACS Meeting St. Paul

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 **715 farms**, including over **471,659 acres** with **1,432 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **26,937 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **67,496 tons** soil reduced per year, **31,878 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

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications
Cottonwood SWCD	31	29	0	13
Jackson SWCD	30	26	7	13
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	5	0	3
Lincoln SWCD	16	16	0	5
Lyon SWCD	14	12	1	7
Murray SWCD	12	12	0	9
Nobles SWCD	13	13	0	9
Pipestone SWCD	31	30	0	16
Redwood SWCD	31	31	1	21
Rock SWCD	18	15	1	9
Yellow Medicine SWCD	22	22	3	9
Totals	224	211	13	114

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DATE: March 21, 2019

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Feb 8 – GBERBA Executive Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Feb 21 – WASCOB Training, Marshall, MN
- Mar 1 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Team Meeting, St. James, MN
- Mar 1 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Mar 6 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Mar 6 – Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Mar 8 – GBERBA Policy/Tech Meeting, Mankato, MN
- Mar 19 – Watonwan SWCD Board Meeting, St. James, MN

Upcoming Events:

- Apr 3 – Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Apr 10 – Filter Strip Training, New Ulm, MN

Working on:

- *Training:* I recently attended a WASCOB training in Marshall; this training session covered how to use various WASCOB design programs such as EFT (Engineering Field Tool), and the WASCOB design spreadsheet for the design of Water and Sediment Control Basins. In addition, I plan on attending a filter strip training April 10th in New Ulm.
- *Watonwan County/SWCD:* In Watonwan County I have been working with the SWCD researching potential projects for the St. James Golf Course which has bank erosion problems along the South Fork Watonwan River. In addition, I have been working with the SWCD researching potential projects for section 18 of Riverdale Township in Watonwan County which has problems with the Watonwan River flooding a bridge.
- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost Share:* Hannah and I recently sent out post-cards informing landowners of the GBERBA cover crop cost-share available in the Watonwan Watershed, the cost share is for 50% and is up to 80 acres maximum per landowner. Last August we sent out a mass mailing to landowners and had a few interested landowners respond. It is our hope that this year we have even more interest from Cottonwood County landowners. The GBERBA cover crop cost-share is a great opportunity for farmers and landowners who are new to cover crops to try it out for the first time.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The first Advisory Committee Meeting for the Watonwan 1W1P was held March 6th in St. James. The first meeting was an introductory meeting; Houston Engineering presented to the Advisory Committee members the details of 1W1P and the 1W1P process, and the duties of the Advisory Committee. The first meeting was a great opportunity for citizens on the Committee to ask Houston Engineering and state and local agency staff any questions they have regarding 1W1P and the Committee. The plan going forward for the Advisory Committee is to hold meetings once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for April 3rd.



Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Agriculture and Water Outreach Corpsmember
Conservation Corps of MN & IA
Lee Tapper



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



March 21, 2019

Workload:

- Assisting Herman and Danielle 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 and Danielle with filling in soil and nutrient management information for applicant's fields
- Reading through the MAWQCP binder and other information about the program
- Attended producers meetings with both Herman and Danielle
- Assist Herman with field verifications

Projects and Events:

- Attended Children Water Festival in Mankato on 3/6
- Met with a Producer with Danielle in Pipestone on 3/7
- Attended a GBERBA Policy Technical Meeting in Mankato on 3/8
- Attended the Midwest Soil Health Summit in St. Peter on 3/12
- Attended a County Commissioner Meeting in Windom on 3/19
- Attended the 1W1P in St. James on 3/20
- Continue to input maps and other data into the mapping and assessment tool

Upcoming Events:

- Steering/Advisory Committee Meeting on 4/3
- Attending the Farm and Home Show in Windom on 4/6
- Attending the Ducks Unlimited Banquet in Windom on 4/6
- Filter Strip Training in New Ulm on 4/10
- Attending the GBERBA Tech Meeting on 4/12

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COTTONWOOD **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Date: March 21, 2019

Name: Alex Schultz

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Planning and Zoning, and Ag. Inspecting

Past Events:

- March 7th- Floodplain Training
- March 13th- Year end feedlot review

Upcoming Events:

- March 26 – 28th- MACFO Conference
- April 4th- Planning Commission Meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - Date set for April 4th at 1:30
 - David Wolfe Gravel Pit
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 1 Issued
 - CUP, 2 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- Feedlot Annual Review was completed with a 90% Passing grade