

JANUARY TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balance 12/19/19 \$264,907.48

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Cottonwood County - August & September Contract & P&Z	\$13,549.41
State of MN - EFT PERA Rate Increase Aid	\$223.50
GBERBA - November Coordinator	\$4,334.00
GBERBA - November Area 6 Specialist	\$6,706.40
GBERBA - November WWT	\$1,621.30
GBERBA - December WWT	\$1,143.20
GBERBA - July-December Grant 37 Reimbursement - WWT	\$11,281.25
Cottonwood County - WC Insurance Audit	\$596.00
Interest - December	\$2.50
MASWCD - Reimburse for 2 Meals @ Convention	\$64.00
Ron Nickel - Downpayment on Trees	\$40.00
GBERBA - December 2019 Coordinator	\$4,334.00
GBERBA - December Contract Area 6 Specialist	\$8,688.06
Cottonwood County - October & November 2019 Contract & P&Z	\$14,609.67
Tom Hansen - Downpayment on Trees	\$200.00
Justin Smith - Tree Sales	\$382.00
Tom Appel - Tree Sales	\$148.56
Watsonwan County - Reimburse for 1W1P	\$178.16
Cottonwood County - December 2019 Contract & P&Z	\$7,563.36

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$76,665.37**

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

Direct Deposit	PERA, MN Dept of Rev & Bank of the West for Payroll Ending 12/20/19	\$5,749.55
24603	Clark Lingbeek	\$1,741.40
24604	Cody Duroe	\$177.96
24605	Daryl Tasler	\$207.79
24606	Jeremy Nerem	\$207.79
24607	Tom Muller	\$409.64
EFT1220	PERA DCP	\$135.00
EFT3019	MN Dept of Revenue	\$19.13
EFT122019	Bank of the West	\$388.99
Direct Deposit	Payroll 12-22-19 to 12-31-19 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$12,147.95
EFT123119	Bank of the West - Direct Deposit Fees	\$17.00
Direct Deposit	Payroll 1-1-20 to 1-4-2020 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$5,911.63
24608	The Hartford - LTD January 2020	\$163.13
24609	Hwy 71 Storage - Rent January 2020	\$45.00
24610	CDW Government - 2 Monitors	\$1,070.52
24611	Delta Dental - January 2020 Dental Insurance	\$152.60
24612	NCPERS - January 2020 Life Insurance	\$112.00
24613	Sun Life Financial - December 2019 Critical Illness	\$2.35
24614	Sun Life Financial - STD January 2020	\$32.00
24615	SWPTSA - NRCS Collaborative Grant June-August 2019	\$13,949.00
24616	SWPTSA - 2019 NACD Grant	\$31,250.00
Direct Deposit	Payroll 1-5-20 to 1-18-20 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$18,561.48

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$92,451.91**

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING **\$248,120.94**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1/23/2020

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24617	Cottonwood County - February 2020 Rent	\$1,900.00
24618	Cottonwood County - February Insurance	\$4,308.08
24619	Cottonwood County Recorder - Record 3 NoFr's	\$138.00
24620	Sun Life Financial - January 2020 Critical Illness	\$6.59
24621	Staples Enterprises - Gas - December	\$127.35
24622	Citizen Publishing - Site Hosting (2)	\$30.50
24623	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24624	Hy-Vee - District Supplies	\$19.19
24625	Cardmember Services - State Convention, Trees, Fees & Dues	\$535.36
24626	Office Depot - Office Supplies	\$277.53
24627	WDR#54 Deputy Register - Renew Tabs 3 District Vehicles	\$57.75
24628	David Jungas - Title Insurance Kretsch	\$1,286.50
24629	SHI International Corp - 2 Computers	\$1,294.00
24630	Indoff Inc. - Office Supplies, Desk, Hutch, Floor Mat	\$1,676.00
24631	MCIT - WC & PC Insurance Renewal	\$9,126.00
24632	Murray SWCD - Oct, Nov, Dec 2019 Admin	\$4,578.08
24633	MACFO - Membership & Conference Registration - Lee Tapper	\$275.00
24634	MACDE - 2020 Membership 8 Employees	\$200.00
24635	SWPTSA - 10% Local Share	\$3,400.00
24636	SWMACDE - 2020 Area 5 Dues	\$400.00
24637	MASWCD - 2020 Dues	\$3,195.53
24638	NACD - 2020 Dues	\$775.00
24639	David Bucklin - Parking & Gas Civic Engagement Mtg	\$45.10
24640	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone	\$30.00
24641	Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$138.10
24642	Kay Gross - Cell Phone (2)	\$55.24

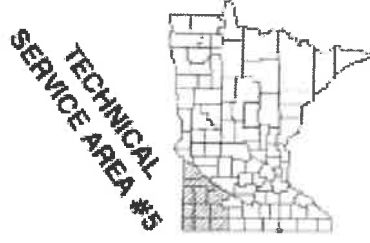
TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE **\$33,960.80**

District Checking Account Balance **\$214,160.04**

Balances as of 1-23-2020

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance)	\$50.00
Savings Account Balance	\$60,000.00
December 2020 - Interest on Savings	\$4.93
Savings Account Balance:	\$60,004.93

Account Balances: Checking/Savings/Petty Cash: \$264,214.97



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2020
TO: SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS
FROM: KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR
SUBJECT: COORDINATOR REPORT

2018 NACD Grant – Technical Assistance Grant

Final report has been completed and closed out as of 10-15-2019.

2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant

We have been awarded through the next grant round of \$125,000, and have completed the grant agreement and we have received our first payment of \$31,250.00. Our contract with Centrol has extended to 12-31-2019 with a balance of \$20,010.

Quarterly report was submitted by the January 20 deadline.

Opportunity to submit for a third round of funding. Deadline is February 17, 2020.

2018 NRCS Collaboration Grant

Quarterly and Financial Reports were completed and submitted by the January 20 deadline.

Soil Health/Training Contract Position

Dawn Madison is continuing to work with District staff in gaining Job Approval Authority and also working on grant obligations for NRCS.

MASWCD State Convention Presentation and Panel Discussion

Russell Hoogendoorn presented a slide show of unique projects from Area 5 and I participated on a panel of TSA Host Administrators/Managers, which brought forth a lot of good discussion.

Engineering Technician Positons

We held interviews with preferred candidate declining offer. Chris Wall has submitted his resignation effective December 27, 2019.

Job Announcement out for Engineering Technician with deadline of Friday, January 24.

Personnel Reviews

Personnel reviews were completed prior to the January 8 TSA meeting. Board approved a 2.5% COLA and an overall increase on the payscale of 5% (total increase 7.5%).

Southwest Prairie Technical Service Balance Sheet Detail As of December 31, 2019

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
ASSETS									
Current Assets									
Checking/Savings									
Checking Account									
Transfer	12/02/2019	2975	Sun Life Insurance	Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	Select Business...	20,000.00	1,129,612.04
Liability Check	12/04/2019		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	-SPLIT-	-84.63	993,132.72
Liability Check	12/11/2019		Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,684.06	992,715.83
Paycheck	12/12/2019	DD1208	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	16,763.56
Paycheck	12/12/2019	DD1209	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	36,678.93
Paycheck	12/12/2019	DD1210	Wall, Christopher M	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	29,994.87
Paycheck	12/12/2019	DD1211	EFTPS	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	29,994.87
Liability Check	12/12/2019	auto	MN Revenue	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	29,994.87
Liability Check	12/12/2019	auto	MSRS			X	Slate Withholdi...	-2,270.84	27,724.03
Liability Check	12/12/2019	auto	PERA			X	HCSP-Def C	-389.00	27,335.03
Liability Check	12/12/2019	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-225.00	27,110.03
Liability Check	12/12/2019	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-1,336.00	25,774.03
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2855	Green Garden Place...			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	25,734.03
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2956	Blue Mound Auto Gl...	Rock Chip		X	Accounts Paya...	-4,255.60	21,478.43
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2957	Frontier Precision	BIPOD, Rove...		X	Accounts Paya...	-65.00	21,413.43
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2958	Cardmember Service			X	Accounts Paya...	-516.45	20,896.98
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2959	Chandler Co-op			X	Accounts Paya...	-383.98	20,513.00
Bill Pmt -Check	12/13/2019	2960	Gary's Service	gas		X	Accounts Paya...	-418.02	20,094.98
Liability Check	12/16/2019	2961	MN PEIP	oil change		X	Accounts Paya...	-47.66	20,047.32
Liability Check	12/16/2019	2962	Chris Wall			X	Health Insuran...	-1,950.10	18,097.22
Bill Pmt -Check	12/16/2019	2963	DLT Solutions, LLC	Civil 3D 2020-...		X	Accounts Paya...	-44.31	18,052.91
Bill Pmt -Check	12/17/2019	2964	Verizon			X	Accounts Paya...	-12,191.36	5,861.55
Transfer	12/18/2019		Chris Wall	Funds Transfer	NPEA	X	Accounts Paya...	-162.12	5,699.43
Bill Pmt -Check	12/19/2019	2965	Chris Wall			X	Select Business...	20,000.00	25,699.43
Deposit	12/23/2019			Deposit		X	Accounts Paya...	-240.00	25,459.43
Liability Check	12/24/2019		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Misc. Revenue	1,303.94	26,763.37
Paycheck	12/26/2019	DD1212	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,684.05	20,079.32
Paycheck	12/26/2019	DD1213	Matthys, Benjamin	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	20,079.32
Paycheck	12/26/2019	DD1214	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	NPEA	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	20,079.32
Paycheck	12/26/2019	DD1215	Wall, Christopher M	Direct Deposit	FY18 ES...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	20,079.32
Liability Check	12/26/2019	Auto	EFTPS	Direct Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	20,079.32
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	MN Revenue	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	20,079.32
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	MSRS			X	State Withholdi...	-2,270.86	17,808.46
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	PERA			X	HCSP-Def C	-389.00	17,419.46
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-225.00	17,194.46
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,336.00	15,858.46
Liability Check	12/26/2019	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-40.00	15,818.46
Deposit	12/30/2019			Deposit		X	Undeposited F...	3,400.00	19,218.46
Total Checking Account									
Savings Interest Account									
Deposit	12/31/2019			Deposit			Interest on Sav...	2,454.90	19,218.46
Total Savings Interest Account									
Select Business Savings									
Transfer	12/02/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	4,032.95	56,138.26
Transfer	12/18/2019			Funds Transfer			Checking Acco...	60,171.21	60,171.21
Total Select Business Savings									
Total Checking/Savings									
Total									
								-40,000.00	60,171.21
								-20,000.00	919,814.01
								-20,000.00	899,814.01
								-40,000.00	879,814.01
								-33,512.15	879,814.01
									959,203.68

Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
December 2019

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 12/1/2019	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 12/31/2019
Checking	\$ 16,763.56			
Select Business Svg	\$ 865,814.01	\$ 44,703.94	\$ 42,249.04	\$ 19,218.46
Interest Money	\$ 56,138.26	-	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 825,814.01
Compensated Absences	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 4,032.95	-	\$ 60,171.21
Total	\$ 992,715.83	\$ 48,736.89	\$ 82,249.04	\$ 959,203.68
Program Summary				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 56,138.26			
FY19 NPEA Grant	-	\$ 4,032.95		\$ 60,171.21
FY19 NPEA Local Share	-			-
FY19 NPEA Admin	7,466.51			-
FY20 NPEA	79,418.32	1,303.94	16,969.43	7,466.51
FY20 NPEA Administration	7,500.00			63,752.83
Technical Services	139,465.35			7,500.00
TSA Shared Technician	-			139,465.35
Training	-			-
Compensated Absences	3,000.00			-
FY17 ESTS Pt.1-Lincoln exp-06/30/2019	54,000.00			3,000.00
FY17 ESTS Part 2(equipment)	-			54,000.00
FY17 ESTS Part 2-Local Share	-			-
FY17 ESTS Part 2- Admin	9,691.32		9,691.32	-
FY18 ESTS Local Share	-			-
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	23,991.00			23,991.00
FY18 ESTS Admin	74,866.94			64,517.65
FY18 ESTS Equipment	12,462.90		10,349.29	12,462.90
FY19 ESTS Grant	6,698.37			6,698.37
FY19 ESTS Admin	210,750.00			210,750.00
FY19 ESTS Local Share	29,250.00			29,250.00
FY20 ESTS Grant	24,398.00			24,398.00
FY20 ESTS Administration	201,704.80			201,704.80
FY20 ESTS Local Share	40,795.20			40,795.20
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	(14,731.14)	3,400.00	5,239.00	3,400.00
FY20 NACD Grant	25,850.00			(19,970.14)
NACD Technical Assistance Grant	-			25,850.00
Total	\$ 992,715.83	\$ 8,736.89	\$ 42,249.04	\$ 959,203.68



COTTONWOOD

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for January 23, 2020.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

In Cottonwood, I am working on the Cottonwood County Road #7, and the Bingham Lake City Storm Water Pond applications.

2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan

GBERBA has three grants submitted to the BWSR at this time. At this point, it looks like none of the applications was successful. The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is moving at a fast pace, we are now proofing sections of the plan.

3) Tree Program.

The Cottonwood SWCD wrote a Lawns to Legumes Pollinator grant through BWSR. Pollinator Habitat could have a positive impact on trees sales, as many important pollinators are trees. In addition, there may be a need to carry pollinator native forbs/plants for sale.

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 that is included in the Middle Minnesota watershed and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process all at the same time.

At the Des Moines WS meeting on January 8, 2020, a vote passed to approve the Jackson SWCD to be the financial entity for the group if a 1W1P application is successful.

5) Pollinator Habitat Grant Opportunity

With Pollinators being so important to our economy and rural way of life, I would like to promote pollinator tree plantings in all areas. The MN CREP program has tree and shrub planting opportunities available. These plantings could be very important for pollinators if promoted by our office.

County Request

- 6) I attended a County Commissioners meeting and requested funds from the Buffer Program Enforcement fund to correct four settled bioreactors around Fish Lake, and ongoing dollars to assist initiating a local water quality projects. The amount is \$5,000 dollars per year, starting in 2020.**

David Bucklin Cottonwood SWCD



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Date: January 23, 2020

Name: Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

Past Events:

- Conservation Desktop training – January 6-7th

Upcoming Events:

- WASCOB EFT Training – January 22nd
- Nutrient Management Training – February 14th

Project Updates:

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 96%. Administrative Penalty Order and Corrective Action Notices were sent to landowners. SWCD and the County are working congruently to assist landowners with bringing landowners into compliance with the Buffer Law and will be conducting site visits and inspections this summer and fall.

Staking RIM easements that were not previously staked, and working with the landowners to correct RIM violations.

Working on:

- Developing an alternative practices list, and making site visits to determine alternative practices for individual landowners.
- Tracking buffer compliance using the BWSR BuffCAT tool is a continual process.
- Continuing SSTS mentoring, and continuing education.
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law and conducting site visits for landowners who received a APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice, and working with landowners to come into compliance.
- Conservation Planner AgLearn courses.
- Cover crop meeting planning.
- Working towards Cover crop, waterway JAA, and certified conservation planner



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 21st, 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 Jan 22nd & 23rd
- SW MN Wastewater Operators Association Meeting – Fairmont Feb 5th
- I-90 Soil Health Tour – Waseca Feb 27th, Fairmont

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	10	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	11	6	5
Total	109	80	55

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 1-13-20

- 823 producers certified
- 560,940 acres certified
- 1,747 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,281 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 103,954 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,099 lbs. of P per year

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DATE: January 23, 2020

NAME: Josh Votruba
Watershed Technician

Topics: Past Events, Upcoming Events, Working on

Past Events:

- Jan 8 – Des Moines 1W1P Meeting, Windom, MN
- Jan 9 – Civic Engagement/Public Participation Networking & Co-learning Event, Mankato, MN
- Jan 15 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 15 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting, St. James, MN
- Jan 22 – EFT WASCOB Training, Marshall, MN

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 5 – Watonwan 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting, St. James, MN

Working on:

- *GBERBA Cover Crop Cost-share:* Continue to work with landowners within Cottonwood County on the GBERBA cover crop cost-share. Recently GBERBA has removed the acre limit of 80 acres for the cover crop cost-share. As a result, landowners are no longer restricted on the amount of acres they can enroll into the GBERBA cover crop cost-share. In addition to working with the cover crop grant, I have been working with Hannah and Lee in putting together a cover crop mailing/post-card for Cottonwood County landowners. We are looking at possibly putting together a cover crop group/Soil Health Team in Cottonwood County.
- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Watonwan 1W1P Advisory Committee has begun the process of reviewing and commenting on draft sections of the Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The Watonwan Advisory Committee has sent me comments to be consolidated for draft sections 2 (Introduction), 3 (Land and Water Resources Narrative), and 4 (Identification and Prioritization of Resource Categories, Concerns, and Issues). Comments for draft sections 7 (Implementation Programs) & 8 (Plan Administration & Coordination) are due to me Jan 24. The comments for sections 2,3,4,7 & 8 will be consolidated and sent back to the Steering Team for review Jan 29. During the February 5 Steering Team Meeting the Steering Team will go over the comments for sections 2,3,4,7 & 8.
- *GBERBA ELINK Grant Reporting:* Continue the process of entering GBERBA project information into Elink for GBERBA Grant 37 (cover crops/alternative tile intakes).
- *GBERBA Grant 37 Semi-Annual Report:* Have been assisting Kay and Dave with the MPCA semi-annual report for GBERBA Grant 37 (Cover Crops/Alternative Intakes), this report is due February 1.



COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



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Date: January 23, 2020

Name: Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

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

Past Events:

- Des Moines 1W1P Steering Meeting in Windom on 1/8
- Watonwan 1W1P Steering/Policy Meeting in St. James on 1/15
- WASCOB Design Training in EFT in Marshal on 1/20

Upcoming Events:

- Advance Nitrogen Smart Training in Fairmont on 1/30
- Nutrient Management Conference in Mankato on 2/4
- Introductory Nutrient Management in Lamberton on 2/5
- BWSR-TTCP Grassed Waterway Training in Owatonna on 2/13

Project Updates:

Working with Alex Schultz with the Minnesota State 7020 Feedlot Code. Filling out Minnesota Feedlot Inspection Checklist, Running MinnFarm on feedlots that have open lots, Feedlot inspections, and sending letters to Feedlot owners notify them on completion of feedlot inspections.

Working with Hannah Herzfeld, Josh Votruba, and Dave Bucklin on planning cover crop meetings, creating surveys on cover crops/soil health, and coming up with soil health ideas for Cottonwood County landowners/farmers.

Attended the Des Moines 1W1P Meeting in Windom at the DNR Building. Meeting was about what SWCD would be the Physical Agent for Des Moines 1W1P, forming a Policy Board, and going over the Template.

Working on:

- Filling out Feedlot Inspection Forms
- Finishing up MinnFarm on Feedlot operations that have open lots
- Attending Feedlot Inspections with Alex Schultz
- Cover Crop Meeting Planning

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COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Date: January 23, 2020

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- January 8th- Land use Meeting
- January 21st- Wellhead Meeting

Upcoming Events:

- January 30th- Nitrogen Management
- February 4th- Nutrient Management
- February 5th- Ag Inspectors meeting

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
 - Upcoming- Shed in Shoreland, Reviewing of Ordinances, Asphalt Plants
- **Board of Adjustments**
 - None
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 4 Issued
 - CUP, 0 Issued
 - Variance, Issued 0

Feedlots

- None



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

December 30, 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 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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Introduction:

- Hello, my name is Ashley Broussard and I am the Agriculture and Water Outreach Americorps member serving with the Conservation Corps of MN & IA. I will be working with Cottonwood SWCD this year.
- I am originally from Plainfield, IL, a suburb of Chicago. I graduated from Northern Illinois University this past December with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and an Emphasis in Water Science.
- I have a wide variety of field experience gained through student volunteering, upper division field courses, and an internship with Kane County Division of Environmental and Water Resources.
- I am looking forward to learning more about MAWQCP and am excited to be a part of this amazing team.

Projects:

- Attended Conservation Corps individual placement orientation in St. Paul.
- Visit to Minnesota History Center with Conservation Corps.
- Introductions/orientation at Cottonwood SWCD.
- Introduction to MAWQCP and GBERBA.

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