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**COTTONWOOD COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP LISTENING SESSION AGENDA**  
**Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**210 10<sup>th</sup> St**  
**Windom, Minnesota 56101**  
**June 25th, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.**

**INTRODUCTION**

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS YEAR EQIP**

- In 2019, 6 EQIP and RCPP-EQIP applications were funded and turned into contracts totaling \$168,326.94.
- Practices in the contracts: 1 Prescribed Grazing, 1 Nutrient Management Plan, 228.4 acres of Cover Crop, 1 Water and Sediment Control Basin, 1 Grassed Waterway, 1 Waste Storage Facility, 20 acres of Nutrient Management, and 125.0 acres of No-till/Strip till.
- For 2020 sign-up, we had 45 applications, of which 37 were eligible and screened high, moving forward to planning. None have been accepted for funding to date.

**REVIEW PREVIOUS YEAR CSP**

- In 2019, 4 CSP applications were funded and turned into contracts totaling \$12585.00 in 1<sup>st</sup> year payments covering 2,448.0 acres.
- For 2020, we have 14 CSP applications, yet to be determined which ones are selected for funding.

**REVIEW PREVIOUS YEAR ACEP (ALE & WRE)**

- We received no ACEP applications in 2019 or 2020.

**FY2019 PRIORITY RESOURCE CONCERNS, PRACTICES AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS**

- Priority Resource Concerns: Soil Erosion – Sheet, rill & wind and Excessive bank erosion from shorelines, Water Quality Degradation – Excessive sediment in surface waters and Excess nutrients in surface and ground waters and Inadequate Habitat for Fish & Wildlife – Habitat Degradation.
- Recommended practices: Cover Crops and Grassed Waterways

**TOPICS TO DISCUSS:**

- Identify significant local and statewide natural resources concerns
- Technical programmatic recommendations
- Need for statewide public information and outreach campaigns
- Guidelines for developing ranking criteria for evaluating applications
- Guidance on eligible conservation practices
- Technical guidance on conservation practices, including new, innovative practices
- Identifying, monitoring and analyzing performance indicators
- Evaluating and reporting program impacts on natural resources and the environment
- Coordinating with other Federal, State, tribal, and local public and private activities

**Air Quality** (Air pollution includes particles in the air or toxic substances such as Carbon Monoxide. Practices include: anaerobic digesters, waste facility covers, animal composting facilities)

**Erosion Control** (Soil erosion that occurs at a high rate can negatively impact soil health and water quality. Practices include: diversion, reduced tillage, water control structures like dams and basins, cover crops)

**Forest Management** (Forest management is important for maintaining plant and wildlife diversity. Practices include: windbreaks, shelter belts, forest stand improvement, tree/shrub establishment)

**Grazing** (A well-managed grazing system can improve plant and animal health, as well as reduce erosion. Practices include: fencing, water tanks, pasture seeding)

**Water Resource Protection** (Critical for drinking water, agricultural uses, wildlife, and aesthetic beauty. Practices include: nutrient/pest management, well decommissioning, filter strips, ag/livestock waste pits)

**Wildlife Habitat Improvement** (Maintaining habitats preserves biodiversity and critical ecosystems. Practices include: windbreaks, pollinator seeding, wildlife habitat restoration)

Concern	Amount
Air Quality	
Erosion Control	
Forest Management	
Grazing	
Water Resource Protection	
Wildlife Habitat Improvement	

**Total Number of Responses: 11**

## JUNE TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balances 5/28/20 (Bank of the West & Bank Midwest)

\$489,838.19

**RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)**

Interest - May 2020 - Bank of the West	\$4.02
Interest - May 2020 - Bank Midwest	\$28.49
Tree Sales and Downpayments	\$10,188.50
Lawns to Legumes	\$1,306.51
State of Minnesota - Reimburse for Sales Tax Over Paid	\$248.00
Nicollet SWCD - Return of Children's Water Festival Funds	\$1,019.25
Rain Gauge	\$40.00
Watonwan County - 1W1P Reimbursed - Kay & Josh	\$1,125.84
GBERBA - May Coordinators, May Area 6 Cert Specialist, May Watershed Specialist	<u>\$11,692.95</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$25,653.56</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)**

24796 SWPTSA - NACD Collaborative Grant Replaces Ck #24788 Was Destroyed - \$31,250.00 In & Out	\$0.00
Direct Deposit Payroll 5-24-2020 to 6-5-2020 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank of the West	\$18,421.45
EFT53120 Bank Midwest - Fee to Mail X-tra Statement	\$3.00
24915 Fidelity Security - June 2020 - Vision Ins	\$18.93
24916 Life Ins Co. of North America - June 2020 - Critical Illness	\$6.59
24917 Sun Life Financial - June 2020 - STD	\$38.40
24918 The Hartford - June 2020 - LTD	\$163.13
24919 Schwalbach Hardware - Batteries, Tire Inflator & Plug Kit	\$55.97
Direct Deposit Payroll 6-7-2020 to 6-20-2020 plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$18,286.37
24920 Josh Votruba - Pay Out of Sick Leave	\$613.86
24921 Josh Votruba - Pay Out of Annual Leave & Comp Time	\$2,074.79
EFT61920 MN Dept of Revenue - Tax WithHeld on Josh's Severance	\$179.97
EFT62020 Bank Midwest - Tax WithHeld on Josh's Severance	\$986.81
EFT62220 Bank of the West - Direct Deposit Fees	<u>\$18.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$40,867.27</b>

**BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING**

**\$474,624.48**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

6/25/2020

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Check#</u>	<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
24922	Delta Dental - Dental Insurance - 2020 - July	\$152.60
24923	NCPERS - July 2020	\$112.00
24924	Fidelity Security Life - Vision Ins - July 2020	\$18.93
24925	Cottonwood County - Insurance - 2020 - July	\$3,240.38
24926	Cottonwood County - Rent - 2020 - July	\$1,900.00
24927	Cardmember Services - COVID 19 Supplies, Postage & Lunch for Conservation Corps Members	\$159.76
24928	City of Windom - Internet Services	\$86.00
24929	Citizen Publishing Company - Site Host (2), Ag Edition & Shopper Supervisor Election Notice	\$652.50
24930	Staples Enterprises - Gas Expense - May 2020	\$214.02
24931	Schumacher's Nursery - Trees for Resale	\$13.60
24932	Windom Quick Print - SWCD Business Envelopes	\$104.39
24933	Bank of the West - Safe Deposit Box	\$40.00
24934	Minnesota Native Landscapes - Lawns to Legumes Plants	\$2,340.00
24935	SHI International - Laptop Computer & Memory Module	\$1,967.00
24936	Postmaster - Postage Stamps	\$235.00
24937	Steve Fresk - Cost Share - Lawns to Legumes	\$264.51
24938	Joanne Kaiser - Cost Share - Lawns to Legumes	\$79.32
24939	VOID	\$0.00
24940	Margaret Horkey - Cost Share - Lawns to Legumes	\$371.19
24941	Jason Kloss - Cost Share - Lawns to Legumes	\$264.51
24942	Shirley Matzke - Cost Share - Grassed Waterway	\$1,656.91
24943	Ashley Broussard - Mileage	78.78
24944	Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone	\$40.00
24945	Herman Bartsch - Mileage, Cell Phone & Copy Paper	\$518.27
24946	Dale Boyer - Cost Share - Lawns to Legumes	\$450.00
24947	Bruce & Lisa Turner - Cost Share - Bioreactors - Fish Lake	\$4,768.00
24948	Kay Gross - Cell Phone - Personal and District	\$87.18
24949	City of Mountain Lake - Cost Share on Trees	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		<b>\$21,314.85</b>

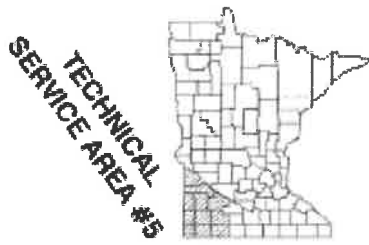
**District Checking Account Balance**

**\$453,309.63**

**Balances as of 6-25-2020**

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance)	\$50.00
Savings Account Balance Interest - Bank Midwest - 1st Quarter (\$10.96 - Included in Savings Total)	<u>\$50,015.89</u>

**Account Balances: Checking (2)/Savings/Petty Cash: \$503,375.52**



# SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

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**DATE:** JUNE 25, 2020  
**TO:** SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS, ADMINSTRATIVE COORDINATOR  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT

## **2019 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant**

Quarterly reports have been filed for January – March 2020 and will be filed July for April – June.

Original Centrol contract has been amended and approve to complete the remaining \$6,180 by June 30, 2020.

New Centrol contract has been completed for an additional 100 hours totaling \$6,000 to be completed by June 30, 2020.

## **2020 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant**

Memorandum of Understanding has been signed and approved for our third round of funding \$125,000 grant with \$31,250 in match. This grant will take effect as soon as we have completed our 2019 grant.

## **2018 NRCS Collaboration Grant**

Performance report has been completed and and approved. This Grant is now closed.

## **TSA Engineering Staff**

At this time all TSA Engineering staff are working remotely from home but will be working with the local SWCD Offices to transition into their respective offices.

Additional protocals will be in place when working in the field, social distancing, cleaning vehicles and not allowing non-staff to enter vehicles. Also when working with contractors or outside sources, additional paperwork will be used, so their will be no sharing of papers or supplies.

## **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. Dawn will be suspend working through early June for her greenhouse business.

Performance review forms have been sent out to all District Managers for their feedback by June 10.

TSA Board approved the continuation of the Soil Health/Training contract position at \$54.00/hr for 1,000 per year starting September 1, 2020 to August 30, 2022.

## **Engineering Technician Positons**

At this time we are on hold in adding new positions. We will be completing a 6 month reivew for Jake Harrison in August.

During our Area V Manager's Meeting the discussion of additional technical support will be built up through local capacity and the SWCDs, with an emphasis on gaining the needed JAA at the local level. Again, the addition of of new TSA technical staff is on hold for the forseeable future.

## **Area V Managers Meeting**

The Area V Managers Meeting was be held on June 4 by WebEx.

## **State TSA Managers Meeting**

State TSA Managers Meeting was held on June 11 through conference call; these calls will continue quarterly.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report**  
**Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area**  
**May 2020**

<u>Use of Cash</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u> 5/1/2020	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u> 5/31/2020
Checking	\$ 18,172.35	\$ 28,597.46	\$ 36,835.22	\$ 9,934.59
Select Business Svg	\$ 755,814.01	-	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 735,814.01
Interest Money	\$ 63,024.01	-	-	\$ 63,024.01
Compensated Absences	\$ 54,000.00	-	-	\$ 54,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 891,010.37</b>	<b>\$ 28,597.46</b>	<b>\$ 56,835.22</b>	<b>\$ 862,772.61</b>
<b>Program Summary</b>				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 63,024.01	-	-	\$ 63,024.01
FY19 NPEA Grant	-	-	-	-
FY20 NPEA Local Share	-	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,320.00	-
FY19 NPEA Admin	\$ 7,466.51	-	-	\$ 7,466.51
FY20 NPEA	-	\$ 56.82	\$ 56.82	-
FY20 NPEA Administration	\$ 7,500.00	-	-	\$ 7,500.00
Technical Services	\$ 193,082.65	\$ 1,740.64	\$ 14,451.36	\$ 180,371.93
TSA Shared Technician	-	-	-	-
Training	\$ 3,000.00	-	-	\$ 3,000.00
Compensated Absences	\$ 54,000.00	-	-	\$ 54,000.00
FY18 ESTS Local Share	\$ 23,877.71	-	\$ 17,097.04	\$ 6,780.67
FY18 ESTS (exp-06/30/2020)	-	-	-	-
FY18 ESTS Admin	\$ 12,462.90	-	-	\$ 12,462.90
FY18 ESTS Equipment	\$ 6,698.37	-	-	\$ 6,698.37
FY19 ESTS Grant	\$ 210,750.00	-	-	\$ 210,750.00
FY19 ESTS Admin	\$ 29,250.00	-	-	\$ 29,250.00
FY19 ESTS Local Share	\$ 24,398.00	-	-	\$ 24,398.00
FY20 ESTS Grant	\$ 201,704.80	-	-	\$ 201,704.80
FY20 ESTS Administration	\$ 40,795.20	\$ 4,480.00	-	\$ 40,795.20
FY20 ESTS Local Share	\$ 17,920.00	-	-	\$ 17,920.00
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$ (5,176.14)	-	-	\$ (5,176.14)
FY20 NAACD Grant	\$ 256.36	-	-	\$ (2,653.64)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 891,010.37</b>	<b>\$ 8,597.46</b>	<b>\$ 36,835.22</b>	<b>\$ 862,772.61</b>





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**Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for June 25, 2020.**

**1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.**

WCA request for the Red Rock Quarry Expansion for a Boundary and Type Decision.

**2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan**

GBERBA as well as most organizations are meeting via web or call in. The GBERBA Executive Policy meeting happened on June 12, 2020.

The Watonwan One Watershed One Plan process is now to the 60-day comment period. The Watonwan 1W1P Policy Board approved a motion to consider GBERBA for the fiscal and coordinating entity when the 1W1P plan is complete. GBERBA has now solicited estimates to draft a new Joint Powers Agreement to allow 1W1P management.

**3) Lawns to Legumes.**

We have 12 landowners participating in the program so far. All have native plants and or trees to be planted this year. I have received several Bumble Bee photos and submitted them to the Bumble Bee Watch website. So far all positively identified Bees have been the Common Eastern Bumble Bee.

**4) Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies WRAPS**

A completed WRAPS report is a jumping off place for the One Watershed One Plan Process. The Des Moines, Little Cottonwood that is included in the Middle Minnesota watershed and the Cottonwood Watershed WRAPS process are all nearing completion. The Des Moines Watershed has held meetings and has applied for a 1W1P planning grant this year. At a recent Des Moines WS meeting, a vote passed to approve the Jackson SWCD staff to be the financial entity and Murray County staff as the coordinator for the group if a 1W1P planning grant application is successful this year.

**5) Public Ditch Inspections**

Cottonwood County has asked our office to do the Public Ditch inspections. Our staff are working on the best methods to achieve the new level of detail and documentation for this effort.

**David Bucklin      Cottonwood SWCD**



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**Date:** June 18, 2020

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

**Topics:** Past Events, Upcoming Events, Farm Bill Assistance, Lawns to Legumes, SSTS

**Past Events:**

- May 13, 2020 – Wetland Certification CE webinar
- May 18, 2020 – BWSR Tech Talk webinar

**Upcoming Events:**

**Farm Bill Assistance:**

- Continuous CRP is open right now. There are several new CRP programs also open for enrollment: CLEAR, SHIPP, Grasslands, etc.
- BWSR announced a second CREP enrollment period of June 22 – Aug 10. I submitted 6 CREP applications for the first CREP batching period that ended June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Hannah is working on RIM violations from last year to be staked.
- There are several new CREPs that will be staked this Spring. Hannah and Lee are working on this.
- One wetland restoration is complete, five more are in the works to be completed in June.
- I have submitted four RIM Grasslands applications to BWSR, two are accepted, three are pending.
- I have been working on General CRP contracts for NRCS and FSA.

**Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant**

- We are accepting applications for any resident who lives in the city of Windom. Heron Lake Watershed District and the Jackson SWCD will handle Wilder, Jackson, Lakefield, and Heron Lake.
- Four pollinator habitat project types are eligible: pocket gardens, pollinator tree/shrubs, pollinator lawns, and pollinator meadows.
- We have developed a Rusty Patched Bumblebee photo contest for residents of the City of Windom, Wilder, Heron Lake, Lakefield, and Jackson.

**SSTS:**

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- Septic season is picking up and we have completed multiple installations and site evals.





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**Date:** June 25, 2020

**Name:** Hannah Herzfeld (Cottonwood Resource Technician)

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

**Past Events:**

- Events Cancelled due to COVID-19

**Upcoming Events:**

- Events Cancelled due to COVID-19

**Project Updates:**

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

Working with Cottonwood County to inspect ditches, and to prepare for creating ditch inspection database, and ditch inspecting software Drainage DB.

Working towards Cover crop, waterway JAA, and becoming a certified conservation planner

Public Waters compliance in Cottonwood county is approximately 96%. 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.

**Working on:**

- WCA mentorship
- SSTS continuing education
- Conducting RIM inspection and Staking RIM sites
- Cost-share inspections
- Beginning the ditch inspection process
- Moving forward with the Buffer Law and conducting site visits for landowners who received an APO (Administrative Penalty Order) and Corrective Action Notice, and working with landowners to come into compliance.



# 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



Herman Bartsch  
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST  
June 17th, 2020

**Workload:**

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Reviews
- Endorsements
- Field Verifications

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	10	6	3
Faribault SWCD	27	22	13
LeSueur SWCD	14	9	5
Martin SWCD	12	7	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	16	9	8
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	11	11	5
Watonwan SWCD	13	9	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>61</b>

Certified producers will be given "high priority" for Conservation Stewardship Program funding through NRCS.

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.**

**MAWQCP Numbers as of 6-15-20**

- 896 producers certified
- 619,343 acres certified
- 1,855 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,657 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 105,552 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,649 lbs. of P per year
- 14 Soil Health Endorsements
- 14 IPM Endorsements
- 11 Wildlife Endorsements

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# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

June 10, 2020



**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 program promotion, and story map participation
- Contacting producers about endorsements
- Working to line up phone assessments and program reviews.
- Doing field verifications

**Events:**

- May 14<sup>th</sup> –Pipestone Board Meeting Presentation
- May 20<sup>th</sup> –MN Ag Water Quality ACS Meeting/Conference Call

**Program Updates and Information:**

- Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat, & Soil Health available for certified producers.
  - Endorsement information now added to my Year to Date Numbers
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75% cost-share** through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **896 farms**, including over **619,343 acres** with **1,855 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,657 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **105,552 tons** soil reduced per year, **46,649 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **38,006 CO<sub>2-e</sub> tons** per year
- **14** Soil Health Endorsements, **14** Integrated Pest Management Endorsements, **11** Wildlife Endorsements

## YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

Area 5	Applications	Assessments Completed	Actively Pursuing Cert.	Certifications	Endorsements		
					IPM	Soil Health	Wildlife
Cottonwood	35	33	1	15	0	0	0
Jackson	33	32	0	18	2	2	0
Lac Qui Parle	6	6	0	4	0	0	0
Lincoln	21	19	0	7	1	0	1
Lyon	16	14	0	8	0	0	0
Murray	15	14	0	10	0	0	0
Nobles	14	14	0	10	0	0	0
Pipestone	42	39	2	18	0	0	0
Redwood	35	34	1	22	1	1	0
Rock	20	16	0	12	0	0	0
Yellow Med.	28	28	1	15	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

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**DATE:** June 25, 2020

**NAME:** Josh Votruba  
Watershed Technician

**Topics:** Past Events, Working on

### **Past Events:**

- May 8 – GBERBA Policy Meeting (WebEx)
- May 13 – Des Moines 1W1P Meeting (Conference Call)
- May 20 – Watonwan 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting (WebEx)
- May 27 – GBERBA Technical Meeting (WebEx)
- May 28 – Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting (WebEx)
- Jun 10 – Area 5 TSA Meeting (WebEx)
- Jun 12 – GBERBA Executive Meeting (WebEx)

### **Working on:**

- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* May 21 the 60 day review period started for the Watonwan Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The draft plan was sent out to review authorities such as the State Agencies (BWSR, MPCA, DNR, MDA, MDH), Townships, Cities, Counties, and SWCDs. This 60-day comment period closes July 20<sup>th</sup>.
- *GBERBA Grant 37 Cover Crops:* Have been working with landowners within Cottonwood County on the GBERBA cover crop cost-share. In addition, I have been assisting GBERBA with the 319 Cover Crop Grant 37 MPCA Semi-Annual Report.
- *Des Moines River One Watershed, One Plan:* Have been working on gathering together reports and studies such as County Water Plans, State Plans such as TMDLs, and Wellhead Protection Plans in preparation for the Des Moines River One Watershed One Plan. I have begun work on putting together a Land & Water Resources Narrative for the Des Moines 1W1P.



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**Date:** June 25, 2020

**Name:** Lee Tapper (Program Technician)

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

**Past Events:**

- June 4<sup>th</sup> Pasture Condition Scoresheet Webinar Training
- June 17<sup>th</sup> CFO Webex Online Registration Form

**Upcoming Events:**

- June 25<sup>th</sup> Cottonwood SWCD Board Meeting
- TBT Waterway Survey in Rock County with TSA
- TBT County Drainage Systems in Faribault County with Dustin Anderson

**Project Updates:**

Hannah Herzfeld and I have been inspecting Cottonwood County Public Drainage Ditches. There are roughly over 58 miles of open ditches in the county. These are the following ditches we have inspected so far: JD3, JD5, JD6, JD19, and CD11.

Still submitting feedlot re-registration applications to the MPCA. "Feedlot owners are required to update their registration information in every four-year interval after the initial registration deadline of January 1, 2021. The MPCA notifies owners 90 days prior to the re-registration deadline." I will send out two more County Feedlot Newsletter with reminders to re-register their feedlots before the deadline.

**Working on:**

- Cost-Share Inspections 2020, Staking RIM Easements, and RIM Inspections
- Updating Feedlot Folders
- Sending Re-Registration Applications to the MPCA
- Creating Manure Management Plans
- Attending Webex Meetings for the MPCA
- Planning Ditch Inspections with Hannah Herzfeld

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**Date: June 25, 2020**

**Name: Alex Schultz**

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

### **Past Events:**

- June 4<sup>th</sup> - AMC Regional Meeting
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – MPCA Webex meeting

### **Upcoming Events:**

- June 26<sup>th</sup>- Planning Commission meeting
- July 9<sup>th</sup>- Board of Adjustments meeting

### **Planning and Zoning:**

- **Planning Commission Meeting**
  - Approval of Expansion within Shoreland
  - Approval of Feedlot
- **Board of Adjustments**
  - Approval of Building within required acres
  - Approval of Septic System within required soil depth
- **Permits**
  - Setback Permits, 10 Issued
  - CUP, 0 Issued
  - Variance, Issued 0

### **Feedlots**

- **New Construction Short Form plans for a Eli Herding Farm- Rose Hill 14**



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**Workload:**

- Assisting Herman and Danielle with mapping assessed fields in the MAWQCP mapping tool and assessment tool
- Attend producer meetings with Herman and Danielle
- Level 1 MAWQCP certification reviews

**Projects and Events:**

- Tree planting in Cottonwood County
- Work with MAWQCP and contacting newly certified producers
- RIM inspections with Hannah
- Ditch inspections with Hannah and Lee

**Upcoming Events:**

- Continue work with MAWQCP mapping and assessment tool
- Continue working on certification reviews
- 6/23, 6/26, 6/30, 7/3, 7/7, 7/10 Groundwater modeling course (tentative)
  - Waiting Conservation Corps approval

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