

**COTTONWOOD**  
**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

210 10th Street  
Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

October 13, 2022

Jeremy Nerem  
Cody Duroe  
Clark Lingbeek  
Daryl Tasler  
Tom Muller

Commissioner Tom Appel  
Karen Boysen – District Conservationist – CST Leader  
John Shea – BWSR Board Conservationist

Dear Supervisors:

The Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will meet  
**Thursday, October 20, 2022**, starting at **8:30 A.M.**

**We will hold meeting through WebEx (as an option for others) but we are asking Board Supervisors to meeting in person.**

Packets **WILL NOT** be distributed, copies will be available at the Board meeting.

WebEx Connections: *(Sorry so small could not fit on one line)*

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Meeting number (access code): 2558 899 4623  
Meeting password: pdSBSnCT844 (computer) 73727628 (phone)

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## OCTOBER TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balances 9/22/2022 (Bank Midwest)

\$444,006.57

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

Interest - September- 2022 Bank Midwest (Checking Account \$88.35 and Sweep Account \$225.87)	\$314.22
Cottonwood Co Ag Society - Misc Office Supplies	\$53.98
Trees, Mats, Staples Sales	\$101.53
GBERBA - Aug Coor Contract \$5,803.95 plus Aug Area 6 Specialist \$7,829.02	\$13,632.97
GBERBA - Sept Coor Contract \$7,106.72 plus Sept Area 6 Specialist Contract \$7,591.52	\$14,698.24
BWSR - Title Ins Reimburse \$1,347.00 plus FY22 CREP \$14,394.21	\$15,741.21
Cottonwood County - County Contract Aug \$6,796.93 plus P&Z \$629.73	\$7,426.66
Southwest Prairie TSA - Contract for Services - 3rd Quarter	\$7,979.00
BWSR - FY23 District Capacity \$129,209.00 plus FY23 Buffer \$25,500.00	\$154,709.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$214,656.81**

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

EFT10322 MN Department of Revenue - 3rd Quarter Sales & Use Tax	\$487.00
25736-25740 Supervisor's Compensation plus Liability Checks PERA DCP & Bank Midwest	\$3,290.37
Direct Deposit Payroll 9-25-2022 to 10-8-2022 Plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$17,510.74
25741 The Hartford - LTD - October 2022	\$178.21
25742 Life Ins Co of N America - Accident Ins - October 2022	\$9.70
25743 NCPERS - Life Ins - October 2022	\$112.00
25744 Sun Life Financial - STD - October 2022	\$6.40
25745 Running's - T-Posts	\$57.90
25746 Staples Enterprises - Gas Expense - September 2022	\$369.38
Direct Deposit Payroll 10-9-2022 to 10-22-2022 Plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$17,836.38

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$39,858.08**

**BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING** **\$618,805.30**

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

**10/20/2022**

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25747 Cottonwood County Auditor- Insurance - November 2022	\$3,309.36
25748 Cottonwood County Auditor- Rent - November 2022	\$1,995.00
25749 Delta Dental - November 2022	\$120.80
25750 Cardmember Services - Employee Expense, L2L & Supplies	\$1,974.57
25751 Citizen Publishing Company - (3) Site Hosts & Website Text Change for GBERBA	\$125.00
25752 Citizen Publishing Company - Hearing - Watershed Policy	\$70.00
25753 Gordon Flesch Company - Copy Machine Base Period - 10/7 to 11/6/22	\$139.80
25754 Minnesota Secretary of State - Notary Commission - Becky Buchholz	\$120.00
25755 Murray SWCD - SWPTSA Financial Coordinator July - Sept 2022	\$6,484.80
25756 ODP Business Solutions - Office Supplies	\$300.30
25757 Postmaster - Postage Stamps	\$200.00
25758 Judith Olson - Cost Share to Reseed Waterway	\$337.70
25759 Marlene Martens - Cost-Share L2L	\$277.36
25760 Jim Schmidt - Cost Share on L2L	\$295.42
25761 Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone	\$40.00
25762 Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$322.50
25763 Kay Gross - Cell Phone	\$50.00
25764 Guy Dammann - Cost Share on WASCOB - Final Payment	\$6,642.00
25765 Mary Ann Meyer - Cost Share on Waterway - Final Payment	\$326.45

**TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** **\$23,131.06**

**District Checking Account Balance** **\$595,674.24**

**Balances as of 10-20-2022**

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance)	<b>\$50.00</b>
Savings Account Balance      Interest - Bank Midwest - 3rd Quarter (\$204.30 - Included in Savings Total)	<b>\$50,759.76</b>

**Account Balances: Checking (2)/Savings/Petty Cash: \$646,484.00**

**Monthly Treasurer's Report  
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area  
September 2022**

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 9/1/2022	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 09/30/2022/
Select Business Svg	\$ 149,048.09	\$ 373,378.30	\$ 36,266.51	\$ 486,159.88
Interest Money	\$ 845,235.82			\$ 845,235.82
Compensated Absences	\$ 65,571.81	\$ 121.59	-	\$ 65,693.40
	\$ 54,000.00		-	\$ 54,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,113,855.72</b>	<b>\$ 373,499.89</b>	<b>\$ 36,266.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,089.10</b>
<b>Program Summary</b>				
JPO Fund Balance	\$ 65,571.81	\$ 121.59		\$ 65,693.40
FY23 NPEA	-	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
FY23 NPEA Local Share	-			-
FY 23 NPEA Administration	-	\$ 7,500.00		\$ 7,500.00
Technical Services	300,292.58	\$ 3,378.30	\$ 26,383.63	\$ 277,287.25
Training	3,553.28			\$ 3,553.28
Compensated Absences	54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
FY19 ESTS Admin	-			-
FY19 ESTS Local Share	-			-
FY20 ESTS Grant	35,613.72		\$ 9,862.88	\$ 25,730.84
FY20 ESTS Administration	24,941.21			\$ 24,941.21
FY20 ESTS Local Share	24,250.00			\$ 24,250.00
FY20 Contract Position/Technical	8,508.99			\$ 8,508.99
FY21 ESTS Grant	158,435.00			\$ 158,435.00
FY21 ESTS Contract position	54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
FY21 ESTS Admin	30,065.00			\$ 30,065.00
FY21 ESTS Local Share	24,250.05			\$ 24,250.05
FY22 ESTS	158,435.00			\$ 158,435.00
FY22 ESTS Local Share	24,255.00			\$ 24,255.00
FY22 ESTS Contract Position	54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
FY22 ESTS Administration	30,065.00			\$ 30,065.00
FY23 ESTS	-	\$ 158,435.00		\$ 158,435.00
FY23 ESTS Contract Position	-	\$ 54,000.00		\$ 54,000.00
FY23 ESTS Administration	-	\$ 30,065.00		\$ 30,065.00
FY21 NACD Grant	\$ 31,250.00			\$ 31,250.00
FY22 NACD Grant	\$ 32,369.08			\$ 32,369.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,113,855.72</b>	<b>\$ 373,499.89</b>	<b>\$ 36,266.51</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,089.10</b>

**Southwest Prairie Technical Service  
Balance Sheet Detail  
As of September 30, 2022**

4:02 PM  
10/03/22  
Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>									
<b>Current Assets</b>									
<b>Checking/Savings Account</b>									
Paycheck	09/01/2022	DD1462	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	FY20 ESTS	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,186,920.97
Paycheck	09/01/2022	DD1463	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,117,259.02
Paycheck	09/01/2022	DD1464	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,113,855.72
Liability Check	09/01/2022		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,457.00	149,048.09
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,299.84	142,591.09
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	MN Revenue	1947844		X	State Withholdi...	-404.00	140,291.25
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-350.00	139,887.25
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,342.48	138,194.77
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-30.00	138,164.77
Deposit	09/01/2022			Deposit		X	-SPLIT-	3,378.30	141,543.07
Liability Check	09/01/2022	auto	Sun Life Insurance			X	-SPLIT-	-109.18	141,433.89
Bill Pmt -Check	09/09/2022	3216	Cardmember Service	gas		X	Accounts Paya...	-659.30	140,774.59
Liability Check	09/09/2022	3217	MN PEIP			X	Health Insuran...	-2,623.72	138,150.87
Liability Check	09/09/2022		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,456.99	131,693.88
Bill Pmt -Check	09/14/2022	3218	Chandler Co-op			X	Accounts Paya...	-67.85	131,626.03
Paycheck	09/15/2022	DD1465	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	FY20 ESTS	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	131,626.03
Paycheck	09/15/2022	DD1466	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	131,626.03
Paycheck	09/15/2022	DD1467	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	129,326.17
Liability Check	09/15/2022	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,299.86	128,922.17
Liability Check	09/15/2022	auto	MN Revenue	1947844		X	State Withholdi...	-404.00	128,518.17
Liability Check	09/15/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-350.00	127,229.69
Liability Check	09/15/2022	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,342.48	127,229.69
Liability Check	09/15/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-30.00	127,199.69
Bill Pmt -Check	09/19/2022	3219	Verizon			X	Accounts Paya...	-156.48	127,043.21
Deposit	09/23/2022		State of MN	Deposit FY23 ...		X	-SPLIT-	370,000.00	497,043.21
Liability Check	09/28/2022		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,456.99	490,586.22
Paycheck	09/29/2022	DD1468	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	FY20 ESTS	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	490,586.22
Paycheck	09/29/2022	DD1469	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	490,586.22
Paycheck	09/29/2022	DD1470	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	490,586.22
Liability Check	09/29/2022	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,299.86	488,286.36
Liability Check	09/29/2022	auto	MN Revenue	1947844		X	State Withholdi...	-404.00	487,882.36
Liability Check	09/29/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-350.00	487,532.36
Liability Check	09/29/2022	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,342.48	486,189.88
Liability Check	09/29/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-30.00	486,159.88
<b>Total Checking Account</b>									486,159.88
<b>Savings Interest Account</b>									
Deposit	09/30/2022			Deposit			Interest on Sav...	121.59	65,571.81
<b>Total Savings Interest Account</b>									121.59
<b>Select Business Savings</b>									899,235.82
<b>Total Select Business Savings</b>									899,235.82



**Southwest Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts**

**Area V**

Cottonwood  
Lincoln  
Nobles  
Rock

Jackson  
Lyon  
Pipestone

Lac qui Parle  
Murray  
Redwood  
Yellow Medicine

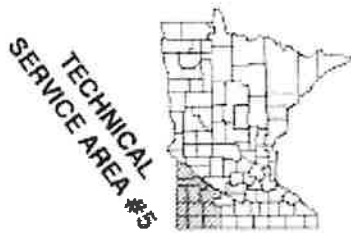
**AGENDA**

**Thursday, November 17, 2022**

**St. Stephen Lutheran Church ~ 1301 S. 4th Street ~ Marshall, MN**

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|----------|---|--|
| 8:45 am  | <b>Registration</b> (\$15 – includes Lunch)   |  |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Call to Order</b>  | Clark Lingbeek   |
| 9:00 am  | <b>Business Meeting</b>   |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Agenda</li> <li>• Approve Minutes – June 16, 2022</li> <li>• Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>• MASWCD Director’s Report</li> <li>• Nomination Committee Report</li> <li>• Roll Call</li> </ul>   | <p>Mark Meulebroeck</p> <p>Clark Lingbeek</p> <p>Clark Lingbeek</p>  |
| 10:00 am | <b>MASWCD Convention and Resolution Review</b>  | Sheila Vanney, MASWCD Assistant Director   |
|          | <b>Area Support for SWCD Manager Training ‘Disciplines of Execution’</b>  |  |
| 10:10 am | <b>Reports:</b>   |  |
|          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NACD</li> <li>• Board of Water &amp; Soil Resources</li> <li>• Natural Resources Conservation Service</li> <li>• SWMACDE</li> <li>• Area II/RCRCA</li> <li>• Southwest Prairie TSA</li> <li>• MAWQCP</li> </ul>  | <p>Ian Cunningham</p> <p>Beckler, Goodrich, Shea &amp; Lenz</p> <p>Jonathan Matz, ASTC-FO</p> <p>Kerry Netzke</p> <p>Kay Gross</p> <p>Danielle Evers</p> |
| 11:00 am | <b>~MASWCD Conservation Policy and Program Updates</b>  |  |
|          | Sheila Vanney, MASWCD Assistant Director  |  |
|          | Conservation policy and program updates will be provided including SWCD capacity, Clean Water Council recommendations, watershed implementation funding trajectory, legislative outreach, and a preview of MASWCD Annual Meeting sessions (December 12-14).   |  |
| 11:45 am | <b>Lunch</b>  |  |
| 12:15 pm | <b>Election of Officers</b>   | Clark Lingbeek   |
| 12:30 pm | <b>~Program Updates</b>   |  |
|          | Justin Hanson, BWSR Assistant Director of Field Operations  |  |
|          | Tom Gile, BWSR Resource Conservation Section Manager  |  |
|          | Stephanie McLain, NRCS State Soil Health Specialist   |  |
| 1:15 pm  | <b>~The Future of Soil Health Programs Panel Discussion</b>   |  |
|          | Facilitator, Justin Hanson, BWSR Assistant Director of Field Operations   |  |
|          | Panelists Tom Gile, BWSR Resource Conservation Section Manager  |  |
|          | Stephanie McLain, NRCS State Soil Health Specialist   |  |
|          | Brian Pfarr, Redwood SWCD Resource Specialist   |  |
|          | Laura DeBeer, Pipestone SWCD Regional Water Resources Specialist  |  |
|          | Farmers use a variety of practices to build or restore soil health. On cropland, these include no-till or reduced tillage, cover cropping, mulching, and nutrient management. For pastures, farmers seek to balance animal health and weight gain while grazing. An overview of recent state and federal soil health policies will be discussed along with an opportunity to highlight SWCD leadership roles, financial assistance, technical assistance, and outreach activities related to district soil health programs. |  |
| 2:15 pm  | <b>Adjourn</b>  |  |

**Registration - \$15 (Lunch Included)**  
**Please RSVP to the Lyon SWCD (507-532-8207 Ext 3) by November 11, 2022.**



# SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

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**DATE:** OCTOBER 20, 2022  
**TO:** SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TSA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS, ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT

## **2021 NACD – Technical Assistance Grant**

Second quarter reporting (April - June) has been completed. Third quarter will be reported on October 17 (after this report was written).

Grant Amount - \$125,000	Used - \$37,752.88	Need to Use - \$87,247.12
Match Amount - \$31,250	Staff Time Given \$6,471.27	Staff Time Needed - \$24,778.73

Match can be obtained by local SWCD staff that completed site inspections and any work on EQIP funded projects. All hours can be used, that are not match for other grants, up to the point where projects are funded through other grant opportunities. Until funding is set, the projects have an opportunity to be funded by EQIP – those hours we can use. Dawn will be in touch at the end of each quarter to get hours, calculated hourly rates for staff.

## **NACD Technical Assistance Grant – Application 2022 – Agronomist Position**

At this time no application period for 2022.

## **TSA Engineering Staff**

Hiring is still on hold at this time.

## **Soil Health/Training Contract Position**

Dawn Madison is continuing to work with District staff in gaining Job Approval Authority and also working with the Administration on reporting the NACD grants. Dawn is working with local staff on their job approval authority and assisting with area trainings and soil health events.

New training being organized – Livestock 101 with Dairy for the first segment.

## **MAWQCP Technical Assistance**

Continued work with local landowners to receive Worksheet and ultimately Certification through MAWQCP.

Danielle also has JAA for Ecological Services if that service is needed by your office.

## **STATE MANAGERS MEETING**

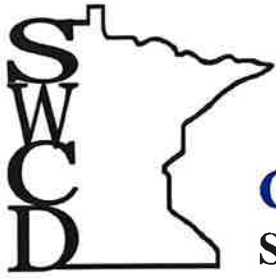
State TSA Managers meeting was held September 26, 2022. One request by TSA Managers was the increase in technical/equipment funds which are now \$20,000.

## **TSA Manager Meeting**

Next TSA Manager's Meeting will be scheduled for December/January.

## **TSA Board Meeting**

The next scheduled TSA Board meeting will be held in January 18 starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Lyon County Government Center. The Personnel Committee will meet in December/January to complete the personnel reviews.



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**Cottonwood SWCD Technician Report for October 20, 2022.**

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

Staff visited a variety of sites to review any potential impacts to wetlands. There is a Watonwan WCA application noticed for an exemption for JD#8 in Watonwan County.

**2) GBERBA and 1W1P Watonwan, Le Sueur Watersheds.**

The Watonwan Watershed Implementation Funds and the CWF Drinking Water Grant have implementation funds now. Projects are coming in.

The Le Sueur WS group is in the 1W1P planning process and making good progress.

**We will not fill the MN Conservation Corps position for GBERBA until 2023.**

**3) Lawns to Legumes. L2L**

Spring 2022 was the last opportunity to apply for these grant funds.

**4) De Moines One Watershed One Plan**

The Jackson SWCD staff will be the financial entity and Murray County staff will act as coordinator during the 1W1P planning phase. Houston Engineering is the consultant.

Meetings are ongoing and at a fast pace. The preliminary plan is approaching the 60-day review.

**5) Tree Program**

I am making sure the new staff understand the tree program. We are sharing many duties. We are expecting another busy year for the urban tree programs as the interest and cost share remain good. We will apply again for the Conservation Corps Crew to help with the Urban Tree Programs when the application period starts for 2023.

**The 2022 MN Conservation Corps Crew Grant for urban tree planting provided a value of \$7,000 dollars to the Cottonwood SWCD.**

**The Emerald Ash Borer is present 4 miles north of Mountain Lake!**

**6) New staff at the Cottonwood SWCD! Training and working with the two new staff at the office is going well. The new staff are doing a great job!**

**David Bucklin, Cottonwood SWCD**



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## **COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Date:** October 12, 2022

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

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

**Past Events:**

- September 21, 2022 – Windbreak Training, St. James
- October 4, 2022 – MASWCD Awards Committee meeting, zoom
- October 19, 2022 – FEMA revision kickoff, online

**Upcoming Events:**

- October 25-27, 2022 – BWSR Academy
- November 1, 2022 – RIM Wetlands program training, Online?

**Farm Bill Assistance:**

- Continuous enrollment is available for RIM Wellhead and RIM Grasslands in our area.
- A new RIM Wetlands program was announced starting September 30, 2022. A training will be provided to staff on November 1, 2022. The first batching period will be November 30, 2022.
- We have contracted with MASWCD to do CRP plans for reimbursement this year, completed 75 plans for the contract. We need to turn in our list signed by the NRCS DC and myself by October 15, 2022. It is out for Karen's signature as of October 3, 2022.
- Appropriations from the legislature for a future RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water programs was passed, we will likely see more details this Fall as they develop program guidance.
- We have completed all open wetland restoration projects as part of CREP.
- Currently working on a Wetland Banking Easement.

**Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant**

- We are no longer accepting applications as the grant is ending this calendar year and there won't be time to approve contracts, get things ordered/planted, and paid out before the end of the year.
- I have contacted all open contract holders that haven't turned in receipts that we need them no later than November for payment or they risk missing out on any cost-share payment.
- The second year of our bee photo contest will happen this year. This year will also have the grand prize of a Yeti cooler. One name will be randomly drawn from anybody who submitted a photo in 2021 and 2022.
- Our grant will expire December 31, 2022.

**SSTS:**

- Continuing to send out letters as septic disclosure forms come in and as property transfers occur.
- In May 2023, the CWP Low Interest Loan will expire and I will move loans back to the Low Interest AgBMP loan funding source. The county has set the interest rate at 3% for AgBMP.
- I am working with MCPA on enforcement action against SSTS that we allege are straight-pipes under MN Statute 115.55. It is the homeowner's responsibility to prove otherwise and county



level enforcement has been difficult to achieve. This is only for parcels that I don't have information for in the records, if there is a septic system there and it is failing to protect groundwater (not enough vertical separation) then the county will still have to enforce.

*Program Technician Report for October 5th, 2022*

**Past Priorities:**

- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Training in Watanwon County on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Soil Health Event with Gabe Brown in Austin, MN on Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Wetland Restoration Training in Worthington on Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Table at the Pheasants Forever Banquet on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Current Priorities:**

- **Projects:**
  - Working with Jackson County staff to design plans for shoreline restoration projects at Fish Lake.
  - Soil Health Grant shapefiles to be distributed to each county with GBERBA.
  - Creating Top Priority maps for Groundwater Grant for Brown, Faribault, Martin, Freeborn, and Cottonwood counties.
  - Uploading information to the Cottonwood SWCD website (tree program).
- **Site Visits:**
  - Ongoing site visits for Windbreak plans throughout Cottonwood County.
  - Spot Checks for RIM and state cost share within Cottonwood County.
  - Measure out sites for shoreline preliminary designs on Fish Lake.
- **Trainings:**
  - Training with Dawn (Resource Specialist): trainings vary weekly.
  - Ongoing training with Dave Bucklin to learn about the tree program as well as Wetland Conservation Act site visits.

**Future Priorities:**

- **Meetings/Events:**
  - Des Moines Watershed Public Hearing October 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - FEMA Meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - Soil Health event in mid-November (more information TBD).
  - BWSR Academy at Cragun's Lodge October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.

*Program Technician Report for October 11th, 2022*

**Completed Activities:**

- **Trainings completed:** Windbreak training in St. James area; in-field training with Dawn on soil health indicators (infiltration, slump & slake tests); Wetland Restoration training day near Worthington
- **Field visits:** Attended Tom Cotter Farm Regenerative Ag field day in Austin with Gabe Brown; field visit to Dawn Madison's farm place to see cover crops and grazing practices; site visit to Windom Lutheran Church with Russ and Mike to check feasibility of raingarden project; WASCOB construction site visit with Mike in Germantown; carried out RIM and state cost-share spot checks on several days; carried out measurements of properties on Fish Lake for shoreline project; second meeting with Mark Pankonin to check on feasibility of hillside removal project
- **Tree Program:** Site visit to Mark Pankonin for farmstead windbreak planting; site visit to John Holt for wildlife planting; updated tree purchase inventory spreadsheet; developed plans for JD Tippin farmstead windbreak planting & experimental Mini-forest planting in Windom Legion Park; generated tree planting plan for farmstead windbreak for Bob Syverson
- **In office:** Completed nomination materials for Outstanding Conservationist; designated work areas for Fish Lake Shoreline project; began to get familiar with ArcGIS Pro software; initial work on Lyle Gertner basins project;
- **Meetings:** SWCD board meeting; GBERBA policy meeting; Hwy 14/I90 Soil Health tour organizational meeting; Watonwan SWCD meeting about MDH groundwater education grant; Des Moines 1W1P public hearing
- **Soil Health:** Verified aerial seeding of cover crop completed on Mitch Klingsporn field; phone contact with Jerry Ackerman about cover crop experience; in-person visits with Ramont Harder-Schrock and JD Tippin to begin organizing the Cottonwood County Soil Health day this fall
- **Maintenance:**

**Future Priorities:**

- **Trainings planned:** BWSR Academy
- **Field visits planned:** site check on Lyle Gertner field for WASCOB project
- **Lakeshore restoration:** Get initial plans out to interested property owners for comments
- **Tree Program:** Send out bills for tree orders received
- **Meetings:** GBERBA Exec & Tech, FEMA call-in meeting
- **Soil Health:** Continue to plan for late fall field day to look at strip till/cover crop establishment; get invitations out to interested farmers; finalize plans for 4 Cottonwood County farmers to attend Soil Management Summit in December
- **Maintenance:** no current plans

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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



Herman Bartsch  
AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST  
October 11th, 2022

### Workload:

- Program Reviews
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Climate Smart Endorsements/Grants
- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Regenerative Farming Field Day – Austin, MN

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	16	15	10
Brown SWCD	17	10	4
Faribault SWCD	34	29	25
LeSueur SWCD	16	11	7
Martin SWCD	22	15	12
McLeod SWCD	12	8	5
Nicollet SWCD	2	2	1
Renville SWCD	25	21	13
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	15	15	10
Watonwan SWCD	16	13	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>99</b>

Certified producers who have received the climate smart endorsement are eligible to participate in the Climate Smart Farms Pilot Project. This project gives producers the opportunity to receive \$1,000 annually for up to five years.

Producers continue to use the MDA \$5,000 grant to install conservation practices that will address water quality concerns and help them gain certification. Applications have included Nutrient Management, Alternative Tile Intake, Waste Storage Facility, Waste Facility Closure, Grade Stabilization, Grassed Waterway, Fence, and Cover Crop.

### MAWQCP Numbers as of 10-10-22

- 1,272 producers certified
- 885,590 acres certified
- 2,545 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 43,322 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 127,260 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 54,596 lbs. of P per year
- 81 Soil Health Endorsements
- 63 IPM Endorsements
- 46 Wildlife Endorsements
- 79 Climate Smart Endorsements
- 4 Irrigation Endorsements

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# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

Oct 10, 2022



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
- Working with producers to apply for MAWQCP grant cost-share dollars
- **Working with the MN Soil Health Coalition to schedule the 2023 Soil Health Tour I90/Hwy 14**
- **Program Reviews almost complete!**

### Events:

- 9/7/2022 - 1W1P Meeting - Windom, MN
- 9/29/2022 - MAWQCP Staff Meeting - Bloomington, MN
- 10/3/2022 - First Planning Meeting 2023 Soil Health - Tour I90/Hwy 14
- 10/7/2022 - Des Moines 1W1P Public Hearing - Windom, MN

### Program Updates and Information:

- Climate Smart Endorsement **\$1000 Grant NOW AVAILABLE**
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **1,268 farms**, including over **885,342 acres** with **2,537 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **43,321 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **127,241 tons** soil reduced per year, **54,594 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **46,581 CO<sub>2</sub>e tons** per year
- **Endorsements: 80** Soil Health, **63** Integrated Pest Management (IPM), **46** Wildlife, **76** Climate Smart, **4** Irrigation

## TO DATE NUMBERS

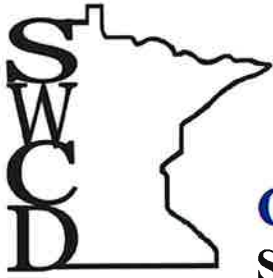
Area 5	Apps.	Assessments Completed	Certifications	Endorsements			
				IPM	Soil Health	Wildlife	Climate
Cottonwood	39	35	16	0	0	0	0
Jackson	37	36	23	3	2	1	3
Lac Qui Parle	10	8	6	1	1	1	1
Lincoln	32	30	16	1	1	1	1
Lyon	35	34	14	0	1	0	1
Murray	23	23	14	1	0	0	3
Nobles	19	19	<b>13</b>	0	1	0	3
Pipestone	49	47	23	3	1	0	1
Redwood	39	37	<b>26</b>	1	1	0	0
<b>Rock</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>22</b>	1	1	1	2
Yellow Med.	32	32	17	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>189</b>	11	9	4	15

\*Numbers in bold are the numbers that have changed from the last report

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## **COTTONWOOD**

### **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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**Date: October 20, 2022**

**Name: Alex Schultz**

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

#### **Past Events:**

- **Oct 12- MACPZA Conference**
- **Oct 25 – 27 – BSWR academy**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- **November 2- MACFO Regional Meeting**
- **November 17- MACFO Board Meeting**

#### **Planning and Zoning:**

- **Planning Commission Meeting- Feedlot expansion and new Feedlot**
- **Board of Adjustments**
- **Permits**
  - Setback Permits, 6 Issued
  - CUP, 2 Issued
  - Variance, 0 Issued

#### **Feedlots**

**Curt Nagorske- New Feedlot half mile East of Airport**  
**Mitchell Klingsporn- Feedlot Expansion West of Mountain Lake**