



COTTONWOOD
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

210 10th Street
Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

September 15, 2022

Jeremy Nerem
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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, September 22, 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): 2553 725 5874

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Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District Mission . . .

To help maintain a better environment for future generations, to encourage the wise use of our soil and water through programs and education.

SEPTEMBER TRANSACTIONS

District Checking Account Balances 8/25/2022 (Bank Midwest)

\$490,277.42

RECEIPTS: (since last board meeting)

Interest - August- 2022 Bank Midwest (Checking Account \$89.78 and Sweep Account \$168.66)	\$258.44
Cottonwood County - May & June Contracts - County \$9,611.04 - P&Z - \$344.55	\$9,955.59
Rain Gauge	\$40.00
BWSR - 2 Work Orders \$2,000.00 each	\$4,000.00
NACD - Enhanced Technical Assist & NPEA	\$370,000.00
Tree Sales	\$273.37
Cottonwood County - July County Contract \$6,730.61 - June & July P&Z Contracts \$1,389.68	\$8,120.30

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$392,647.70

DISBURSEMENTS: (since last board meeting)

25698 Eileen King - VOIDED Ck#25698 - Written for Wrong Amount	-\$1,370.33
25707 Eileen King - Cost Share on Waterway (Replaces Ck #25698 for \$1,370.33)	\$1,370.23
25708 Plantra - Tree Tubes	\$1,399.00
25709 The Hartford - LTD September 2022	\$178.21
25710 NCPERS - Life Ins September 2022	\$112.00
25711 Schwalbach Hardware - Fair Prize Give Aways, Oil & Anti-Freeze	\$48.13
25712 Higley Ford - Change Oil & Filter on 3 District Vehicles	\$182.27
25713 Staples Enterprises - August Gas Expense	\$538.07
25714 Gordon Flesch Company - Copy Machine & Lexmark Printer	\$6,635.77
Direct Deposit Payroll 8-28-2022 to 9-10-2022 Plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$17,510.74
25715 BWSR - Academy Registration	\$1,045.00
Direct Deposit Payroll 9-11-2022 to 9-24-2022 Plus PERA, MN Dept of Revenue & Bank Midwest	\$17,836.38

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$45,485.47

BALANCE BEFORE BOARD MEETING

\$837,439.65

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

9/22/2022

(to be approved at this board meeting)

<u>Payable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
25716 Delta Dental - October 2022	\$120.80
25717 Cottonwood County Auditor- Insurance - October 2022	\$3,309.36
25718 Cottonwood County Auditor- Rent - October 2022	\$1,995.00
25719 Cardmember Services - Employee Expenses, Equip Maint & Repairs, PF Banquet Registration	\$1,104.91
25720 Citizen Publishing Company - (3) Site Hosts, Ag Adition - Update SWCD Website - Trees	\$1,372.00
25721 Gordon Flesch Company - Copy Machine Base Period - 9/7 to 10/6/22 Plus Overage	\$319.76
25722 Hy-Vee - Office Supplies	\$66.85
25723 Schramel Law Office - Title Ins Easement #17-02-06-01	\$1,032.50
25724 SWPTSA - Enhanced Tech Assistance & NPEA Grants	\$370,000.00
25725 Verizon - JetPack	\$54.90
25726 Karen Boysen - CS on Lawns to Legumes	\$450.00
25727 D&D Ranch - CS to Reseed Waterways	\$1,286.14
25728 Karen Skarphol - CS on Lawns to Legumes	\$250.47
25729 Mary Ann Meyer - CS on Waterway - Partial Payment	\$9,349.12
25730 Rebecca Buchholz - Cell Phone & Stenciling	\$50.00
25731 Herman Bartsch - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$248.75
25732 Kay Gross - Cell Phone & Reimburse for Meal	\$63.34
25733 Prairie Ecology Bus - 2021 Cottonwood County Fair	\$197.92
25734 Prairie Ecology Bus - 2022 Cottonwood County Fair	\$2,148.00
25735 Fidelity Security Life - October Vision Insurance	\$13.26

TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

\$393,433.08

District Checking Account Balance

\$444,006.57

Balances as of 7-28-2022

PETTY CASH (Included in District Fund Balance)	\$50.00
Savings Account Balance Interest - Bank Midwest - 2nd Quarter (\$73.30 - Included in Savings Total)	<u>\$50,555.46</u>

Account Balances: Checking (2)/Savings/Petty Cash: \$494,612.03

**COTTONWOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2023 BUDGET**

REVENUE:

2023

Local Revenue	173,344.00
County Revenue	192,013.00
Federal Revenue - Contribution Agreement	30,000.00
BWSR	304,447.00
State Revenue - DNR Wells	720.00
Charges for Services	43,620.00
Misc. Revenue	1,500.00

TOTAL REVENUE

745,644.00

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	568,053.00
Other Services and Charges	92,428.00
Supplies	7,100.00
Capital Outlay	5,000.00
Project Expenses - State C-S Work	12,500.00
Project Expense - County	17,000.00
Project Expenses - District	41,250.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

743,331.00

THIRD QUARTER MEETINGS – 2022

JULY

July 7	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Marshall	\$125.00
July 15	GBERBA Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting – Waseca	\$125.00
July 21	Des Moines Policy Board Meeting – Windom	\$125.00
July 28	SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx	\$125.00

AUGUST

August 4	Area II/RCRCA Meeting – Redwood Falls	\$125.00
August 18	Des Moines Policy Board Meeting – Windom/WebEx	\$125.00
August 19	GBERBA Executive Meeting – Office/WebEx	\$125.00
August 25	SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx	\$125.00

SEPTEMBER

September 1	RCRCA Meeting/Area II Meeting – Marshall	\$125.00
September 14	Southwest Prairie JPO Meeting – Marshall	\$125.00
September 22	SWCD Board Meeting – Office/WebEx	\$125.00
September 23	GBERBA Policy Board Meeting – Office/WebEx	\$125.00

Monthly Treasurer's Report
Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area
August 2022

Use of Cash	Beginning Balance 8/1/2022	Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance 8/30/2022
Select Business Svg	\$ 174,679.11	\$ 6,647.80	\$ 38,735.82	\$ 142,591.09
Interest Money	\$ 845,235.82			\$ 845,235.82
Compensated Absences	\$ 65,571.81		-	\$ 65,571.81
	\$ 54,000.00		-	\$ 54,000.00
Total	\$ 1,139,486.74	\$ 6,647.80	\$ 38,735.82	\$ 1,107,398.72

Program Summary

JPO Fund Balance	\$ 65,571.81			\$ 65,571.81
FY22 NPEA	\$ -			\$ -
FY22 NPEA Local Share	\$ -			\$ -
FY 22 NPEA Administration	\$ 312,785.01		\$ 18,949.43	\$ 293,835.58
Technical Services	\$ 3,793.75		\$ 240.47	\$ 3,553.28
Training	\$ 54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
Compensated Absences	\$ -			\$ -
FY19 ESTS Admin	\$ -			\$ -
FY19 ESTS Local Share	\$ 43,137.31		\$ 7,523.59	\$ 35,613.72
FY20 ESTS Grant	\$ 24,941.21			\$ 24,941.21
FY20 ESTS Administration	\$ 24,250.00			\$ 24,250.00
FY20 ESTS Local Share	\$ 13,883.52		\$ 5,374.53	\$ 8,508.99
FY20 Contract Position/Technical	\$ 158,435.00			\$ 158,435.00
FY21 ESTS Grant	\$ 54,000.00			\$ 54,000.00
FY21 ESTS Contract position	\$ 30,065.00			\$ 30,065.00
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
NRCS Collaboration Grant Admin	\$ -			\$ -
FY20 NACD Grant	\$ 63,619.08			\$ 63,619.08
Total	\$ 1,139,486.74	\$ -	\$ 32,088.02	\$ 1,107,398.72

exp-12/31/2022
exp-12/31/2022

Southwest Prairie Technical Service
Balance Sheet Detail
As of August 31, 2022

ASSETS	Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Class	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Current Assets										
Checking/Savings										
Checking Account										
Liability Check		08/01/2022	auto	Sun Life Insurance			X	-SPLIT-		1,218,640.79
Check		08/02/2022	auto	Harland Check Com ...	checks		X	Office Supplies	-109.18	1,148,978.84
Liability Check		08/03/2022		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-296.04	1,139,486.74
Check		08/03/2022		Winwest Bank	return check c...		X	Office Supplies	-6,457.00	1,174,679.11
Paycheck		08/04/2022	DD1456	Harrison, Jacob L		FY20 ESTS	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,174,569.93
Paycheck		08/04/2022	DD1457	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,174,273.89
Paycheck		08/04/2022	DD1458	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,167,816.89
Liability Check		08/04/2022	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,167,811.89
Liability Check		08/04/2022	auto	MN Revenue			X	-SPLIT-	-2,299.86	1,167,811.89
Liability Check		08/04/2022	auto	MSRS			X	State Withholdi...	-404.00	1,165,512.03
Liability Check		08/04/2022	auto	PERA			X	HCSP-Def C	-350.00	1,165,108.03
Liability Check		08/04/2022	auto	MSRS			X	-SPLIT-	-1,342.48	1,164,758.03
Deposit		08/04/2022	auto	MCI-Customer	Deposit-WCR...		X	HCSP-Def C	559.00	1,163,415.55
Liability Check		08/08/2022	3197	MN PEIP			X	-SPLIT-	-2,623.72	1,163,385.55
Bill Pmt -Check		08/08/2022	3209	Cardmember Service	gas, pickup re...		X	Business Insur...	559.00	1,163,944.55
Bill Pmt -Check		08/08/2022	3210	Chandler Co-op	oil change		X	Accounts Paya...	-669.56	1,161,320.83
Bill Pmt -Check		08/08/2022	3211	Gary's Service	Deposit		X	Accounts Paya...	-104.38	1,160,651.27
Deposit		08/09/2022	3212	Hope Haven, Inc	Lath & Stakes		X	Accounts Paya...	1,265.74	1,160,456.63
Liability Check		08/17/2022		QuickBooks Payroll ...	Created by P...		X	Undeposited F...	-841.43	1,161,721.37
Paycheck		08/17/2022	3213	Verizon			X	Accounts Paya...	160,879.94	1,154,422.97
Paycheck		08/18/2022	DD1459	Harrison, Jacob L	Direct Deposit	FY20 ESTS	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,154,266.41
Paycheck		08/18/2022	DD1460	Hoogendoorn, Russell	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,154,266.41
Paycheck		08/18/2022	DD1461	Skoglund, Michael	Direct Deposit	FY22 NP...	X	-SPLIT-	0.00	1,154,266.41
Liability Check		08/18/2022	auto	EFTPS	41-1811267		X	-SPLIT-	-2,299.90	1,151,966.51
Liability Check		08/18/2022	auto	MN Revenue			X	State Withholdi...	-404.00	1,151,562.51
Liability Check		08/18/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-350.00	1,151,212.51
Liability Check		08/18/2022	auto	PERA			X	-SPLIT-	-1,342.48	1,149,870.03
Liability Check		08/18/2022	auto	MSRS			X	HCSP-Def C	-30.00	1,149,840.03
Deposit		08/22/2022	3214	The Pantry Cafe and...	Deposit		X	Undeposited F...	4,823.06	1,154,663.09
Bill Pmt -Check		08/26/2022	3215	QuickBooks Payroll ...	30 meals for a...		X	Accounts Paya...	-240.47	1,154,422.62
Liability Check		08/31/2022		Green Garden Place...	Created by P...		X	Direct Deposit ...	-6,457.00	1,147,965.62
Bill Pmt -Check		08/31/2022	3215		July 2022		X	Accounts Paya...	-5,374.53	1,142,591.09
Total Checking Account										
									-32,088.02	142,591.09
Savings Interest Account										
										65,571.81
Total Savings Interest Account										
										65,571.81
Select Business Savings										
										899,235.82
Total Select Business Savings										
										899,235.82
Total Checking/Savings										
									-32,088.02	1,107,398.72
Accounts Receivable										
										6,892.15



Tree Order Form
Cottonwood Soil and Water Conservation District
 210 10th Street Windom, MN 56101
 Phone: 507-832-8287



Customer Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

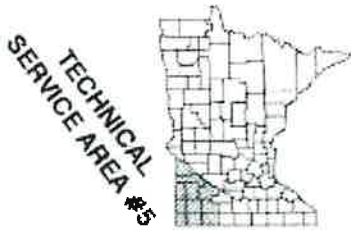
Phone: _____

Email: _____

Variety	Size	Price Each	Quantity		Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
			Estimated	Actual		

<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICE USE ONLY</p> <p>PLANTING CHARGES</p> <p>Tree Planting Service available: \$150 minimum</p> <p>Tree Planter is available for rent: \$200/day use within Cottonwood County <input type="checkbox"/> \$300/day use in counties adjacent to Cottonwood County <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;">LANDOWNER WILL FURNISH TRACTOR, HITCH, AND DRIVER</p> <p>LIST of TREE SUPPLIES</p> <p>3X3 Square Tree Mat (recommend including 5 staples)</p> <p>Tree Tubes Stakes Staples</p>	<p>TREE TOTAL</p> <p>_____ Bareroot Planted @ \$ 0.50 _____</p> <p>_____ Potted Planted @ \$ 1.00 _____</p> <p>_____ Custom @ \$ _____ Planting _____</p> <p>_____ Tree Supplies _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sales Tax (6.875%)</p> <p>SUB TOTAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Down payment #1</p> <p>Date _____ Receipt # _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Down payment #2</p> <p>Date _____ Receipt # _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL DUE</p> <p>Date _____ Receipt # _____</p>
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50% DOWNPAYMENT REQUIRED ON ALL ORDERS ~ ORDERS <\$100 WILL BE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF ORDER.



SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE TECHNICAL SERVICE AREA

210 10th Street, Windom, MN 56101

Phone: 507-832-8287

DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 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.

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.

Contract being ratified at \$56/hour from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2024 for 1,000 hours per year. Contract signed and approved by the Cottonwood SWCD at their August Board Meeting.

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

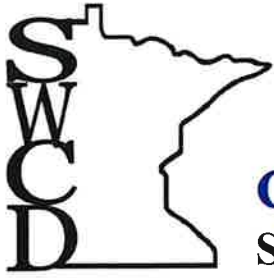
State TSA Managers meeting will be held September 26, 2022

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 September 22, 2022.

1) Minnesota Wetlands Conservation Act update.

Staff visited a variety of sites to review any potential impacts to wetlands.

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

The Cottonwood SWCD staff are revamping the SWCD tree ordering and inventory process. We have submitted the 2023 initial tree orders to Schumacher's and Bailey Nurseries.

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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Date: September 12, 2022

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

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

Past Events:

- August 11 & 12, 2022 – Mini workshops at the Fair

Upcoming Events:

- September 21, 2022 – Windbreak Training, St. James
- October 4, 2022 – MASWCD Awards Committee meeting, zoom
- October 25-27, 2022 – BWSR Academy

Farm Bill Assistance:

- Continuous enrollment is available for RIM Wellhead and RIM Grasslands in our area.
- Currently assisting landowners with easement paperwork
- We have contracted with MASWCD to do CRP plans for reimbursement this year, completed 76 plans for the contract.
- Appropriations from the legislature for a future RIM Wetlands and 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.

Lawns to Legumes Demonstration Neighborhood Grant

- Four pollinator habitat project types are eligible: pocket gardens, pollinator tree/shrubs, pollinator lawns, and pollinator meadows. We have money still!
- 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.
- 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.

Technician Report for September 14th, 2022

Current/Past Priorities:

- Working with Jackson County staff in Shoreline Restoration plans for landowners at Fish Lake.
- Continuing to meet with landowners throughout Cottonwood County on the Soil Health team to observe their BMP farming practices.
- Work on setting up the tree page on the Cottonwood SWCD website.
- Ongoing training with Dawn (Resource Specialist): trainings vary weekly.
- WCA Meeting in Northern Cottonwood County.
- MN Engineering Boot Camp in Morris Aug 22nd-26th.
- WASCOB Training in Mower County.

Future Priorities:

- Soil Health event with Gabe Brown in Austin, MN on September 16th.
- Wetland Restoration in Worthington on September 28th.
- Windbreak Shelterbelt Establishment Training in Watonwan County on September 21st.
- Pheasants Forever Banquet on September 24th.
- Des Moines Public Hearing October 7th.
- BWSR Academy at Cragun's Lodge October 25th-27th.

Breanna Wagner
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Program Technician Report for September 14th, 2022

Current/Past Priorities:

- **Trainings completed:** Engineering Boot Camp; WASCOb's field training; waterway training with Russ and Dawn in Lincoln Cty; initial online trainings for Windbreak Planning
- **Field visits:** Cover Crops field day at Lamberton SWROC; Windom Lutheran Church site visit for interest in rain garden installation; completed several field checks on previous cost-share projects; in-person drive-through of ML Golf Course to look at potential tree diversification sites; potential tree planting sites visit near Windom truck wash and Legion Park; met with Jon from the Windom Street Dept to talk about tree planting plans in Windom for 2023; checked out infestation sites of Emerald Ash Borer in eastern Cottonwood County
- **In office:** Initial work on ideas/plans for soil health field day later this year; update of tree order form, webpage, and inventory tracking spreadsheet; Outstanding Conservationist nomination
- **Meetings:** GBERBA exec; Windom Tree Commission to present Mini-Forest planting idea for 2023; met with Ron and Carol Porth (nominated for Outstanding Conservationist)
- **Soil Health:** checked in with Mitch K about plans for aerial seeding cover crops; made contact with several more farmers interested in working on soil health topics
- **Maintenance:** Took 3 SWCD vehicles to Higley for oil change; purchased accessory waterproof pouch for WIFI survey unit; Adopt-a-Highway trash pickup on 1 afternoon

Future Priorities:

- **Trainings planned:** Windbreak/Shelterbelt and Tree Planting in Watonwan Cty; Wetlands Restoration in Worthington
- **Field visits planned:** Soil Health field day in Austin, MN with Gabe Brown; Windom Lutheran Church site visit with Russ Hoogendoorn to check for rain garden feasibility; field visit to flag out WASCOb in Cottonwood Cty
- **Lakeshore restoration:** Work on setting up a packet of informational materials for homeowners.
- **Tree Program:** Test out the updated inventory spreadsheet
- **Meetings:** Pheasants Forever Banquet; Game & Fish meeting (to check for interest in funding some wildlife tree plantings); Des Moines watershed public hearing
- **Soil Health:** Continue to plan for late fall field day to look at strip till/cover crop establishment; check in with Mitch K about aerial seeding
- **Maintenance:** purchase rearview mirror for SWCD ATV

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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
September 14th, 2022

Workload:

- Program Reviews
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Climate Smart Endorsements/Grants
- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Organic Production and Soil Health Field Day – Faribault County
- Soil Health Field Day Faribault County
- 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	11
McLeod SWCD	12	8	5
Nicollet SWCD	2	2	1
Renville SWCD	24	20	13
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	15	15	10
Watonwan SWCD	16	13	9
Total	176	140	98

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.

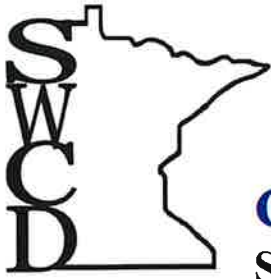
MAWQCP Numbers as of 9-12-22

- 1,266 producers certified
- 884,743 acres certified
- 2,529 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 43,285 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 127,134 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 54,549 lbs. of P per year
- 78 Soil Health Endorsements
- 62 IPM Endorsements
- 43 Wildlife Endorsements
- 68 Climate Smart Endorsements
- 4 Irrigation Endorsement

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COTTONWOOD **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Date: September 22, 2022

Name: Alex Schultz

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

Past Events:

- **August 25- LIDAR Meeting**
- **Sept 14- Land Use Training**

Upcoming Events:

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

Planning and Zoning:

- **Planning Commission Meeting- Elmendorf concrete permit and Neuhof addition**
- **Board of Adjustments**
- **Permits**
 - Setback Permits, 4 Issued
 - CUP, 0 Issued
 - Variance, 0 Issued

Feedlots

3 feedlot inspections- Arlen Klassen, Dean Johnson, and Tri M Farms



Greater Blue Earth River Basin

Sept 2, 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
- Mainly working on Program Reviews a little over ½ way done
- Assisting Pipestone SWCD with Soil Health assessments and MAWQCP promotion **(if your office would like to utilize my services here please let me know!)**

Events:

- 8/30/2022 – TSA managers meeting – Slayton, MN
- 9/7/2022 – Des Moines 1W1P – Windom, MN
- 9/15/2022 – Soil Health Coalition Event – Redwood Falls, 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 **1,258 farms**, including over **880,095 acres** with **2,511 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **43,277 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **127,030 tons** soil reduced per year, **54,526 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **46,192 CO_{2-e} tons** per year
- **Endorsements: 74** Soil Health, **61** Integrated Pest Management (IPM), **43** Wildlife, **60** 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	12	0	1	0	3
Pipestone	49	47	23	3	1	0	1
Redwood	39	37	25	1	1	0	0
Rock	38	34	21	1	1	1	2
Yellow Med.	32	32	17	1	0	0	0
Totals	348	333	186	11	9	4	15

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

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