

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes
Friday, April 12, 2019
Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

Present: Clark Lingbeek, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing and John Shanahan.

Others Present: Ashley Brenke, Kay Gross, Lee Tapper and Joshua Votruba.

Chairman Neal Mensing called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Agenda

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda as presented with the addition of 2019 Budget and Multipurpose Drainage Management Policy Update. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by John Shanahan to approve the February 8, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 3/1/19 to 3/31/19 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the accounts payable totaling \$29,478.48. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Approval

Faribault Co D.A. JD 1F 22-03(319-CDP)	Alternative Side Intakes(29)	Cost \$61,135.00 C-S \$30,567.50
Larry Cowing 46-04(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$3,750.00 C-S \$1,875.00
Andrew Krusemark 46-05(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Cost \$4,000.00 C-S \$2,000.00

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract approval for Faribault Co DA (\$30,567.50), Cowing (\$1,875.00) and Krusemark (\$2,000.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Cancellation

David Ammann 46-03(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	C-S \$750.00
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Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract cancellation for Ammann (\$750.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Amendment

George Sill 83-03(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Previous Date 4-12-19	New Install Date 12-31-19
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Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendment to (Sill 83-03) change the install date to 12-31-19 for Sill. Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

Daniel Eckhardt 22-6-14	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00
Thomas Griebel 59-5-19	Certification	Incentive \$200.00
Duane Anderson 87-5-18	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00
Corner Grove Farm 22-6-15	Worksheet/Certification	Incentive \$300.00
Troy Wendland 42-5-09	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above landowners Eckhardt, Anderson and Wendland (\$100.00) and Griebel (\$200.00) and Corner Grove Farm (\$300.00). Motion carried, all yes.

Loan Renewal \$60,000 – United Prairie Bank

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the loan renewal for \$60,000 through United Prairie Bank for one year and authorize signing loan paperwork by Tom Warmka, Treasurer. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA 2019 Budget

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA 2019 as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

COORDINATOR REPORT

☆ **MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program**

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports.

☆ **2016 MPCA – 319 Drainage Grant**

An Outreach Booklet has been printed and will be sent to Drainage staff and elected officials to see conservation opportunities and potential in drainage systems. *319 Drainage Grant*: Side inlet structures 50% cost share. These are federal dollars matched by state or local dollars.

☆ **2017 MPCA 319 Grant - Cover Crops and Alternative Tile Intakes**

An Implementation Policy Paper for the grant titled "Greater Blue Earth River Basin TMDL Implementation" has been developed and reviewed at the Technical meeting. This guidance document will be posted on the GBERBA website. Cover crops: \$50.00 dollars per acre maximum, 75% cost share maximum (\$ 37.50 ac.), 80 acre size maximum per owner. Prioritization required. Alternative intakes: Rock and pattern tile. \$500.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match. Perforated risers, broom and other water quality intakes: \$200.00 maximum and 50% cost share. These are federal dollars and require state or local match.

The grant amendment has been completed and all remaining cost share for projects including Alternative intakes, Side inlets, and Cover crops will be at 50% cost share. New grant policy papers have been generated.

☆ **2017 CWF Grant- Multipurpose Drainage Management**

Multipurpose Drainage Management - \$301,200: Projects for this Drainage Grant will need to be located in public ditch sheds. **GBERBA member entire counties are eligible**. Priority parameters are developed to identify the eligible ditches. A guidance policy sheet is online.

☆ **One Watershed One Plan Planning Grants, Watonwan Watershed**

The Advisory Committee has now met two times, and will continue to finalize the issues table. The Steering committee will be meeting to keep the planning effort on schedule. Some Policy and Advisory meetings will likely be postponed to avoid spring planting times.

☆ **New Grant Opportunity**

GBERBA has applied to the MPCA for a round two targeted cover crop grant and was not selected for funding by MPCA; notice received from Cindy Penny, MPCA State Program Administrator on April 4.

Multipurpose Drainage Management Policy Amendment

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the Multipurpose Drainage Management Policy Amendment as directed by the GBERBA Technical Committee (4-24-19) and bring back to the Policy for final review (5-10-19). Motion carried, all yes.

Staff Reports

Watonwan Watershed Resource Specialist – Joshua Votruba – See Handout
Area 6 Certification Specialist – Herman Bartsch – See Handout
Area 5 Certification Specialist – Danielle Evers - See Handout
MDA – Conservation Corp Member – Lee Tapper – See Handout

Agency Reports

BWSR – Jill Sackett Eberhart – written report
OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing at 1:55 p.m.

Next meeting date:	Technical Committee Meeting	April 24, 2019	9:30 a.m.
	Policy Board Meeting	Friday, May 10, 2019	1:00 p.m.
	Executive Board Meeting	Friday, June 24, 2019	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____