

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes

Friday, June 14, 2019

Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

Present: Tom Appel, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing, John Shanahan and Tom Warmka.

Others Present: Tony Berg, Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Julie Conrad, Kay Gross, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Lee Tapper and Joshua Votruba.

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

Agenda

Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Tom Appel to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by John Shanahan to approve the April 12, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 5/1/19 to 5/31/19 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Tom Appel to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Tom Warmka to approve the accounts payable totaling \$25,188.87. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Approval

Wade Krenz	46-06(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (41 ac)	Cost \$2,050.00	C-S \$1,025.00
Tom Muller	17-05(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00
William Rauenhorst	22-30(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (80 ac)	Cost \$4,000.00	C-S \$2,000.00

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Tom Appel to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract approval for Krenz (319-TMDL-\$1,025.00), Muller(319-TMDL-\$2,000.00) and Rauenhorst (319-TMDL-\$2,000.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Amendment

Ann Gaines-Whiteside	83-05(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Previous Date 6-17-19	New Install Date 12-31-19
Noren Durham	83-10(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops	Previous Date 6-17-19	New Install Date 12-31-19

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendment to change the install date to 12-31-19 for Gaines-Whiteside and Durham through 319-TMDL grant. Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

Adam Guetter	64-5-33	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00
Hegland Farms	37-5-05	Worksheet/Certification	Incentive \$300.00
Earle Traxler	40-6-03	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00
Joel Minett	59-5-27	Worksheet	Incentive \$100.00

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Tom Appel to approve the MAWQCP Incentive payments for the above landowners Guetter, Hegland Farms, Minett (\$100.00) and Traxler (\$300.00). Motion carried, all yes.

Joint Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Tom Appel to approve the meal expense for the July Joint Policy/Technical Meeting. 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 FULLY ENCUMBERED

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, 50% cost share maximum (\$ 25.00 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.

A grant Work Plan Revision has been submitted to the BWSR to allow for CAP 130 Drainage Water Management plans and for Structures for Water Control.

One Watershed One Plan Planning Grants, Watonwan Watershed

The Watonwan 1W1P Project is in full swing completing the plan language. The Advisory Committee and the Steering Committee met on June 5 to review progress made on the issues table.

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 – General Funds, State C-S and NRBG will stay the same. BWSR will be receiving \$900,000 to deal with pollinators. CWF – FY20-21 – District Capacity \$24 million over two years, with matching funds (which will be determined). Could be some changes with NRBG match. 1W1P funding has stayed the same and implementation funding has increased. Projects and Practices (20%) focus on drinking water (surface and/or groundwater) \$32 million for biennium. Conservation Drainage Management (MDM) did get funded. Some drainage system language was changed or modified – there will be two options to pay.

OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing at 2:32 p.m.

Next meeting date:	Technical Committee Meeting	Wednesday, June 26, 2019	9:30 a.m.
	Policy Board/Technical Meeting	Friday, June 19, 2019	9:30 a.m.
	Executive Board Meeting	Wednesday, August 28, 2019	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____