

GBERBA Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 8, 2019

Mankato Armory – Mankato, MN

Present: Tom Appel, Tyler Ask, Tony Berg, Doug Christopherson, Noren Durheim, James Eigenberg, Rich Enger, Steve Flohrs, Russell Guse, Larry Hansen, Don Kropp, Clark Lingbeek, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing, Bill Miller, Mark Piepho, Jessie Schaffer, John Shanahan, Daryl Tasler, Tom Warmka and Clem Windschitl.

Others Present: Dustin Anderson, Jerad Bach, Chris Bauer, Ashley Brenke, Becky Buchholz, Haley Byron, Julie Conrad, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Jake Fritz, Andy Geiger, Kay Gross, Mark Hiles, Al Kean, Brenda Lageson, Jeremy Maul, Andy Meyer, Hannah Neusch, Aaron Peter, Dave Rickert, Heidi Rudolph, Mark Schaeztker, Jarod Schamaun, Nick Smetana, Michele Stindtman, Lee Tapper, Josh Votruba, Jesse Walters and Tom Wenzel.

Call to Order - Chairman Neal Mensing called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Introductions

Agenda

Motion by Clem Windschitl second by Tony Berg to approve the Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Bill Miller, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the January 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

TECHNICAL MEETING – Convened at 9:43 a.m. by Chair Heidi Rudolph

Minutes

Motion by Michele Stindtman, second by Andy Geiger to approve the January 23, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval

Blue Earth County 07-01(319-CD-16) Alternative Side Intakes (5 No.) Cost \$25,000.00 C-S \$12,500.00
Drainage Authority – JD85

Motion by Chris Bauer, second by Andy Meyer to approve the Cost-Share Contract for Blue Earth County Drainage Authority (\$12,500.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Partial and Final Payment

Marvin Guse	81-03(319-TMDL)	Alternative Tile Intakes (2)	Cost \$1,358.22	C-S \$500.00
Darby Harder	17-02(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (73 ac)	Cost \$3,999.07	C-S \$2,775.00
Roger Hubmer	07-03(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (79 ac)	Cost \$3,713.00	C-S \$2,784.75

Motion by Ashley Brenke, second by Dustin Anderson to approve the Cost-Share Contract partial payment for Guse (\$500.00) and final payments for Harder (\$2,775.00) and Hubmer (\$2,784.75). Motion carried, all yes.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Michele Stindtman

TECHNICAL MEETING Adjourned at 9:56 a.m. by Chair Heidi Rudolph

POLICY BOARD MEETING Reconvened at by Chair Neal Mensing at 9:57 a.m.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 1/31/19 to 2/28/19 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Tony Berg, second by Clem Windschitl to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Don Kropp to approve the accounts payable and pay the bills totaling \$27,444.98. Motion carried, all yes.

Review Grant Balances and Projects Report.

COST-SHARE PROJECTS

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval

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Drainage Authority – JD85

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Rich Enger to approve the Cost-Share Contract for Blue Earth County Drainage Authority (\$12,500.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Final Payment

Darby Harder	17-02(319-TMDL)	Cover Crops (73 ac)	Cost \$3,999.07	C-S \$2,775.00
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Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Clem Windschitl to approve the Cost-Share Contract final payments for Harder (\$2,775.00) and Hubmer (\$2,784.75). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA MAWQCP COST-SHARE CONTRACT FINAL PAYMENT

Jamed Dambrotten 65-6-06(MAWQCP) Worksheet/Certification Completion Incentive \$300.00

Motion by Clem Windschitl, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the MAWQCP incentive payments for Dambrotten (\$300.00). 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 Watonwan Public Kick off meeting was held on Monday January 28, 2019. Over 110 people were in attendance for the event on a cold snowy night! The information gathered from that meeting will be compiled by HEI and used to help guide the steering committee. The steering committee met to finish the Issues of concern. The first Advisory Committee meeting will be held soon.

☆ New Grant Opportunity

The MPCA has opened a grant application period for 319 grants. The current application period closes February 26, 2019. We are developing a targeted cover crop grant.

Staff Reports

Watonwan Watershed Technician – Josh Votruba – See Handout
Area 6 Certification Specialist – Herman Bartsch – See Handout
Area 5 Certification Specialist – Danielle Evers - See Handout
MAWQCP Conservation Corp Member – Lee Tapper – See Handout

Agency Reports

BWSR – Jill Sackett Eberhart

Budget year for Legislation (watch for updates); 2019 CWF Competitive Grants Work Plans due March 12; Well Sealing funding is moving to BWSR slowly, but information is due April 9; 2019 Local Capacity Amendments are out, locally signed grant agreement, complete the work plan as soon as possible; Additional Buffer Law Funds have been sent out to some SWCDs. Introduction of local BWSR staff.

MPCA – None

DNR – None

MSU-WRC – None

OTHER – Comments have Commissioners and Soil and Water Supervisors work together and keep the State accountable in funding the SWCDs through the General Fund. State obligation would cover the District Capacity funding (\$14 million), which was not put in the Governor’s Budget.

Other Business - None

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing 10:30 a.m.

Presentation – Wetlands – Created/Natural for Storage and MDM Easement Template
Al Kean, Chief Engineer Manager, BWSR

Presentation – Engineering Considerations, Wetlands, Created/Natural Storage
Tom Wenzel, Senior Water Resources Engineer, BWSR

Presentation – Permanent Easement Language Considerations
David Rickert, Conservation Easement Section Assistant Manager, BWSR

Next meeting date: Executive Meeting – April 12, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Technical Meeting – April 24, 2019, 9:30 a.m.
Policy Board Meeting – May 10, 2019, 1:00 p.m.

Secretary’s signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____