

GBERBA Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 19, 2019

MRS Farm and Events LLC – Blue Earth, MN

Present: Larry Anderson, Tony Berg, Doug Christopherson, James Eigenberg, Rich Enger, William Groskreutz Jr., Larry Hansen, Clark Lingbeek, Tom Loveall, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing, Bill Miller, John Rollings, Jessie Schaffer, John Shanahan, Kevin Stevens, Tom Warmka and Clem Windschitl.

Others Present: Dustin Anderson, Jerad Bach, Herman Bartsch, Chris Bauer, Joanne Boettcher, Chase Bottin, Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Haley Byron, Wendy Chirpich, Julie Conrad, Paul Davis, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Danielle Evers, Pam Flitter, Andy Geiger, Bailey Griffin, Kay Gross, Tyler Grupa, Brooke Hacker, David Haler, Justin Hanson, Mark Hiles, Amy Huber, Shane Johnson, Shaina Keseley, Tyler Knutson, Brenda Lageson, Ed Lenz, Jenny Mocal-Johnson, Rick Moore, Heidi Salminen, Mark Schaetzke, Michele Stindtman, Lee Tapper, Josh Votruba, Rachel Wehner and Emma Young. Faribault Soil Health Team Members Joel Rauenhorst, Andy Linder, Matt Alford and Joel Mutschler.

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

Introductions

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion by Jim Eigenberg, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the May 10, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

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

Minutes

Motion by Jerad Bach, second by Ashley Brenke to approve the June 26, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Amendment

Faribault Co DA JD 1F 22-03(319-CDP-16) Increase C-S to max 75% Increase \$16,750.00 C-S \$72,993.02

Motion by Michele Stindtman, second by Wendy Chirpich to approve the Cost-Share Contract Amendment for Faribault County Drainage Authority JD-1F for a maximum of 75% cost-share (increase by \$16,750.00) to \$72,993.02. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval

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| Ramont Schrock | 17-06(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 71 ac | Cost \$3,550.00 | C-S \$1,775.00 |
| Blue Earth Co DA | 07-02(CWF-MDM-17) | WSCB or ASI/ASIRO | Cost \$33,500.00 | C-S \$25,125.00 |
| Blue Earth Co DA | 07-03(CWF-MDM-17) | WSCB or ASI/ASIRO | Cost \$50,200.00 | C-S \$37,650.00 |
| Bill Anderson | 22-31(319-TMDL-16) | Alternative Tile intakes – 2 no | Cost \$1,000.00 | C-S \$500.00 |
| Kurt Schimek | 22-32(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 55 ac | Cost \$2,750.00 | C-S \$1,375.00 |
| J-Ace Farms | 22-33(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 80 ac | Cost \$4,000.00 | C-S \$2,000.00 |
| Scott Volz | 22-34(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 80 ac | Cost \$4,000.00 | C-S \$2,000.00 |
| Tim Murray | 22-35(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 40 ac | Cost \$2,000.00 | C-S \$1,000.00 |
| Daryl Murray | 22-36(319-TMDL-16) | Cover Crops – 45 ac | Cost \$2,250.00 | C-S \$1,125.00 |

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Wendy Chirpich to approve the Cost-Share Contracts for Schrock (\$1,775.00), Blue Earth County Drainage (25,125.00 and \$37,650.00), Anderson (\$500.00), Schimek (\$1,375.00), J-Ace Farms (\$2,000.00), Volz (\$2,000.00) T. Murray (\$1,000.00) and D. Murray (\$1,125.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Final Payment

Blue Earth Co D.A. 07-01(319-CDP) Side Inlets (5 no) Cost \$19,120.00 C-S \$9,560.00

Motion by Jerad Bach, second by Michele Stindtman to approve the Cost-Share Contract final payments for Blue Earth Co D.A. (\$9,560.00). Motion carried, all yes.

TECHNICAL MEETING Adjourned at 9:48 a.m. by Chair Heidi Salminen

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POLICY BOARD MEETING Reconvened at by Chair Neal Mensing at 9:48 a.m.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 5/31/19 to 6/30/19 was presented for the Board’s review. Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the accounts payable and pay the bills totaling \$50,707.34. Motion carried, all yes.

Review Grant Balances and Projects Report.

COST-SHARE PROJECTS

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Cancellation

Stanley Thompson 24-01(319-CDP-16) Waterway/Grade Stabilization C-S \$16,750.00

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Doug Christopherson to approve the Cost-Share Contract Cancellation for Stanley Thompson totaling \$16,750.00. Motion carried, all yes.

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GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Final Payment

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| Jerry Sill | 83-04(319-TMDL) | Cover Crops – 80 ac | Cost \$2,801.60 | C-S \$898.80 |
| Blue Earth Co D.A. | 07-01(319-CDP) | Side Inlets (5 no) | Cost \$19,120.00 | C-S \$9,560.00 |

Motion by Clem Windschitl, second by Bill Miller to approve the Cost-Share Contract final payments for Sill (\$898.80) and Blue Earth Co D.A. (\$9,560.00). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA MAWQCP Cost-Share Contract Incentive Payment

Greg Entinger 40-6-04(MAWQCP) Worksheet Completion Incentive \$100.00

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Tony Berg to approve the MAWQCP incentive payments for Entinger (\$100.00). 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 **END DATE AUGUST 31, 2020**

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 **END DATE DECEMBER 31, 2019**

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 have completed the issues table. The next task is to set goals for the watershed.

Julie Conrad and Dave Bucklin spoke on the 'Why Does This Matter – 1W1P' and presented handouts on the watersheds and the scheduling of 1W1P applications for the remaining watersheds that affect our members and surrounding Counties/SWCDs.

☆ 2019 Clean Water Fund Grant Ideas

At the June 26, 2019 Technical meeting, ideas for 2020 Clean Water Fund applications were discussed. There was interest in a new Multipurpose Drainage Management grant and some interest in a Projects & Practices grant focused on drinking water protection (cover crops, tillage management, etc.). We are expecting further discussion at this meeting today.

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Rich Enger to approve submitting Clean Water Fund grant applications for Multipurpose Drainage Management (1) and Projects & Practices (2). Motion carried, all yes.

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

MPCA – Paul Davis

DNR – Brooke Hacker

MSU-WRC – Tyler Gupta

Other Business – None

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Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing 11:00 a.m.

Presentation – One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) Julie Westerlund (1W1P Plan Coordinator), Jill Sackett Eberhart (Board Conservationist) and Shaina Keseley (Clean Water Specialist) – BWSR

Panel Discussion – 1W1P Discussion – Andy Geiger/Chris Bauer – Jackson County/SWCD; Justin Hanson – Mower SWCD/Cedar WS; Tyler Knutson – Yellow Medicine SWCD; BWSR Staff

Presentation – Faribault County Soil Health Team

Next Meetings

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| Technical Meeting | August 28, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. |
| Executive Board Meeting | August 28, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. |
| Policy Board Meeting | September 13, 2019 | 1:00 p.m. |

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____