

GBERBA Executive Board Minutes

Friday, December 20, 2019

Blue Earth County Ag Service Center– Mankato, MN

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

Others Present: Dave Bucklin, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Kay Gross and Josh Votruba.

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

Agenda

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the Executive Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of the Area 5 and 6 Certification Specialist contracts and Policy Amendments for the MPCA-319 Cover Crop Grant. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Tom Appel to approve the October 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 11/1/19 to 11/30/19 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 Tom Appel, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the accounts payable totaling \$68,709.11. Motion carried, all yes. (Mensing Abstained from voting).

GBERBA Contract Amendments

Byron Properties	81-01(CWF-MDM-17)	Time Extension to 12-31-2020
Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	40-01(CWF-MDM-17)	Time Extension to 12-31-2020
Waseca County Drainage Authority	81-02(CWF-MDM-17)	Time Extension to 12-31-2020

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendments for Time Extensions to 12-31-2020 for Byron Properties (CWF-MDM-17-81-01), Le Sueur County Drainage Authority (CWF-MDM-17-40-01) and Waseca County Drainage Authority (CWF-MDM-17-81-02). Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Completion

Roger Hubmer	07-07(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$3,240.00	C-S \$1,620.00
John Rollings	07-08(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 20 acres	Cost \$1,397.50	C-S \$500.00
Ramont Schrock	17-06(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 72 acres	Cost \$1,415.20	C-S \$1,207.60
Matt Alford	22-26(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$2,713.20	C-S \$1,356.60
Andy Linder	22-27(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$4,080.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Linder Family Farms	22-28(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$7,134.00	C-S \$2,000.00
Leo Olson	22-29(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 55 acres	Cost \$1,776.00	C-S \$888.00
William Rauenhorst	22-30(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$5,605.00	C-S \$1,180.00
Kurt Schimek	22-32(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 68 acres	Cost \$2,040.00	C-S \$8,25.00
J-Ace Farms	22-33(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$4,296.00	C-S \$1,119.20
Scott Volz	22-34(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$7,227.50	C-S \$1,180.00
Tim Murray	22-35(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 40 acres	Cost \$1,114.74	C-S \$557.37
Daryl Murray	22-36(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 45 acres	Cost \$1,254.96	C-S \$627.48
Mark Vokiel	22-37(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 70 acres	Cost \$3,145.80	C-S \$1,572.90
Nathan Carr	22-38(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 79 acres	Cost \$2,893.07	C-S \$1,165.25
Clinton Eastman	22-39(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 75.37 acres	Cost \$2,893.07	C-S \$1,446.53
Ryan Hagedorn	22-40(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$4,705.28	C-S \$1,180.00
Eric Volsen	22-41(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 65 acres	Cost \$3,012.50	C-S \$1,506.25
Roger Iliff	22-42(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 74 acres	Cost \$2,331.00	C-S \$1,165.50
Shawn Hassing	22-43(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 75 acres	Cost \$2,250.00	C-S \$1,125.00
Jared Mensing	22-45(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 76 acres	Cost \$2,736.00	C-S \$1,368.00
Neal Mensing	22-46(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$2,880.00	C-S \$1,440.00
Doug Meyer	22-47(319-TMDL-16)	Alternative Tile Intakes (2)	Cost \$2,586.65	C-S \$500.00
Marvin Guse	81-03(319-TMDL-16)	Alternative Tile Intakes (1)	Cost \$587.47	C-S \$250.00
Dan Roemhildt	81-05(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 45 acres	Cost \$1,362.80	C-S \$681.40
Glen Ausen	24-02(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 40 acres	Cost \$1,400.00	C-S \$1,050.00
Mark Byron	81-06(319-TMDL-16)	Cover Crops – 80 acres	Cost \$2,860.00	C-S \$1,430.00

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract payments as listed above for contracts (25 individuals/entities) through grant 319-TMDL-16 for cover crops and (2 individuals) through grant 319-TMDL-16 for alternative tile intakes. Neal Mensing abstained. Motion carried, all yes.

MAWQCP Contract Approval

Ethan Quade	MAWQCP(17-5-23)	Certification Incentive	\$200.00
Mike Longtin	MAWQCP(42-5-10)	Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00
Mark Enninga	MAWQCP(53-5-12)	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	\$300.00
Naomi Schaeztk	MAWQCP(81-6-04)	Worksheet/Certification Incentive	\$300.00
Mark Byron	MAWQCP(81-6-05)	Worksheet Incentive	\$100.00

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the MAWQCP incentive payments for Enninga and Schaeztk (\$300.00), Quade (\$200.00), and Longtin and Byron (\$100.00). Motion carried, all yes.

Cover Crop 319 Grant – Policy Amendments

Up the acres per contract for Cover Crops to 160 or open ended; repeat contract holders are allowed. If possible up the percentage to 75% for all practices, will look at match numbers to determine.

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the MPCA 319 Cover Crop Grant Policy Amendments including acres for cover crops (open ended), allow a change in cost-share percentages as determined to meet our match on all practices. Motion carried, all yes.

MDA Joint Powers Agreement – MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by John Shanahan to approve the MN Department of Agriculture Joint Powers Agreement for the MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 totaling \$517,650. Motion carried, all yes.

Watershed Technician Contract

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the Watershed Technician Contract for 2020 to aid with the GBERBA grant workload. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Coordinator Contract for 2020

Area 5 and 6 MDA Area Certification Specialists

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tom Appel to approve the Area 5 and 6 MDA Certification Specialist Contracts for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 with the Pipestone and Cottonwood SWCD to complete the MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. 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. Over 500,000 acres certified! The needed paperwork has been submitted to the MDA that will extend the GBERBA agreement for another two years. The Executive Board will need to approve the agreement today.

☆ 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. Grant End Date 8-31-2020

☆ **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 approved by the BWSR to allow for CAP 130 Drainage Water Management plans and for Structures for Water Control.

Grant Amendment Agreement has been approved to extend the expiration date to 12-31-2020.

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

The Watonwan 1W1P Project is in full swing completing the plan language. The Policy and Steering Committee will meet on December 18 to fine tune and approve measurable goals, actions, and programs table.

☆ **2020 Grant Applications**

GBERBA staff submitted a Drinking Water Protection Grant application as well as a MDM Grant application for the 2020 Clean Water Fund. BWSR will announce the grant awards in January. GBERBA has also applied for a Cover Crop Grant through BWSR, submitted October 24, 2019.

☆ **2019 MAWQCP Conservation Corps Position**

Lee Tapper has completed the 2019 Corps position requirements. Thank You, Lee! Lee has been hired by the Cottonwood SWCD as a Program Technician.

☆ **2020 MAWQCP Conservation Corps Position**

Two applicants were interviewed for the 2020 MAWQCP Corps position. This is a yearlong position starting in January 2020. An applicant has accepted the position.

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 – Verbal Report

OTHER – None

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing at 2:21 p.m.

Next meeting date:	Executive Board Meeting	Friday, February 14, 2020	1:00 p.m.
	Policy Board Meeting	Friday, January 10, 2020	1:00 p.m.
	Technical Committee Meeting	Wednesday, January 22, 2020	9:30 a.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____