

## GBERBA Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 8, 2019  
Mankato Armory – Mankato, MN

**Present:** Tom Appel, Tony Berg, Noren Durheim, Rich Enger, Don Kropp, Clark Lingbeek, Glen Mathiason, Neal Mensing, Mark Piepho, Gary Rathman, John Shanahan and Tom Warmka.

**Others Present:** Jerad Bach, Herman Bartsch, Ashley Brenke, Dave Bucklin, Haley Byron, Paul Davis, Jill Sackett Eberhart, Tom Gile, Bailey Griffin, Kay Gross, David Haler, Shane Johnson, Brenda Lageson, John Lore, Andy Meyer, Rick Moore, Kim Musser, Kevin Roth, Heidi Salminen, Mark Schaetzke, Lee Tapper, Josh Votruba and Rita Weaver.

**Call to Order** - Chairman Neal Mensing called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

### Introductions

### Agenda

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Tony Berg to approve the Policy Board/Technical Committee Meeting Agenda with the addition of the BWSR Multipurpose Drainage Grant Agreement Extension, 2018 Audit Report and 2020 Dues. Motion carried, all yes.

### Minutes

Motion by Tom Appel, second by John Shanahan to approve the September 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

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

#### Minutes

Motion by Ashley Brenke, second by Jerad Bach to approve the October 23, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

### INFORMATION/ACTION

#### GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval

Doug Meyer                      22-47(319-TMDL-16)      Alternative Tile Intakes – 2 no      Cost \$1,000.00 C-S \$500.00

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Jerad Bach to approve the Cost-Share Contract for Meyer (\$500.00 – 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

#### GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Cancellation

Wade Krenz      46-06(319-TMDL-16)                      Cover Crops – 41 ac                      Cost \$2,050.00 C-S \$1,025.00

Motion by Ashley Brenke, second by Andy Meyer to approve the Cost-Share Contract cancellation for Krenz (\$1,025.00 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

#### GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Final Payment

Tom Muller      17-05(319-TMDL-16)                      Cover Crops – 80 ac                      Cost \$2,444.80 C-S \$1,222.40

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Jerad Bach to approve the Cost-Share Contract final payment for Muller (\$1,222.40 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

**TECHNICAL MEETING** Adjourned at 9:46 a.m. by Chair Heidi Salminen

**POLICY BOARD MEETING** Reconvened at by Chair Neal Mensing at 9:47 a.m.

### INFORMATION/ACTION

#### Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 9/30/19 to 10/31/19 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Don Kropp, second by Tony Berg to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

#### Accounts Payable

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by John Shanahan to approve the accounts payable and pay the bills totaling \$22,694.19. Motion carried, all yes.

Review Grant Balances and Projects Report.

**COST-SHARE PROJECTS**

**GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval**

Doug Meyer                    22-47(319-TMDL-16)    Alternative Tile Intakes – 2 no    Cost \$1,000.00    C-S \$500.00

Motion by Rich Enger, second by Mark Piepho to approve the Cost-Share Contract for Meyer (\$500.00 – 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

**GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Cancellation**

Wade Krenz    46-06(319-TMDL-16)                    Cover Crops – 41 ac                    Cost \$2,050.00    C-S \$1,025.00

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the Cost-Share Contract cancellation for Krenz (\$1,025.00 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

**GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Final Payment**

Tom Klug            81-04(319-TMDL-16)                    Cover Crops – 55 ac                    Cost \$2,613.40    C-S \$1,306.70  
Tom Muller        17-05(319-TMDL-16)                    Cover Crops – 80 ac                    Cost \$2,444.80    C-S \$1,222.40

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Don Kropp to approve the Cost-Share Contract final payment for Klug (\$1,306.70 319-TMDL-16) and Muller (\$1,222.40 319-TMDL-16). Motion carried, all yes.

**BWSR 2017 Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant Agreement Extension**

Motion by Tom Appel, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the signing of the BWSR 2017 Multipurpose Drainage Management Grant Agreement Extension to expire on 12-31-2020. Motion carried, all yes.

**2018 Audit Report - Update**

**Dues 2020**

Motion by Mark Piepho, second by Tom Appel to approve the 2020 Dues, with no changes, totaling \$42,244 for GBERBA members. 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! MDA will be working with GBERBA to extend our agreement for another five years.

**★ 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. 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 will be approved and signed at the November 8 Policy Board/Technical Committee Joint Meeting and returned to BWSR; this will 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 last met on October 16 to review progress made on the measurable goals, actions, and programs table. These will need to be completed for all issues in the plan.

☆ **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.

**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  
BWSR Academy Evaluation Survey – PLEASE RETURN; 2020 NRBG Block Grants returned for execution; 2020 Conservation Delivery and District Capacity Grants returned for execution; 18 applications for 3.8 million in requests for Cover Crop Grants.

**MPCA** – Paul Davis

TMDLs out for public comment and out for public comment; Science Meeting if there are questions on the process please request a meeting to discuss your questions.

**DNR** – None

**Other Business – None**

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Neal Mensing 10:25 a.m.

**Presentation – Update on Minnesota Buffer Program – Kevin Roth, BWSR Buffer and Soil Loss Specialist**

**Introduction of Rita Weaver, BWSR Engineer**

**Presentation – Wetlands – Created/Natural for Water Storage, Multipurpose Drainage Management - Tom Gile, BWSR Resource Conservation Section Manager**

**Presentation – The Status of Rivers and Streams in the Greater Blue Earth River Basin – John Lore, MN DNR Watershed Specialist**

**Next Meetings**

Technical Meeting	December 20, 2019	9:30 a.m.
<b>Executive Board Meeting</b>	<b>December 20, 2019</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Policy Board Meeting	January 10, 2020	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_