

**Month Ending 1/31/2020**  
**GBERBA EXECUTIVE BOARD and TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 2/14/2020**

**Checking /Savings Beginning Balance - 12/31/2019**

Total Receipts	\$ 138,903.10
Total Disbursements	46,265.65
<b>Checking/Savings Balance - 1/31/2020</b>	<b>(25,087.76)</b>
	<u>\$ 160,080.99</u>

**Receipts 1/1/2020 to 1/31/2020**

Minnesota Department of Ag - December	\$ 17,859.38
2020 Dues - Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Freeborn, Jackson, Martin and Waseca	\$ 28,398.00
Interest	8.27
	<u>\$ 46,265.65</u>

**Disbursements - 1/1/2020-1/31/2020**

3856 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$4,334.00
3857 Martin SWCD - Financial Coordinator	235.00
3858 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,329.32
3859 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	8,688.06
3860 MCIT - 2020 Insurance Premium	3,187.00
3861 Andrew Krusemark - 319-TMDL-16-46-05 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	1,578.67
3862 Jim Opdahl- 42-5-11 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3863 Jason Miller - 51-5-12 - MAWQCP Worksheet/Certification Incentive	300.00
3864 Duane Baker - 59-5-29 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3865 Terry Aukes - 67-5-16 - MAWQCP Worksheet Incentive	100.00
EFT Inuit Checkforms - Checks	135.71
	<u>\$25,087.76</u>

**Accounts Payable - 2/14/2020**

3866 Cottonwood SWCD - GBERBA Coordinators	\$6,869.68
3867 Pipestone SWCD - MAWQCP Area 5 Specialist	6,940.81
3868 Cottonwood SWCD - MAWQCP Area 6 Specialist	7,612.93
3869 Cottonwood SWCD - Watershed Resource Specialist (Josh Votruba)	3,236.31
3870 Darby Harder - 319-TMDL-16-17-07 - Cover Crop Cost-Share	2,000.00
3871 Le Sueur SWCD - TS-40-6-02 - MAWQCP - Technical Assistance	6,000.00
3872 Mark Pettis - 40-6-05 - MAWQCP - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3873 Mark Byron - 81-6-05 - MAWQCP - Certification Incentive	200.00
3874 Jamie Labat - 42-5-12 - MAWQCP - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
3875 Chris Balfany - 87-5-19 - MAWQCP - Worksheet Incentive	100.00
	<u>\$33,159.73</u>

**Accounts Receivable**

Minnesota Department of Ag. - January	\$ 17,691.64
BWSR - Grant 38 - Watonwan Watershed Technician - Final	\$ 9,900.00
MPCA - Grant 37 - Cover Crop - July-December 2019 - Reimbursement	\$ 52,336.13
	<u>\$ 79,927.77</u>

**Bank Account Balances**

GBERBA Checking - #1839	\$ 94,516.61
GBERBA CWL Savings - #3367	35,531.80
GBERBA Operating Savings - regulated funds - #1871	30,032.58
	<u>\$ 160,080.99</u>

# Greater Blue Earth Basin Alliance (GBERBA) Proposed Calendar Year 2020 Administrative Budget

	Proposed Calendar Year 2020
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>	
Intergovernmental	
County	
County Member Dues	\$ 42,244.00
<b>State/Federal Grants</b>	
Grant 34 - MDA - MAWQCP	211,400.00
Grant 37 - MPCA TMDL - Cover Crops	252,250.00
Grant 38 - Watonwan Watershed Specialist	9,900.00
Grant 39 - Multi-Purpose Drainage	232,500.00
Charges for Services	-
Misc. - MCIT Dividend	265.00
Interest Earnings	151.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 748,710.00</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	
<b>GBERBA Operations</b>	
Personnel Services	
Administrative, Technical & Financial Coordinators	52,000.00
Services and Charges	
MCIT - Insurance	3,187.00
Audit Services	2,675.00
Meeting Expenses	1,500.00
Line of Credit - Renewal Fee and Interest	1,045.00
<b>State/Federal Grant Expenditures</b>	
Grant 34 - MDA - MAWQCP	191,400.00
Grant 37 - MPCA TMDL - Cover Crops	232,250.00
Grant 39 - Multi-Purpose Drainage	218,500.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 702,557.00</b>
<b>Revenues over Expenditures +</b>	<b>\$ 46,153.00</b>



Grant Balances and Projects				GBERBA Executive Board and Technical Committee Meetings -2-14-2020			
County	Code	Grant Deadlines		Grant 37 Cover Crops/Intakes	Grant 39 Multi Purpose DM	Expiration Date	Payment Date
		Project Funds	Project Dev. & T/E				
Blue Earth	7			8/31/2020			12/20/2017
Brown	8			\$300,000.00	\$226,000.00		12/20/2017
Cottonwood	17			\$10,047.49			10/30/2017
Faribault	22			\$2,350.24			11/17/2017
Freeborn	24			\$13,677.14			3/9/2018
Jackson	32			\$119,702.32	\$1,575.00		10/30/2017
LeSueur	40			\$6,510.00			12/19/2018
Martin	46			\$4,391.17	\$50,000.00		12/19/2018
Waseca	81			\$6,917.23	\$85,625.00		12/19/2018
Watsonwan	83			\$20,101.20			12/19/2018
<b>Encumbered and/or Paid Totals</b>				<b>\$183,696.79</b>	<b>\$223,525.00</b>		
<b>Funds Remaining</b>				<b>\$116,303.21</b>	<b>\$2,475.00</b>		

319 Drainage/Cover Crops		Grant 37		Grant 39		Expiration Date		Payment Date	
319-TMDL	46-01	Larry Cowing	\$1,012.50	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/20/2017
319-TMDL	17-01	Ramont Schrock	\$1,448.14	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/20/2017
319-TMDL	46-02	Harvey Hagedorn	\$585.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	10/30/2017
319-TMDL	24-01	Doug Redman	\$3,000.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	11/17/2017
319-TMDL	07-01	Lucas Bunde	\$1,075.28	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	3/9/2018
319-TMDL	22-01	Wegner Farms	\$1,819.16	cover crops			5/15/2018	10/30/2017	10/30/2017
319-TMDL	22-02	Ryan O'Hare	\$1,275.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-03	Andy Linder	\$1,740.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-04	J-Ace Farms, Inc	\$2,125.80	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-05	Matt Alford	\$1,408.34	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-06	William Rauenhorst	\$1,740.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-07	Dean Schimek	\$1,920.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-08	Neal Mensing	\$1,932.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-09	Clint Eastman	\$2,133.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-03	Roger Hubmer	\$2,784.75	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-04	John Frey	\$849.66	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-10	Scott Volz	\$2,552.40	cover crops			9/15/2019	3/8/2019	3/8/2019
319-TMDL	83-01	Greenwood Prop. LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops			9/15/2019	1/11/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	83-02	Gary Dannhoff	\$3,000.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	17-02	Darby Harder	\$2,775.00	cover crops			4/12/2019		
319-TMDL	22-11	Dennis Baxter	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes			4/12/2019		
319-TMDL	22-12	Dennis Baxter	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes			11/1/2018	3/8/2019	3/8/2019
319-TMDL	22-13	Steve Lawrence	\$250.00	alternative tile intakes			7/1/2020	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-03	George Sill	\$3,000.00	cover crops			7/1/2020	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-04	Jerry Sill	\$2,101.20	cover crops			7/1/2020	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-02	Matt Warmka	\$2,681.25	cover crops			7/1/2020	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-14	Brent Haase	\$1,119.69	cover crops			4/12/19 to 12/31/19	7/19/2019	7/19/2019
319-TMDL	22-15	Scott Haase	\$925.90	cover crops			9/15/2019		
319-TMDL	22-16	Kenneth Haase	\$1,706.25	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-17	Eric Wegner	\$1,500.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-18	Jeff Schultz	\$1,195.90	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	46-03	David Ammann	\$0.00	cover crops			12/31/2018	Canceled	Canceled
319-TMDL	81-01	Thomas Klug	\$1,497.38	cover crops			12/31/2018	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	07-05	John Rollings	\$536.55	cover crops			9/15/2019	1/11/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	83-05	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$3,000.00	cover crops			6/17/2019 to 12/31/19		
319-TMDL	22-19	Ryan Hagedorn	\$2,077.50	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-20	Trails End Farm	\$2,194.50	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-21	Tim Peterson	\$2,027.25	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-22	Dominic Schultz	\$1,901.25	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-23	Greg Johanson	\$750.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-06	Ben Christensen	\$0.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-07	Porter-Ann Gaines Whiteside	\$0.00	cover crops				Canceled	Canceled
319-TMDL	83-08	Homewood Farms	\$3,000.00	cover crops			6/17/2019		
319-TMDL	83-09	AVG II, LLC	\$3,000.00	cover crops			6/17/2019		
319-TMDL	24-02	Glen Ausen	\$1,050.00	cover crops			12/1/18 to 12/1/19	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	24-03	Casey Madson	\$2,460.00	cover crops			12/1/2018	10/12/2018	10/12/2018
319-TMDL	17-03	Curtis Janzen	\$2,100.00	cover crops			12/1/2018	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-24	Ronald Volsen	\$2,461.80	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	22-25	Eric Volsen	\$2,925.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 12/31/19	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	83-10	Noren Durheim	\$0.00	cover crops			6/17/2019 to 12/31/19	Canceled	Canceled
319-TMDL	08-01	Steve Michels	\$0.00	cover crops			11/1/18 to 11/1/19	Canceled	Canceled
319-TMDL	08-02	Bryon Christenson	\$2,350.24	cover crops			11/1/2018	11/9/2018	11/9/2018
319-TMDL	17-04	Ramont Schrock	\$924.00	cover crops			12/1/2018	12/19/2018	12/19/2018
319-TMDL	81-02	Naomi Schaetzke	\$501.75	cover crops			12/1/2019	1/11/2019	1/11/2019
319-TMDL	81-03	Marvin Guse	\$750.00	alternative tile intakes			12/1/2019	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	46-04	Larry Cowing	\$1,215.00	cover crops			12/31/2019	9/13/2019	9/13/2019
319-TMDL	46-05	Andrew Krusemark	\$1,578.67	cover crops			12/31/2019	1/10/2020	1/10/2020
319-TMDL	22-26	Matt Alford	\$1,356.60	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-27	Andrew Linder	\$2,000.00	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-28	Linder Family Farms	\$2,000.00	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-29	Leo Olson	\$888.00	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	46-06	Wade Krenz	\$0.00	cover crops			12/31/2019	Canceled	Canceled
319-TMDL	17-05	Tom Muller	\$1,222.40	cover crops			8/1/2020	11/8/2019	11/8/2019
319-TMDL	22-30	William Rauenhorst	\$1,180.00	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	17-06	Ramont Schrock	\$1,207.60	cover crops			8/1/2020	12/20/2019	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	22-31	Bill Anderson	\$500.00	alternative tile intakes			8/1/2020		



**Grant Balances and Projects**

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Freeborn	24			\$13,677.14	\$1,575.00
Jackson	32			\$119,702.32	
LeSueur	40			\$6,510.00	
Martin	46			\$4,391.17	\$50,000.00
Waseca	81			\$6,917.23	\$85,625.00
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319-TMDL	Code	Project Name	Balance	Slippage	Expiration Date	Payment Date
22-32	Kurt Schimek	cover crops	\$825.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-33	J-Ace Farms, Inc - J.Erdahl	cover crops	\$1,119.20		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-34	Scott Volz	cover crops	\$1,180.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-35	Tim Murray	cover crops	\$557.37		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-36	Daryl Murray	cover crops	\$627.48		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
17-07	Darby Harder	cover crops	\$2,000.00		8/1/2020	2/14/2020
07-07	Roger Hubmer	cover crops	\$1,620.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	John Rollings	cover crops	\$500.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
81-04	Tom Klug	cover crops	\$1,306.70		8/1/2020	11/8/2019
81-05	Dan Roemhildt	cover crops	\$681.40		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	Mark Yokiel	cover crops	\$1,572.90		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-37	Nathan Carr	cover crops	\$1,165.25		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-38	Clint Eastman	cover crops	\$1,446.53		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-39	Ryan Hagedorn	cover crops	\$1,180.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-40	Eric Volsen	cover crops	\$1,506.25		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-41	Roger Iloff	cover crops	\$1,165.50		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-42	Mark Byron	cover crops	\$1,430.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
81-06	Shawn Hassing	cover crops	\$1,125.00		11/1/2019	12/20/2019
22-43	Schimek Enterprises	cover crops	\$1,125.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-44	Tony Dick	cover crops	\$2,000.00		8/1/2020	
319-TMDL	Jared Mensing	cover crops	\$1,368.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-45	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$1,440.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	Terry Groskreutz	cover crops	\$750.00		11/1/2019	
22-46	Douglas Meyer	alternative tile intakes	\$500.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
81-07	Jared Mensing	cover crops	\$832.50		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
319-TMDL	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$720.00		8/1/2020	12/20/2019
22-48	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$1,687.50		8/25/2020	
22-49	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$1,080.00		8/25/2020	
319-TMDL	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$945.00		8/25/2020	
22-50	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$1,597.50		8/25/2020	
22-51	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$1,597.50		8/25/2020	
22-52	Neal Mensing	cover crops	\$45,981.00		8/25/2020	
22-53	Faribault Co. D.A.	Grade Stabilizations	\$45,981.00		8/1/2020	
22-54	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$183,696.79</b>			

FY17 Multipurpose Drainage	Grant 39	Project Name	Balance	Slippage	Expiration Date	Payment Date
07-01	Blue Earth DA	side inlets	\$23,550.00		12/1/2019	1/12/2018
07-01	%Craig Austinson	Bioreactor	\$35,625.00		12/1/18 to 12/1/19	10-11-19 Held Until Approved By Tech
81-01	Byron Properties of New Richland	Excavating	\$1,575.00		12-31-2020	
22-01	G&S Drainage & Excavating	Drainage Water Mgmt Plan	\$50,000.00		4/31/19	10/12/2018
40-01	Le Sueur County Drainage Authority	Storage and Treatment Wetland	\$50,000.00		12/1/19	
07-02	%Craig Austinson	Water Sediment Control Basin	\$0.00		C-S Increase \$13,551.50	
07-03	%Craig Austinson	Water Sediment Control Basin	\$0.00		12/1/2019	Canceled
81-02	Waseca County Drainage Authority	Storage and Treatment Wetland Restoration	\$50,000.00		12/1/2019	Canceled
07-04	%Craig Austinson	Water Sediment Control Basin	\$37,650.00		12/19/2019	
07-05	Blue Earth DA	Water Sediment Control Basin	\$25,125.00		12/1/2020	
07-05	%Craig Austinson	Water Sediment Control Basin	\$25,125.00		12/1/2020	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$223,525.00</b>			



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# Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 14, 2020  
**TO:** GBERBA MEMBERS  
**FROM:** KAY GROSS and DAVID BUCKLIN, GBERBA COORDINATORS  
**SUBJECT:** COORDINATOR REPORT GBERBA TECHNICAL AND EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

## MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports. Over 500,000 acres certified! GBERBA has the Area 5 and 6 MAWQCP administrative contract approved through 2021.

## 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**

**For 2020 the cover crop acre limits are removed. At this point the 50% cost share rate will be continued.**

## 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 and reviewing plan sections. The Policy and Steering Committee met on February 5 to fine tune parts of the budget and plan. Discussion as to what type of organizational structure the group will use is moving forward.

## 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. **GBERBA did not receive funding. Congratulations to Faribault County for the Cover Crop Grant Award!**

## 2020 MAWQCP Conservation Corps Position

Introducing Ashley Broussard as the 2020 MAWQCP Conservation Corps position. Welcome aboard Ashley!

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KAY GROSS: Administrative Coordinator  
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# Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

South Central MAWQCP Certification Specialist

Serving the Counties of: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, McLeod, Nicollet, Renville, Sibley, Waseca, Watonwan



Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance



Herman Bartsch

## AREA 6 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

### Workload:

- Working with producers and SWCDs to complete assessments and certifications
- Assisting producers with MDA Grant Applications
- Cover Crop Plans
- Practice Plans
- Program Promotion
- Conservation Tillage Conference – St. Cloud
- AgExpo – Mankato Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>
- SW MN Wastewater Operators Association Meeting – Fairmont Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
- I-90 Soil Health Tour – Waseca Feb 27<sup>th</sup>, Fairmont

AREA 6	Applications	Assessments	Certifications
Blue Earth SWCD	13	12	7
Brown SWCD	10	6	3
Faribault SWCD	21	16	13
LeSueur SWCD	11	6	3
Martin SWCD	9	5	5
McLeod SWCD	9	7	4
Nicollet SWCD	1	1	1
Renville SWCD	10	7	7
Sibley SWCD	3	3	3
Waseca SWCD	11	10	4
Watonwan SWCD	11	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>55</b>

Producers continue to use the MDA \$5,000 grant to install conservation practices that will address water quality concerns and help them gain certification.

MAWQCP is beginning to offer **three new endorsements** in addition to certification. Endorsements will recognize producers who are going above and beyond in the areas of **soil health, integrated pest management, and wildlife.**

The **Regional Conservation Partnership Program** with NRCS has been renewed for another **five years and nine million dollars**. This program offers a pot of EQIP money that producers can use to install conservation practices to help them become certified. Only certified producers, or those seeking certification have access to these funds.

MAWQCP Numbers as of 1-13-20

- 823 producers certified
- 560,940 acres certified
- 1,747 new practices installed or planned to be installed
- Sediment delivery to surface waters reduced by 37,281 tons per year
- Soil loss reduced by 103,954 tons per year
- Phosphorus loss reduced by 46,099 lbs. of P per year

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# Greater Blue Earth River Basin

January 27, 2020



DANIELLE EVERS

## AREA 5 MAWQCP CERTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Serving the Counties of: Cottonwood, Jackson, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock, & Yellow Medicine

### Projects and Workload:

- Continuing to meet with producers for assessments, mapping, & uploading documents for state verification
- Assisting producers in submitting MAWQCP Cost-Share Grant Applications
- Working with Pipestone county on Soil Health Assessment project analyzing data & organizing a winter meeting. Goal is to target potential new applicants and/or continue contact/provide services with previously certified producers
- Working on program promotion, and story map participation
- Contacting producers about endorsements

### Events:

- Jan 9<sup>th</sup> - Research Update Meeting - Lamberton, MN
- Jan 10<sup>th</sup> - Training and Meetings - Madison, MN
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> - MARL Seminar - Perham, MN
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup> - We Are Water Meeting - Pipestone, MN
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Soil Health Assessment Results Meeting - Pipestone, MN
- Feb 11<sup>th</sup>-March 1<sup>st</sup> - Vacation and International Trip MARL

### Program Updates and Information:

- Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat & Soil Health available for certified producers.
- **WRE dollars available** for 30 year & permanent easements. Please contact me if you know of an interested producer.
- The MAWQCP RCPPP EQIP has been renewed!!!
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **826 farms**, including over **564,482 acres** with **1,754 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,308 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **104,048 tons** soil reduced per year, **46,128 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **37,054 CO<sub>2-e</sub> tons** per year

### YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

<b>Area 5</b>	<b>Applications</b>	<b>Assessments Completed</b>	<b>Actively Pursuing Cert.</b>	<b>Certifications</b>
Cottonwood SWCD	32	31	2	13
Jackson SWCD	30	27	1	17
Lac Qui Parle SWCD	6	6	0	4
Lincoln SWCD	18	17	0	6
Lyon SWCD	15	14	1	7
Murray SWCD	13	13	0	10
Nobles SWCD	14	14	0	10
Pipestone SWCD	42	38	2	18
Redwood SWCD	34	34	1	22
Rock SWCD	20	16	2	10
Yellow Medicine SWCD	27	23	2	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>128</b>

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December 30, 2019



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- Working on program promotion, and story map participation
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### Events:

- Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Meeting We Are Water –Pipestone, MN
- Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – Agronomy Update Meeting – Pipestone, MN
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – MARL Seminar – Austin, MN

### Program Updates and Information:

- \*NEW\* Endorsements for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Wildlife Habitat and Soil Health are **ALL** now available for certified producers.
- **WRE dollars available** for 30 year & permanent easements. Please contact me if you know of an interested producer.
- The MAWQCP RCPP EQIP has been renewed!!!
- Grant applications still available for up to **\$5,000 75%** cost-share through the MDA for producers
- MAWQCP has certified over **820 farms**, including over **558,354 acres** with **1,743 new BMP's**
- Estimated benefits include: **37,180 tons** of TSS reduced per year, **103,894 tons** soil reduced per year, **45,941 lbs** Phosphorous reduced per year, **36,988 CO<sub>2-e</sub>** tons per year

## YEAR TO DATE NUMBERS

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**DATE:** January 22, 2020

**NAME:** Josh Votruba  
Cottonwood SWCD Watershed Technician

**Working on:**

- *Watonwan River One Watershed, One Plan:* The Watonwan 1WIP Advisory Committee has begun the process of reviewing and commenting on draft sections of the Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan. The Watonwan Advisory Committee has sent me comments to be consolidated for draft sections 2 (Introduction), 3 (Land and Water Resources Narrative), and 4 (Identification and Prioritization of Resource Categories, Concerns, and Issues). Comments for draft sections 7 (Implementation Programs) & 8 (Plan Administration & Coordination) are due to me January 24. The comments for sections 2,3,4,7 & 8 will be consolidated and sent back to the Steering Team for review Jan 29. During the February 5 Steering Team Meeting the Steering Team will go over the comments for sections 2,3,4,7 & 8.
- *GBERBA ELINK Grant Reporting:* Continue the process of entering GBERBA project information into Elink for GBERBA Grant 37 (cover crops/alternative tile intakes).
- *Grant 37 Semi-Annual Report:* Have been assisting Kay and Dave with the MPCA semi-annual report for GBERBA Grant 37 (Cover Crops/Alternative Intakes), this report is due February 1.



## Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

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January 22, 2020

### **Introduction:**

- Hello, my name is Ashley Broussard and I am the Agriculture and Water Outreach Americorps member serving with the Conservation Corps of MN & IA. I will be working with Cottonwood SWCD this year.
- I am originally from Plainfield, IL, a suburb of Chicago. I graduated from Northern Illinois University this past December with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies and an Emphasis in Water Science.
- I have a wide variety of field experience gained through student volunteering, upper division field courses, and an internship with Kane County Division of Environmental and Water Resources.
- I am looking forward to learning more about MAWQCP and am excited to be a part of this amazing team.

### **Projects:**

- Attended Conservation Corps individual placement orientation in St. Paul.
- Visit to Minnesota History Center with Conservation Corps.
- Introductions/orientation at Cottonwood SWCD.
- Introduction to MAWQCP and GBERBA.

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