

GBERBA Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 15, 2022
FarmAmerica – Waseca, MN

Present: Brandon Anderson, Tom Appel, Tony Berg, Doug Christopherson, Jim Eigenberg, Steve Flohrs, Larry Hansen, Bill Miller, John Shanahan, Steve Sodeman and Daryl Tasler.

Others Present: Registration Sheet filed – 31 Attendees, Staff, Guests, State Agencies.

Call to Order - Chairman Tom Appel called the meeting to order at 9.36 a.m.

Welcome from Jessica Rollins, FarmAmerica Executive Director

Introductions

Agenda

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Brandon Anderson to approve the Policy Board agenda with the additions. Motion carried, all yes.

Minutes

Motion by Jim Eigenberg, second by Steve Flohrs to approve the May 13, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

TECHNICAL MEETING – Convened at 9:52 a.m. by Technical Committee Vice Chair Ashley Brenke

Minutes

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Jake Fritz to approve the June 22, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Approval - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483)

Andrew Karau 83-18(WBIF-WW-21) Well Decommissioning – 1 no. Cost \$845.00 C-S \$422.50

Motion by Carrie Schultz, second by Dan Bartosh to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) for Andrew Karau (WBIF-WW-21-83-18) (\$422.50) Well Decommissioning. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Cost-Share Contract Final Payment - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483)

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Request to Move Funds (Staying at 10%)

FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483)

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Carrie Schultz to request the Policy Board to approve the moving of \$45,000 from Technical/Engineering category to Agricultural Practices in the FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483). This will keep us at \$70,000, allowed 10% without formal approval by BWSR. Motion carried, all yes.

TECHNICAL MEETING Adjourned at 9:58 a.m. by GBERBA Technical Vice Chair Ashley Brenke

POLICY BOARD MEETING Reconvened at by Chair Tom Appel at 9:58 a.m.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 6/1/22 to 6/30/22 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Tony Berg, second by Larry Hansen to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Accounts Payable

Motion by Bill Miller, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the accounts payable and pay the bills totaling \$29,390.68. Motion carried, all yes.

COST-SHARE PROJECTS

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MAWQCP Contract Approval

Pamela Koch	MAWQCP(32-5-25)	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00
Lewisville Land LLP	MAWQCP(83-6-13)	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00

Motion by Brandon Anderson, second by Larry Hansen to approve the MAWQCP incentive payments for Lewisville Land LLP (\$100.00) and Koch (\$200.00). Motion carried, all yes

Review Grant Balances

MAWQCP Presentation – Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers

Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant

Motion by John Shanahan, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the updated Grant Policy #41 Shoreland Protection category adding practices 327,390 and 580 and the completion of a modified 'Score Your Shore' worksheet being completed before and after project implementation. Motion carried, all yes.

Motion by Tony Berg, second by Bill Miller to approve the updated Watonwan River Watershed Project Ranking Sheet adding practice 327 and 390 to primary practice list and award 5 points. And remove 'Score Your Shore' component (this will be done by local staff with a modified worksheet). Motion carried, all yes.

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State of the Watershed Report – Dave Bucklin (Handout)

Le Sueur River Watershed Comprehensive Plan

Refining the Implementation Table and will bring to the Policy Committee at the end of the month. Policy Committee will also be focusing on their implementation administration for the Le Sueur Implementation Funding.

Watonwan Drinking Water Protection Grant

MDH - Watonwan Watershed Groundwater Protection Accelerated Implementation Grant

Motion by Steve Sodeman, second by Brandon Anderson to approve the grant agreement received from MN Department of Health and signed by Chairman Tom Appel through DocuSign. State grant funds total \$21,898 with a grant start date of July 15, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Motion carried, all yes.

BWSR CWF-Soil Health Grant Application

The BWSR Soil Health Grant application was submitted by the deadline on May 9 and totaled \$312,100 with \$31,210 in match. Priority areas located in the Blue Earth, Le Sueur and Watonwan watersheds focusing on DWSMAs and Source Water Protection area. Eight applications have been received by BWSR \$4 million available with a request for additional round of funding open for remaining dollars.

Agency Reports

BWSR – Jill Sackett Eberhart – BWSR grants quarterly newsletter – new updates for General Administration Manual. Major update on Tennesse Warnings for cost-share projects, recommend a written warning for each project signed by landowner. Biennial grant agreements, funding will be coming. Buffer Law and District Capacity are on different grant agreements and will be processed in August/September. Clean Water Fund RFPs is open for applications. Progress reporting for WBIF – semi-annual reports are due August 26. Outdoor Heritage Fund money to go with watershed plans that have wildlife benefits prioritized; leveraging other funds. Standard RIM ranking sheets will be used, rolling out this fall.

MPCA – Paul Davis – Monitoring and Assessment did get pushed back a year, so catching up with the watersheds. WRAPS and TMDL report for the Blue Earth, Le Sueur monitoring work is done, and Watonwan will be coming with second cycle.

DNR – No report.

Other Business – None

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Tom Appel 11:10 a.m.

Presentations

~Coordinating High Density LiDAR Acquisition for the MN River Watershed
Sean Vaughn GIS Hydrologist & LiDAR Data Steward and - **3D Geomatics Committee**

Lunch (Provided)

- ~Water Storage Project under MDM Grant** **Mike Schultz** Le Sueur SWCD Manager
(and other water storage projects)
- ~Water Storage Project under MDM Grant** **Mark Schaetzke** Waseca SWCD Manager
- ~Water Storage Funding – What the Future Holds** **Mark Hiles**, BWSR Clean Water Specialist
~Questions and Answers (What is your County/SWCD Doing)

Next Meetings

Executive Board Meeting	August 19, 2022	1:00 p.m.
Technical Meeting	August 24, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Policy Board Meeting	September 23, 2022	1:00 p.m.

Secretary’s signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____