

GBERBA Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, November 18, 2022
Mankato Armory – Mankato, MN

Present: Brandon Anderson, Tom Appel, Tony Berg, Jim Eigenberg, Rich Engen, Steve Flohrs, Don Kropp, Clark Lingbeek, Neal Mensing, Linda Meschke, Bill Miller, Kevin Paap and John Shanahan

Others Present: Registration Sheet filed – 32 Attendees, Staff, Guests, State Agencies.

Call to Order - Chairman Tom Appel called the meeting to order at 9.30 a.m.

Introductions

Agenda

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Tony Berg to approve the Policy Board agenda with the additions. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

Minutes

Motion by Kevin Paap, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the September 23, 2022, minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson (WebEx) - Yes

TECHNICAL MEETING – Convened at 9:45 a.m. by Technical Committee Vice Chair Ashley Brenke

Minutes

Motion by Dan Bartosh, second by Jake Fritz to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

INFORMATION/ACTION

GBERBA Approval FY2021 BWSR CWF – Watonwan Watershed Drinking Water Protection Grant Agreement (C21-8921)

City of Mountain Lake 17-04(CWF-WWDW-21) Tree-Shrub Establishment – 60 no. Cost \$7,00.00 C-S \$5,000.00
Urban Tree Planting

Motion by Brenda Lageson, second by Andy Geiger to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract FY21 BWSR CWF – Watonwan Watershed Drinking Water Protection Grant Agreement (C21-8921) for City of Mountain Lake 17-04(CWF-WWDW-21) Tree-Shrub Establishment – Urban Tree Planting (\$5,000.00). Motion carried, all yes.

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

Connor Kranz	83-21(WBIF-WW-21)	Change End Date from 12-1-2022 to 12-1-2023
Robert and Cynthia Hargis	07-06(WBIF-WW-21)	Change End Date from 12-15-2022 to 12-1-2023

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Jake Fritz to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendment - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) for Connor Kranz(WBIF-WW-21-83-21) amend new end date to 12-1-2023 and Robert and Cynthia Hargis (WBIF-!!-21-07-06) amend new end date to 12-1-2023. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Contract Partial Payment FY2021 BWSR CWF – Watonwan Watershed Drinking Water Protection Grant Agreement (C21-8921)

Karson Duncanson 07-01(CWF-WWDW-21) Cover Crops – 150 acres Cost \$6,075.00 C-S \$3,948.75
2nd Payment

Motion by Jake Fritz, second by Dan Bartosh to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract partial payment FY21 BWSR CWF – Watonwan Watershed Drinking Water Protection Grant Agreement (C21-8921) for Duncanson 07-01(CWF-WWDW-21) Cover Crop cost-share (\$3,948.75). Motion carried, all yes.

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

Ken Oldenburg 07-05(WBIF-WW-21) Cover Crop 45 acres 3-year Flat Rate Cost \$5,670.00 C-S \$5,670.00

Motion by Brenda Lageson, second by Jake Fritz to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract final payment - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) for Oldenburg (WBIF-WW-21-07-05) (\$5,670.00) cover crop 3-year flat rate. Motion carried, all yes.

Request Formal BWSR Work Plan Change

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

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Andy Geiger to request the Policy Board to approve a formal work plan change for the FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) and move \$70,000 from technical/engineering to agricultural practices. Motion carried, all yes.

Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Appendix T and Appendix U.

Motion by Dave Bucklin, second by Dan Bartosh to approve the Appendix T and U as written and request approval and publication by the GBERBA Policy Board. Motion carried, all yes.

TECHNICAL MEETING Adjourned at 9:52 a.m. by GBERBA Technical Vice Chair Ashley Brenke

POLICY BOARD MEETING Reconvened by Chair Tom Appel at 9:52 a.m.

INFORMATION/ACTION

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 10/1/22 to 10/31/22 was presented for the Board’s review. Motion by Linda Meschke, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

Accounts Payable

Motion by Neal Mensing, second by Steve Flohrs to approve the accounts payable and pay the bills totaling \$41,862.64. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

COST-SHARE PROJECTS

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Motion by Bill Miller, second by Clark Lingbeek to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract amendment - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) for Connor Kranz(WBIF-WW-21-83-21) amend new end date to 12-1-2023 and Robert and Cynthia Hargis (WBIF-!!-21-07-06) amend new end date to 12-1-2023. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

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Motion by John Shanahan, second by Kevin Paap to approve the GBERBA Cost-Share contract final payment - FY2021 BWSR WBIF-Watonwan Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement (C21-2483) for Oldenborg (WBIF-WW-21-07-05) (\$5,670.00) cover crop 3-year flat rate. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

MAWQCP Contract Approval

Larry Cowing	MAWQCP(46-6-46)	Worksheet/Certification Completion	Incentive \$300.00
Brent Louwagie	MAWQCP(42-5-25)	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00
Rod Vanderziel	MAWQCP(42-5-26)	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00
David McClellan	MAWQCP(51-5-22)	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00
Century Grain LLC	MAWQCP(53-5-15)	Worksheet Completion	Incentive \$100.00
Paul Langseth	MAWQCP(53-5-16)	Worksheet/Certification Completion	Incentive \$300.00
Robert Van Hill	MAWQCP(59-5-33)	Certification Completion	Incentive \$200.00

Motion by Jim Eigenberg, second by Tony Berg to approve the MAWQCP incentive payments for Louwagie, Vanderziel, McClellan, Century Grain LLC (\$100.00), Van Hill (\$200.00) and Cowing and Langseth (\$300.00). Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

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Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Appendix T and Appendix U.

Motion by Jim Eigenberg second by Bill Miller to approve the Appendix T and U as written for inclusion into the Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and authorize update to be published. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson - Yes

Rainfall Simulator

Motion by Clark Lingbeek, second by Jim Eigenberg to approve the purchase of the Rainfall Simulator using the MDH Accelerated Implementation Grant (Watonwan Watershed) with additional funds needed from GBERBA general operating funds. Total request \$5,697.00. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson - Yes

Review Grant Balances

2023 Dues

Motion by Linda Meschke, second by Clark Lingbeek to leave the dues 2023 the same as 2022. Motion carried, all yes; Brandon Anderson(WebEx) - Yes

COORDINATOR REPORT

MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program

Update on progress made in areas 5 and 6 – See Certification Specialist Reports. Over 910,000 acres and over 1250 certified producers statewide! **That is over 1,421 square miles and equals more than Cottonwood and Watonwan counties combined!**

The Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program has launched four new endorsements in addition to 10-year certification a farmer or landowner receives in the program. The endorsements are for soil health, integrated pest management, wildlife and climate smart.

Watonwan River Watershed - Implementation Grant

Working with vendor to update and add pages to the GBERBA website to accommodate the Watonwan River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan and Water Based Implementation Funding grants.

As of October 14 (and with confirmation by Technical Committee on October 19), we have encumbered or paid for \$393,931.81 with \$306,545.19 remaining.

Breakdown:	Category	Funding Allotted	Remaining	Encumbered	Paid
	Administration	\$100,157	\$61,659.72		\$38,497.28
	BMPs	\$440,320	\$99,992.31	\$327,959.78	\$12,367.91
	Tech/Eng	\$80,000	\$80,000		
	Project Dev.	\$15,000	\$14,923.50		\$76.50
	Inventory/Map.	\$5,000	\$5,000		
	Planning/Asses.	\$45,000	\$30,000		\$15,000.00
	Education/Infor.	\$15,000	\$14,969.66		\$30.34
	TOTAL	\$700,477	\$306,545.19		
			(44%)		

We will be asking to request a work plan change and move \$70,000 from Technical/Engineering to Agricultural Practices.

1W1P Le Sueur River Watershed Comprehensive Plan

Local staff and representatives from ISG and MSU-WRC will be giving an update on the Le Sueur River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan at the November 18, 2022 GBERBA Joint Policy Board and Technical Committee Meeting.

CWF 2020 Watonwan Drinking Water Grant

Updated project funding in each category with funds still available to encumber.

MDH 2022 Watonwan Groundwater Protection Accelerated Implementation Grant

State grant funds total \$21,898 with a grant start date of July 15, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The Cottonwood and Watonwan staff have met and will be working on groundwater education/outreach efforts from the Watonwan Comprehensive Watershed Mgmt. Plan. Displays – Livestock, Irrigation, Nutrient Mgmt., and the purchase of a rainfall simulator. Brochures – Livestock, MAWQCP, Irrigation, Nutrient Mgmt., Groundwater Quality. Mailings – MAWQCP, Groundwater and Irrigation, Well and Water Quality Testing, Field Day. The designated priority areas were finalized with maps being drawn up by the Watonwan and Cottonwood staff. Request the purchase of a rainfall simulator with additional funding coming from GBERBA general fund (\$5,697) with \$5,000 in grant funds.

BWSR SOIL HEALTH GRANT

BWSR has awarded GBERBA a Soil Health Implementation Grant totaling \$312,100 with a match requirement of \$31,210.

Work plan and policy have been updated and approved by BWSR and the grant agreement was executed on November 7, 2022.

STAFF REPORTS

MAWQCP Presentation – Herman Bartsch and Danielle Evers

Agency Reports

BWSR – Jill Sackett Eberhart – Reminders of grant work plans open (General, Soil Health). Talk to new elected officials. Annual reporting with February 1 deadline. New generation E-Link coming early 2023. GBERBA cost-share review went well.

MPCA – Paul Davis – Not in attendance

MNIT-DNR – Rick Moore – LiDAR proposal submitted for Minnesota River East.

Other Business – None

Meeting declared adjourned by Chairman Tom Appel 10:53 a.m.

Presentations

- ~Le Sueur 1W1P Overview
- ~ISG Process for 1W1P
- ~Le Sueur 1W1P Civic Engagement Overview

Mark Schaezke, Waseca SWCD
Bailey Griffin & Paul Marston, ISG
Kim Musser, MSU-WRC

Lunch (Provided)

- ~GBERBA Overview from 2016 – Present

Kay Gross, Dave Bucklin

- ~State Perspective 1W1P Overview – 5 Year Review

Julie Westerlund, BWSR
Justin Hanson, BWSR

Next Meetings

Technical Meeting	Friday, December 16, 2022	9:30 a.m.
Executive Board Meeting	Friday, December 16, 2022	1:00 p.m.
Policy Board Meeting	Friday, January 13, 2023	1:00 p.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____