

Brown SWCD Office Narrative

November 6, 2015 – December 9, 2015

- 11/6: Melanie submitted 24 of 27 articles for the 2016 newsletter publication to Sleepy Eye Herald (the last 3 were submitted on November 19)
- 11/10: Cody attended a Watonwan Watershed PMZ interview conducted by Dustin Anderson (GBERBA Watonwan Watershed Technician) with Rich Sellner
- 11/13: Cody and Clem attended the GBERBA Technical/Policy Board Meeting in Mankato
- 11/17: All Staff, Supervisors, PF Farm Bill Tech and NRCS attended the MASWCD Area VI Fall Meeting at Turner Hall in New Ulm which was hosted by Renville SWCD. Topics included Pollinator Habitat, AIS Funds, Capacity Funding and TSA Capacity Funding and Governance. Doug presented information to the group about TSA Governance research done with the MASWCD Leadership group.
- 11/19: Cody completed well and water table readings for November
- 11/20: Melanie completed the mailing to 96 potential customers for the 2016 Tree Program
- 11/23: Doug attended a Middle MN WRAPS meeting in New Ulm
- 11/24: Cody attended the Lake Hanska Area Association Annual Meeting and gave a presentation to the group about AIS Prevention work that has been done so far and what is planned for 2016
- 11/25: Cody – radio spot on KNUJ; Received our first 2016 Tree Order today
- 12/2: Melanie gave final approval of the proof for the 2016 newsletter to Sleepy Eye Herald. The newsletter publication is scheduled to be distributed on January 4, 2016.
- 12/3: Doug attended a TSA 6 meeting in Mankato with Area 6 District Managers to discuss and recommend plans for the TSA Capacity funding monies. Those recommendations will be presented to the TSA Board at the December 17 meeting.
- 12/7: Cody and Tom Peterson completed an as-built survey for Gode's cost share project
- 12/8: Doug submitted the Capacity Funding Grant work plan to Board Conservationist for his review
- 12/9: Cody completed well and water table readings for December

Melanie has been working on the 2016 newsletter, 2016 tree mailing, financials management and budgeting, and other general office administration.

Cody has been working on the AIS work plan for next year, RCRCRA project follow-up, Prairie Plan follow-up, and technical assistance with NRCS whenever possible.

Doug has been working on newsletter articles, RIM processing, Capacity Funding research and plan development, Capacity Funding meeting preparations and overall district management.

2016 Tree Orders: 4 orders received as of 12/9/15

Outstanding Conservationist Banquet is Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:00pm