

Brown SWCD Monthly Staff Narrative

May 12, 2016 – June 8, 2016

5/12: Doug attended project meeting at NRCS office about the Merkel WRP easement; Melanie met with Craig Fischer to sign MAWQCP documents

5/13: Melanie – Facebook and website posts about WIA enrollment

5/17: Brown County IT department installed the Server for the SWCD office

5/19: Doug worked with Dusty to finalize the application for the FY17 Farm Bill Assistance grant and then Dusty submitted it to BWSR; Melanie noticed the LWG meeting for June 7

5/20: Doug and Tom attended the Wellner Hageman Dam Inspection and checked on the Gode and Veenstra cost share projects; Melanie – reminder post on Facebook about WIA enrollment

5/23: Heather Hansen, District Technician, and Jeremy Groskreutz, Conservation Corps Apprentice, first day with Brown SWCD; Doug, Heather and Jeremy attended a WCA TEP Panel meeting near Springfield for a potential Wetland Banking site for Trent Moe

5/24: Doug, Heather and Jeremy attended a Drainage Committee Meeting at Brown County courthouse; Doug and Jeremy cleaned and disinfected the tree building

5/25: Melanie – radio spot on KNUJ; Doug and Jeremy attended GBERBA Technical meeting

5/27: Heather and Tom – site investigation for a potential FY16 cost share terrace project with Kral; Melanie – Facebook post about AIS prevention during holiday weekend

6/1: Doug, Heather and Jeremy completed well and water table readings for June and performed some easement site checks and some cost-share annual project checks

6/2: Jeremy completed RIM/CREP easement site checks; Melanie – Facebook and website posts about the LWG meeting on June 7; Heather and Tom were on site again for the potential FY16 Kral project

6/6: Heather and Jeremy toured the southwest corner of the County to get familiar with the area, look at SWCD county entrance signs, and assess Mound Creek for AIS needs

6/7: Doug, Melanie, Heather, Jeremy, Jen, Tom, Laura, Dusty and Clem attended the LWG meeting that was hosted by the SWCD and NRCS offices and held in the community room of this building; Jeremy performed some RIM/CREP easement site checks in the afternoon; Received notice from BWSR that the Huiras RIM Wetland easement has been paid out so easement is finalized now with seeding conservation practice to be done yet

6/8: Doug and Jeremy finished up the annual spot checks of cost-share projects; Heather and Tom were on site to do a construction inspection on the cost share waterway project with Gode

- Doug has been working on RIM easement processing, WIA enrollments, MAWQCP, WRAPS, cost share spot checks, cost share projects planning, and training and projects for new hire and apprentice.
- Melanie has been working on file transfers to server, website and Facebook posts, LWG meeting planning, MAWQCP newspaper ad runs, grant verification follow up, and new hire paperwork, training, organization.
- Heather has been training, researching AIS, and spending some time on site at cost share projects with Tom.
- Jeremy has been doing easement site checks and GIS mapping tasks for buffers.

State Cost Share and Flood Relief Cost Share Projects: 11 projects total are encumbered and planned for completion this summer yet. Contracts will be worked on this month for the 4 new flood relief projects.

MAWQCP Program: 5 applications submitted. 1 landowner certified to date. Grant has expired.

RIM 2014 Flood Response: waiting for agreements for the 2 applications that were accepted

Cost Share Spot Checks: 16 annual cost share project spot checks are complete

RIM/CREP Site Checks: 39 of 55 site checks have been completed