

Brown SWCD Monthly Staff Narrative February 11, 2017 – March 9, 2017

02/13: Buffer Postcard mailing sent out to 1,468 Brown County Landowners
02/14: Melanie, Jack – Area VI Chair and Managers meeting in New Ulm
02/14: Heather – TEP Panel Meeting for WCA Irrigation issue (Sellner)
02/14: Jeremy, Alan – CREP Webinar
02/14: Jeremy, Alan, Heather – GIS Training with Zach from SCTSA
02/16: Melanie, Heather, Jeremy, Alan, John Knisley – Middle MN WRAPS project meeting
02/21: Melanie – 1W1P – Watonwan Watershed partners meeting in St James
02/21: Heather – TEP Panel Meeting for WCA Irrigation issue (Cunningham)
02/22: Melanie – GBERBA Technical meeting in Mankato
02/23: Melanie, Jeremy, Alan – Buffer workshop planning meeting with partner agencies
02/28: Buffer Informational Meeting at REA (75 total in attendance – 62 landowners & 13 agency reps)
03/01: Heather – On site during construction at the Losleben Streambank project with Herman from SCTSA
03/03: Heather, Jeremy, Tom Peterson – Site investigation visits in Cottonwood Township
03/06: Melanie, Heather, Jeremy, Alan, John Knisley – Middle MN WRAPS project meeting
03/08: Alan, Jeremy – Radio Spot on KNUJ
03/08: Heather – Water Festival in Mankato for AIS Prevention outreach
03/08: Buffer Informational Meetings at REA: 1:00 session had 42 total in attendance – 30 landowners & 12 agency reps; 5:00 session had 15 total in attendance – 6 landowners & 9 agency reps
03/09: Heather, Jeremy, Alan – Spent day with SCTSA staff (Herman, Greg, Zach) to sync equipment and get training on technical work, completed an as-built on Losleben project using our laser equipment, and completed a site investigation for a waterway project in Stately Township

- Melanie has been working on WRAPS, finalizing year end reports, year-end financials, 1W1P, management planning, buffer workshops oversight in planning, and general administration and oversight of all work
- Heather has been working on AIS program research and planning, WCA, and cost-share project management
- Jeremy has been working on WRAPS project, buffer meeting planning and assisting landowners in response to the postcard mailing, and beginning to work on cost share items also
- Alan has been working on tree program, WRAPS, RIM easements, farm show display and handouts, and buffer meeting planning and assisting landowners in response to the postcard mailing

Cost-Share Projects: 14 cost-share projects are encumbered and planned for construction this spring/summer (weather-permitting). Contract sign-ups are being worked on for the remaining 3 flood relief projects. Several potential projects are being investigated for sign-up within the next few months.

RIM 2014 Flood Response: 2 easements are processing. 1 easement agreement is now recorded and should be completed within 30days. 1 easement agreement was signed this week and will be recorded soon.

2017 Tree Orders: As of 3/9/17 we have 54 orders totaling approximately 8,500 trees sold.