

Brown SWCD Monthly Staff Narrative March 10, 2017 – April 13, 2017

3/10-3/11: Melanie, Heather, Jeremy, Alan and Supervisors Vogel and Nielsen staffed the Brown SWCD booth at the Farm Show even in New Ulm at the Civic Center

03/14: Heather – AIS Regional Workshop in St. Peter

03/17: Jeremy, Alan, Heather – GIS Training with Zach from SCTSA

03/20: Alan, Jeremy – March well and water table readings

03/21: Melanie, Heather – Fischer Farms project meeting at NRCS office

03/21: Alan, Jeremy – Buffer measurements in Sigel and Cottonwood Townships

03/22: Alan, Jeremy – Buffer measurements in Stately Township

03/23: Melanie, Jeremy, Heather – Meeting at NRCS office for technical work hand-off

03/27: Alan, Heather, Jeremy – Ag Drainage Workshop in Willmar

03/28: Melanie – Soil Stewardship mailing to 40 churches in Brown County

03/28: Jeremy, Alan – Buffer presentation at Del Monte Growers meeting in Springfield

03/28: Jeremy, Alan – Soil Health Workshop in Comfrey

03/28: Alan – SFA Presentation on Soil Health & Livestock in Community Room of SWCD building

03/29: Alan, Gary Rathman – MASWCD Area VI Meeting at Traxler's Preserve in Le Center

03/29: Jeremy – GBERBA Technical Meeting in Mankato

03/30: Heather, Jeremy – Met with Tom Peterson to review cost share projects

03/31: Heather, Jeremy, Alan, Vogel and Rathman – Attended Tom Peterson's Retirement Party at NRCS office

04/03: Melanie, Alan, Dusty – Attended AgSolver presentation in St James

04/05: Melanie – Landowner meeting for Pond Restoration in Bashaw 17

4/6-4/7: Alan – Soil Mechanics Training in Marshall

04/10: Heather – Met with Cal Dunblazer, NRCS Engineer, about cost share projects

04/11: Jeremy – Staking and pre-construction meeting with SCTSA on Brekken cost share project

04/12: Jeremy, Heather – With SCTSA to stake Kral Trust cost share project; complete site investigations for possible cost share projects with Kral & Hoffmann; and on-site for Brekken project construction

04/12: Alan – Buffer measurement site visits with Jim Bruss and Dean Schneider

04/13: Alan – Annual Rain Gauge Reports mailing to 20 rain gauge readers

- Melanie has been working on 1W1P, WRAPS, training and hand-off of technical work on easements and cost-share projects to staff, Huiras RIM wetland construction and seeding, finalize of RIM Flood easements, financials and reports, and general district management activities
- Heather has been working on AIS program, WCA, and cost-share project management
- Jeremy has been working on WRAPS project, buffer program, and cost share projects
- Alan has been working on tree program, WRAPS, RIM easements and buffer program

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

RIM 2014 Flood Response: 1 easement was finalized in March. 1 easement will be finalized in April.

2017 Tree Orders: 58 orders totaling 9,263 trees sold and 6 plantings to be done in early May.