

## **MAWA Administrator of the Year**

### **Jamie Beyer, Bois de Sioux Watershed District**



December 1, 2021, Saint Paul, MN - Jamie Beyer of the Bois de Sioux Watershed District was named Watershed Administrator of the Year for 2021 by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Administrators (MAWA).

Jamie has been the Administrator at the Bois de Sioux Watershed District (BDSWD) since 2018. She has earned the trust of the BDSWD Board of Managers and helped guide them to have a good Board-staff relationship and working model. Jamie is the heart & soul of the Mustinka-Bois de Sioux Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) and she was the driver getting the Mustinka-Bois de Sioux CWMP completed. Without her efforts and talents with other local partners' the CWMP would not have been completed in time to enable them to obtain their FY21 \$1,064,522 Watershed Based Implementation Fund (WBIF) grant.

The BDSWD is getting projects completed including five, 103E ditch retrofits utilizing the Clean Water Fund (CWF) and the Red River Water Management Board's (RRWMB) Water Quality funding to keep local assessments minimal.

Another major project Jamie has worked on is the Traverse County Ditch 52 project. A means to generate local funding for the operation and maintenance (O&M) had to be developed and accepted by the landowners. The BDSWD proposed using a water management district via 103D.729 for the local O&M funding. At the conclusion of the required BWSR Hearing in Wheaton, the audience applauded the project moving forward and approval of the new approach to fix TCD52. That does not just happen. It takes a lot of hard work & talent by local staff laying the groundwork with those landowners!

Jamie has been a driving force in collaborative resource management on the watershed scale getting the BDSWD, SWCDs, Counties and many landowners all pulling in the same direction successfully getting projects completed.

Beyer and her family work on a 3,500-acre crop farm near Wheaton. Jamie is also the president of the Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) and was recently re-elected to serve another year.

#### **About this Award**

The Watershed Administrator of the Year award is sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Watershed Administrators (MAWA) with support from the MAWD Board of Managers and our partners at the Board of Soil and Water Resources.



Nominations and the selection of Administrator of the year include how this Administrator has made an impact both in their local watershed and at a state level, outstanding initiatives and accomplishments for 2021 and prior and how this Administrator has demonstrated excellence.