



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of April 4, 2024

Supervisors Present: Vice Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Jacob Quade

Supervisors Absent: Chairman: Chris Hughes, PR&I: Carol Krosch

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, Conservation Technician: Haley Johnson

Guests: County Commissioner: Kip Bruender

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Rollings at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed. Shanahan moved to approve the agenda with the additions, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Shanahan moved to approve the March 7, 2024, minutes, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 820,496.92
Receipts	\$ 142,953.89
Disbursements	<u>\$ 32,809.44</u>
Total	\$ 930,641.37

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for March and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems. Quade moved to file the March Treasurer's Report subject to audit and pay Supervisor per diems as read, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Speakers: County Commissioner Bruender gave an update of the Blue Earth County Public Works building which is moving along in the process. The Blue Earth County Library is thriving and finishing up some upgrades.

District Manager: Bach presented the District Manager report (see attached).

COST SHARE CONTRACTS:

WBIF-WW-24-07-01 (Septic System)

Kuduk presented the request for a \$5,000 payment to Baumgard as an incentive for replacing their non-compliant septic system. Rollings moved to encumber \$5,000 to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant for the Baumgard incentive payment, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

WBIF-WW-24-07-02 (Septic System)

Kuduk presented the request for a \$5,000 payment to Gens as an incentive for replacing their non-compliant septic system. Shanahan moved to encumber \$5,000 to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant for the Gens incentive payment, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

WBIF-WW-24-07-03 (Septic System)

Kuduk presented the request for a \$5,000 payment to Ruch as an incentive for replacing their non-compliant septic system. Quade moved to encumber \$5,000 to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant for the Ruch incentive payment, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

WBIF-WW-24-07-04 (Septic System)

Kuduk presented the request for a \$5,000 payment to Neumann as an incentive for replacing their non-compliant septic system. Rollings moved to encumber \$5,000 to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant for the Neumann incentive payment, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

MAWQCP Assessment Incentive – 07-06-14

Fritz presented the request for a \$100 payment to Peterson as an incentive for completing the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program Assessment. Shanahan moved to encumber \$100 to be paid by the GBERBA MAWQCP grant for the Peterson MAWQCP Assessment, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

CD56 Water Storage Grant:

Johnson gave a presentation on the CD56 project that the District is looking to submit an application to receive grant funding next week. Quade moved to approve the District to submit their application for the CD56 water storage project, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

U of M Tillage Transect Survey Contract:

Bach presented the U of M tillage transect survey contract. The District would be field verifying the information from the satellite data and the U of M Extension would pay \$2,500 to the District for staff time. Quade moved to approve the District to enter into the Tillage Transect Survey Contract with the U of M, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

MASWCD Resolutions

Kuduk gave an overview of the MASWCD resolutions process. MASWCD will be sending out information for 2024 soon and to start thinking of possible resolutions if any. The next Area VI meeting will be in June which gives us some time to approve resolutions at the local level.

Project Highlights Presentation:

Fritz gave a SWCD project highlights presentation and fielded questions from the attendees regarding the projects presented.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – Gave an update on recent funding Minnesota Department of Agriculture released.

Quade – Gave an update on the Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P policy meeting he attended in February.

Shanahan – No report.

Adjourn: There being no further business Rollings adjourned the meeting.

- Meeting adjourned 5:34 p.m.
- Next regular meeting will be held May 9, 2024
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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