



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of May 9, 2024

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Chris Hughes, Vice Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Jacob Quade, PR&I: Carol Krosch

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz; NRCS District Conservationist: Brandon Berndt

Guests: County Commissioner: Kevin Paap

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Hughes at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Shanahan moved to approve the April 4, 2024, minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 930,641.37
Receipts	\$ 3,632.44
Disbursements	\$ 37,614.33
Total	\$ 896,659.48

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Speakers: County Commissioner Paap gave an update of the Blue Earth County report including construction season being in full swing. He fielded questions from the board regarding the Public Works building and the Rapidan Dam.

District Conservationist: Berndt gave the update from NRCS. It was just announced that \$1.5 billion has been allocated for RCPP funding. EQIP and CSP applications have been received and are moving forward with implementation with several being in Blue Earth County.

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

COST SHARE CONTRACTS:

WBIF-WW-24-07-05 (Septic System)

Kuduk presented the request for a \$5,000 payment to Carpenter 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 Carpenter incentive payment, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

Project 1 – CD1 Alternative Side Inlet

Fritz presented a project overview of the alternative side inlets that will be constructed as part of the County Ditch 1 project and funded through the Le Sueur River 1W1P implementation grant.

Project 2 – CD1 Rock Riffles

Fritz presented a project overview of the rock riffles that will be constructed as part of the County Ditch 1 project and funded through the Le Sueur River 1W1P implementation grant.

Rollings moved for the board's support of Project 1 and Project 2 for County Ditch 1 for the alternative side inlets and rock riffles paid by the Le Sueur 1W1P grant, seconded by Shanahan.

Motion adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

2024 Election Filing:

Kuduk informed the board of the election filing dates this year. The districts up for election this year are District 1 (Hughes), District 2 (Shanahan) and District 3 (Krosch).

SWCD Governance 101 Training:

Bach reviewed the Governance 101 Training agenda with the board. All are welcome to attend and if they plan to attend, let Kuduk know so that she can register them.

FY24 Conservation Delivery Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY24 Conservation Delivery Grant. This grant paid for staff time. Final board approval and signature on the financial report, is no longer required by BWSR.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – No report.

Quade – Will give an update next month on the Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P after he attends the policy meeting on Monday.

Krosch – Reported that well testing is currently available through the county, and she plans to attend the Blue Earth 1W1P Public kick-off event on May 23rd.

Shanahan – Remarkd on the projects and practices he's seen throughout his district the last few weeks.

Hughes – MN River Congress meeting will be held next week and opened the discussion on how planting season has been going so far in Blue Earth County.

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

- Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.
- Next regular meeting will be held June 6, 2024
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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