



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of July 11, 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, District Conservationist: Brandon Berndt

**Guests:** County Commissioner: Kip Bruender

**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, Rollings moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Quade.

**Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Krosch moved to approve the June 6, 2024, minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

**Treasurer's Report:** (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 835,222.19
Receipts	\$ 436,106.21
Disbursements	<u>\$ 465,673.10</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 805,655.30</b>

**Kuduk** presented the Treasurer's Report for June and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems, which were read by each Supervisor. Rollings moved to file the June treasurer's report subject to audit and pay Supervisor per diems as read, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Bruender** presented the County Commissioner report. FEMA was in the area today to start assessments for property damage. There's nothing new yet to report on the Rapidan Dam but they are continuing to do what they can to stabilize the area around the County Road 9 bridge. Absentee voting started on June 28<sup>th</sup>. If landowners or property owners have sandbags, they are encouraged to return them to the Highway Department. If property owners have a lot of silt deposits and wish to get rid of it, the Ponderosa Landfill accepts loads of silt at a discounted rate. The Public Works building is moving forward as Blue Earth County received their permit to start construction.

**District Conservationist: Berndt** presented the NRCS District Conservationist report. There have not been any new EQIP or CSP contracts since last month. There has not been an announcement yet on if there will be an emergency EQIP signup for erosion concerns due to the recent flooding. The Soil Conservation position is still vacant and will be reposted.

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

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**COST SHARE CONTRACTS:**

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

**Kuduk** presented the incentive payment request in the amount of \$5,000 for WBIF-WW-24-07-01, to be paid by the Watonwan WBIF grant. Rollings moved to approve the \$5,000 incentive payment for WBIF-WW-24-07-01, seconded by Krosch. **Motion adopted.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Blue Earth County Fair Update:**

**Kuduk** informed the board of the plans for the SWCD’s booth at the Blue Earth County Fair on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Election Candidate Profiles:**

**Bach** spoke on the potential to create Election Candidate profiles to submit to the public for the upcoming election as there are multiple people running for District 1. After some discussion, the board was in favor of the staff creating profiles for each candidate and publishing them as they see fit.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Quade** – The Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P has selected Houston Engineering as their consultant. They will also be holding two public kickoff events, with the first on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Nicollet Conservation Club. The July 30<sup>th</sup> location is up in the air due to the recent flooding damage at Land of Memories.

**Rollings** – Gave an update from the recent Blue Earth River 1W1P meeting he attended.

**Krosch** – Will be attending the Governance 101 training next week. She will be retiring from Blue Earth County as of July 12<sup>th</sup> and will hope to be more involved with area meetings.

**Shanahan** – Gave an update from the recent South Central TSA board meeting he attended.

**Hughes** – Informed the board that Eric Miller, Le Sueur 1W1P Coordinator, has taken a new job and gave a brief update from the Area VI meeting he attended last month.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business Hughes adjourned the meeting.

- \* Meeting adjourned 6:10 p.m.
- \* Next regular meeting will be held August 8, 2024
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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