



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of November 7, 2024

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

Supervisor Absent: PR&I: Carol Krosch

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk

Guests: District Conservationist: Jessica Beske & Brandon Berndt, NRCS

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, Shanahan moved to approve the October 10, 2024, minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 1,092,897.20
Receipts	\$ 25,566.56
Disbursements	\$ <u>32,266.45</u>
Total	\$ 1,086,197.31

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

District Conservationist: Beske presented the District Conservationist report. They are hiring an Admin staff for the Mankato office as well as an engineering staff for the Blue Earth office. They are currently working on processing the remaining EQIP applications and they've received fifty CSP applications for the 3-county team area.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

FY24 Buffer Law Grant Closeout:

Kuduk reviewed the expense report for the FY24 Buffer Law Grant, which will be submitted for final closeout approval to BWSR through the eLink system.

NACD Dues:

Kuduk presented the NACD contribution request and gave prior year payment figures. After some discussion, Shanahan moved to contribute \$1,000 for the 2025 NACD contribution request, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Area VI Meeting:

Kuduk reviewed the Area VI agenda with the board and asked that the Supervisors RSVP with her by Wednesday, November 13th.

Easement Removal Process:

Bach presented the easement removal process with the board and fielded questions. The board had some discussion about an inquiry that was received from a private landowner about the process.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – Inquired about the One Watershed, One Plan funding and how it will continue to grow over the years, which will be a topic at the upcoming Area VI meeting.

Quade – No report.

Shanahan – Updated the board on a couple of personal issues.

Hughes – Gave an update on the work being done by the Prairie Enthusiasts group.

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

- * Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held December 12, 2024
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

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