



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of June 5, 2025

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

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

Guests: FSA: Brad Flatin, NRCS: Brandon Berndt, County Commissioners: Kevin Paap, Kip Bruender

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

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed. Krosch moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Quade.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Krosch moved to approve the May 8, 2025, minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 1,237,727.44
Receipts	\$ 462.30
Disbursements	<u>\$ 55,242.56</u>
Total	\$ 1,182,947.18

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Speakers: County Commissioner Bruender presented the Blue Earth County Commissioner report. He gave an update on the levy increase discussions. Construction on the new highway department is ongoing and on schedule. **Paap** included updates on road construction throughout the county and congratulated the SWCD on receiving their second water storage grant award.

County Executive Director Flatin presented the Farm Service Agency update. County committee nomination period will be starting on June 16 through July 1st. CRP signup goes until this Friday, June 6th with a possible second batching period for the continuous CRP side. Almost 50% of acres have been certified and a supplemental disaster program for 2023-2024 flood damage will roll out July 9th.

District Conservationist: Berndt presented the District Conservationist report. Work continues on EQIP and CSP contract work that was reported during last month’s meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

2025 Tree Program Report:

Bach reviewed the 2025 tree program revenue and expense figures with the board.

Area VI Meeting:

Kuduk reviewed the Area VI agenda with the board and asked Supervisors to RSVP with her by Monday, June 9th.

Mid-Minnesota Mankato Formal Agreement:

Bach opened the discussion to the board of the process that’s being done with the Mid-Minnesota Mankato 1W1P policy group in regard to the governance structure. **Quade**, being the district’s representative, spoke about the different options with their own pros and cons.

Project Highlights Presentation:

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

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Krosch – Informed the board members that the MN River Congress has an upcoming meeting on June 12 at the Kato Ballroom.

Quade – No report.

Shanahan – No report.

Paulson – Gave an update from the last Le Sueur 1W1P policy meeting he attended.

Rollings – Asked for an update on Blue Earth County’s compliance rate with Buffer Law.

Adjourn: There being no further business Krosch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paulson. **Motion adopted.**

- Meeting adjourned 5:28 p.m.
- Next regular meeting will be held July 10, 2025
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

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