



Blue Earth County

Soil & Water Conservation District

1160 South Victory Drive, Suite #3
Mankato, MN 56001
(507) 345-4744
(507) 345-6036

Approved Minutes of June 8, 2017

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Emily Javens, Vice-Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Carol Krosch, and PR&I: William Gardner

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Assistant Manager: John Billings

Guests: County Commissioner: Kip Bruender, Farmbill Biologist: Jeff Potts

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Emily Javens at 4:05 p.m.

Pledge: All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Housekeeping:

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

Guests: Javens welcomed Bruender and Potts.

Minutes: **Rollings moved to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (See Attached)

Balance on hand	\$1,031,262.22
Receipts	\$ 11,720.23
Disbursements	\$ 92,190.70
Total	\$ 950,791.75

Billings presented the Treasurer's Report for May. **Rollings moved to file the May Treasurer's Report subject to audit, and pay Supervisors Per Diem/Expenses, seconded by Krosch. Motion adopted.**

Open Communications

Guests:

County Commissioner: Bruender announced one zoning change had been made to allow splitting a building site off from the agricultural land without having to go through the previously required subdivision plat. Bruender reported the Yellow Line Project is going well and received a grant. Javens asked if the County Board had come to a decision on accepting the enforcement of the Buffer Legislation. Bruender said a decision had not been made, but will be decided by the end of the month. Rollings asked if there would be plans to fix the road affected by the Lincoln Township ditch flooding. Bruender said no major road construction project was planned, but they may have to fix some minor issues. Krosch started a discussion about the regional Landuse Plan meetings. Bruender said the meetings have gone well, and is hoping for even more discussion at the last one. Bruender reminded everyone about the survey on the Blue Earth County website if you are unable to attend any of the meetings. Bach reviewed the Other Waters Map to make sure Bruender would be a part of the discussion before departing the meeting. Bach answered questions about the logic behind the chosen waters to be included as Other Waters. Bach said he discussed

the waters chosen with County Staff. Everyone agreed the streams highlighted were properly assessed and made logical sense.

District Manager: Bach presented report (See Attached)

Farmbill Biologist: Potts presented report (See Attached) Shanahan commented that he was glad that the changes to the Taylor project had been made.

Cost-Share:

Treinen-MAWQCP Incentive Payment: Billings requested payment approval of \$300.00 for the application and certification incentive payment for the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program. **Krosch moved to approve the \$300.00 application and certification incentive payment for the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program for Treinen seconded by Rollings. Motion adopted.**

Hubmer-MAWQCP Incentive Payment: Billings requested payment approval of \$300.00 for the application and certification incentive payment for the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program. **Rollings moved to approve the \$300.00 application and certification incentive payment for the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program for Hubmer seconded by Gardner. Motion adopted.**

New Business:

Other Waters Designation: Bach reviewed the reasoning for the resolution. Bach said the streams are workable and enforceable. Javens read through the resolution. **Rollings moved to approve the Resolution Adopting The Blue Earth County SWCD Summary of "Other Watercourses" for inclusion into the Local Water Management Plan, seconded by Krosch. Motion Adopted.**

Area VI Hosting: Bach reviewed the plan for the Area VI meeting at the Wow Zone. Bach asked who would be attending. Gardner said he wouldn't be able to attend. Everyone else said they would be in attendance. Javens said she would handle the welcome. Krosch volunteered to purchase a metal sculpture from Dick's Designs for the door prize.

Tree Program Update: Bach reviewed the summary of 2017 tree sales. Krosch suggested we advertise in the County Recorder next year. The supervisors suggested the Extension publication and KEYC Community Calendar for other places to advertise as well.

Supervisors and Chairman:

Supervisors: Rollings asked how Renee Rollings project was going. Bach said that FSA was still in the process of approving the disturbance area for fill. **Krosch** reported that County Ditch business at the County Board meetings is going really well, and landowners are now wanting to participate in the additional ditch BMPs. Krosch said the NACD Summer Meeting looked like a good event to attend. Javens agreed and encouraged attendance. **Javens moved to send anyone that would like to attend the NACD Summer Meeting, seconded by Gardner. Motion adopted.** **Javens** presented the articles about the planned funding cuts to the federal Conservation Technical Assistance. Javens reported there will likely be over \$90,000,000.00 in cuts that would affect NRCS and FSA. **Shanahan** reported he attended one of the Landuse Plan meetings. Shanahan said water quality and use were the number one topics at the meeting. **Gardner** asked Potts if he could send him the average cost per acre to install food plots.

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

- * Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held July 6, 2017
- * Minutes submitted by John Billings, Assistant Manager

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Emily Javens, Chairman _____