



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of April 4, 2019

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Carol Krosch, Vice-Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Chris Hughes & PR&I: William Gardner

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, and NRCS District Conservationist: Reginald Liddell

Guests: Farmbill Biologist: Jeff Potts, Blue Earth River Watershed: Hannah Neusch

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

Pledge: All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 785,043.78
Receipts	\$ 13,153.23
Disbursements	<u>\$ 34,944.55</u>
Total	\$ 763,252.46

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for March, read Supervisors Per Diem/Expenses and requested to approve paying the Kibble Equipment invoice for tractor repairs in the amount of \$4,125.78 from the FY17 Local Capacity grant equipment fund.

Shanahan moved to file the March Treasurer's Report subject to audit, pay the Supervisors Per Diem/Expenses and pay the bills, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Blue Earth River Watershed: Neusch introduced herself and the work she will be doing. She's in a new position that was created which will collaborate between the NRCS field offices and the SWCD's.

District Conservationist: Liddell presented his report. He gave an update on the EQIP projects they are working on and they are now running into the issue of not enough funding. He'd like someone from the board to attend his local work group meeting next Tuesday, April 9th. Krosch and Shanahan are the supervisors assigned to the USDA-FSA EQIP committee and would attend.

District Manager: Bach presented the District report (see attached). Blue Earth County was chosen for flood assessment. If anyone hears of current structures or conservation easements damaged due to the flooding, let him know.

Farmbill Biologist: Potts presented the Pheasants Forever report (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

2019 MASWCD Resolutions

Bach presented the MASWCD Resolutions handout and gave the Supervisors an overview of the process.

Legislative Update

Bach presented the MASWCD legislative report and encouraged the Supervisors to contact their legislative representatives to discuss the bills that affect Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Hughes updated the board on information he's received since joining the Legislative Committee.

Sohre – RIM Violation

Bach presented the corrective actions plan for the Sohre RIM violation. Rollings made the motion to approve the corrective action plan for the Sohre RIM violation and send , seconded by Gardner.

Motion adopted.

LeSueur AIG Grant

Bach presented the LeSueur AIG grant update. Enclosed handouts show targeted project areas and cost estimates. These projects were then ranked based upon a cost/benefit ratio. The next phase is to field verify the areas and start talking to landowners.

Area VI MASWCD Dues

Kuduk presented the 2019 Area VI MASWCD invoice for annual dues in the amount of \$400.00. Rollings made a motion to approve the payment of the 2019 Area VI MASWCD dues in the amount of \$400.00, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

Hughes left the meeting at 6:58 pm.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings gave a quick update on the Iowa no-till study and Watonwan 1W1P meetings he attended.

Shanahan updated the group on the last GBERBA policy/tech meeting which was well done.

Gardner updated the group on the MPI banquet which takes place tomorrow and they look to host about 400 people.

Krosch gave an update on the Blue Earth Civic Engagement meeting she attended.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 7:13 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held May 9, 2019
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____