



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of July 11, 2019

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

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

Guests: Farmbill Biologist: Jeff Potts

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, Rollings moved to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the June 6, 2019 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 774,914.26
Receipts	\$ 3,871.26
Disbursements	<u>\$ 22,139.39</u>
Total	\$ 756,646.13

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for June and read Supervisors Per Diem/Expenses. Rollings moved to file the June Treasurer's Report subject to audit and pay the Supervisors Per Diem/Expenses, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

District Manager: Bach presented the District report (see attached). George Kluge is wanting Bach to pull a few grab samples from Loon Lake in Waseca County and send them to the lab for him. He wanted to make the board aware of it and make sure they were comfortable with working across county lines.

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

COST SHARE

CD83 CWF-MDM-17-7-02: Bach requested to encumber \$25,125.00 for the installation of ASI and ASIRO's on CD83, with an estimated cost of \$33,500. Rollings moved to encumber \$25,125 from the FY17 CWF Multipurpose Drainage Grant w/GBERBA for the CD83 CWF-MDM-17-7-02 contract, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

CD26 CWF-MDM-17-7-03: Bach requested to encumber \$37,650.00 for the installation of ASI and ASIRO's on CD26, with an estimated cost of \$50,200.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$37,650.00 from the FY17 CWF Multipurpose Drainage Grant w/GBERBA for the CD26 CWF-MDM-17-7-03 contract, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Position Vacancy (CREP Tech): Bach informed the board that Denisen has resigned as the Conservation Technician and his last day was June 21st. Bach requested that the board approve the posting and hiring of a new CREP Tech. Rollings moved to approve the posting and hiring of a new CREP tech with a starting pay range of \$16-\$18, depending on experience, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

FY18 CREP Outreach & Implementation Amendment: Bach presented the FY18 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Amendment. The additional funds will be used to fund Potts' Pheasants Forever Farmbill Biologist position until June 30, 2020 when the grant ends. Rollings moved to approve the FY18 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Amendment, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

FY20 Pheasants Forever Local Partners Agreement: Bach presented the FY20 Pheasants Forever Local Partners Agreement. The agreement is for Potts' position to be partnered with the Blue Earth SWCD until June 30, 2019. Gardner moved to approve the FY20 Pheasants Forever Local Partners Agreement, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Area 6 Meeting & GBERBA Tech/Policy Meeting: Kuduk reviewed the Area VI and GBERBA Tech/Policy meeting agendas with the board. All are welcome to attend both meetings and if they plan to attend, let Kuduk know so that she can RSVP for them.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings asked if the City of Vernon Center joined the Rain Gauge Network which Kuduk responded that she has not seen any information from them but we do have supplies if they choose to join.

Shanahan gave an update on the TSA and GBERBA meetings he attended.

Hughes discussed the recent proposal for the Rapidan Dam to be repaired again.

Krosch asked about info on a few upcoming meetings that she received emails on and was happy to see us in the Lake Crystal parade.

Gardner reminded the group of the upcoming Youth Day starting at 9:00am on July 20 at the Nicollet Conservation Club. MPI is working on setting up an annual donation fund for youth groups.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 6:00 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held August 8, 2019
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____