



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of September 5, 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,  
**Guests:** Kip Bruender, County Commissioner

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

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

**Treasurer's Report:** (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 728,582.79
Receipts	\$ 56,354.76
Disbursements	<u>\$ 62,550.77</u>
Total	\$ 722,386.78

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

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Bruender** presented the county commissioner's report. Clifton Larson Allen will take over processing Blue Earth County's audits. The roundabout at Haefner Drive is almost complete and should be opening any day now. They are currently promoting their Custody Officer vacancies. During yesterday's meeting with Planning & Zoning the discussion was started on the solar farms and the community's concerns with them. Krosch mentioned LeSueur put a moratorium in place and wondering if there was an update on how their situation has been progressing. Rollings asked if the concern was raised of owners, down the road, walking away from these solar operations and the repercussions of them being abandoned. Bruender stated that is a piece of the puzzle that they are working out.

**District Manager: Bach** presented the District report (see attached). Krosch asked if there would be a summary report for the LeSueur SWAG data that was collected and Bach stated MPCA will be the one who publishes the report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2019 Outstanding Conservationist:** **Bach** opened the discussion of choosing a candidate for the 2019 Outstanding Conservationist. After much discussion Shanahan nominated Bernie Paulson. Rollings moved to approve the nomination Bernie Paulson, seconded by Krosch. **Motion Adopted.**

**1W1P Update:** **Bach** informed the board of the upcoming 2W2P meeting on Sept 30. Le Sueur is looking to submit an application to begin their 1W1P process. The board is in support of the LeSueur Watershed to begin the 1W1P process.

**Governance 101 Training:** **Kuduk** updated the board members on who is registered for the training.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Rollings** informed the board that southwestern MN is experiencing a Roundup resistance.

**Shanahan** reported on the two river tours he attended.

**Hughes** mentioned to the board that he is still a part of The Prairie Enthusiasts and if they know anyone who could be interested, let him know.

**Krosch** gave a summary of the two river tours that she attended.

**Gardner** reported that MPI will be forming a grant committee to look into potential funding options. They also have their project tour scheduled for the end of this month.

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 6:44 pm
- \* Next regular meeting will be held October 10, 2019
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Hughes, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Krosch, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_