



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of October 10, 2019

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

**Staff Present:** Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, CREP Technician: Jane Blomberg

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

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the September 5, 2019 minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

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

Balance on hand	\$ 722,386.78
Receipts	\$ 6,513.60
Disbursements	<u>\$ 31,787.77</u>
Total	\$ 697,112.61

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

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Bruender** gave the Commissioner's report. The Truth in Taxation hearing is coming up and the public is welcome to attend. The CD 5 ditch project has been approved and will cost close to \$1 million. The County road tour is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, where attendees will be able to see all the projects that have been completed. Krosch asked with the construction at the county, if they've decided where elections will be held. Bruender stated it really depends on when the new part will open but as of right now it's slated to take place in the old courthouse. Rollings inquired about when County 1 will open. Bruender replied that they plan to blacktop by end of November.

## COST SHARE CONTRACT

**CL-NR-1FY16 Blue Earth Cty Drainage Authority (Phosphorus Removal System): Fritz** requested to encumber \$17,625.00 for the installation of a phosphorus removal system on CD56, with an estimated cost of \$23,500.00. Gardner moved to encumber \$17,625, paid from the FY16 Crystal Lake Watershed Phosphorus Reduction Project Grant, for the CL-NR-1FY16 contract, seconded by Rollings. **Motion Adopted.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2020 SWCD Local Capacity & 2020 Buffer Law Grant Agreements:** Kuduk presented the FY20 grant agreement in the amount of \$30,000 for the FY20 Buffer Law Grant and \$138,427 for the FY20 SWCD Local Capacity Grant. Rollings moved to approve the FY20 SWCD Local Capacity and Buffer Grant Agreement, seconded by Gardner. **Motion Adopted.**

**Letter of Support – MN River Congress:** Hughes presented the suggested format for a letter for support for the MN River Congress. The letter will be in support of MN River Congress’ efforts to work with State Legislature to create an initiative for water storage on the landscape. Rollings moved to approve the proposed letter of support for the MN River Congress, seconded by Hughes. **Motion Adopted.**

**Equipment Purchase – Kubota Seeder:** Fritz presented the quote for a Kubota Seeder to be purchased and used on the back of the District’s Gator for the seeding program. Fritz is asking to encumber \$4,432.00 for the seeder purchase and modifications. Rollings motioned to approve the purchase of the Kubota seeder in the amount of \$4,432.00, with \$2,749.54 to be spent out of the FY17 Local Capacity Grant and the balance to be spent out of the FY19 Local Capacity Grant, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion Adopted.**

**MASWCD Resolution Packets:** Kuduk presented the MASWCD resolution packets for this year’s upcoming convention in December. She informed the board of when their votes need to be submitted to her and that the packets must be brought with to the convention.

**MASWCD Convention:** Kuduk informed the board of the dates of the upcoming 2019 MASWCD Convention. Supervisors who plan to attend the Convention should let Kuduk know by November’s board meeting so registrations and hotel reservations can be made.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Rollings** nothing to report

**Shanahan** shared his experiences from the Governance 101 training he attended last month. He had some good discussion with a few of the watershed district employees.

**Hughes** shared his experiences from the Governance 101 training he attended last month. He brought in some of the materials he received and thought it would be beneficial for others to have.

**Krosch** shared her experiences from the Governance 101 training she attended last month. She appreciated the opportunity to speak with some folks about how watershed districts work and taxing authority. She is hoping we can have a someone from a watershed district come and speak at one of our monthly meetings.

**Gardner** presented the minutes from the last MPI meeting (see attached).

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 5:16 pm
- \* Next regular meeting will be held November 7, 2019
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

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

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