



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of November 7, 2019

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Carol Krosch, Vice-Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Chris Hughes

Supervisors Absent: PR&I: William Gardner

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, NRCS District Conservationist: Reginald Liddell, NRCS Soil Conservationist: Myles Elsen

Guests: Kip Bruender: County Commissioner, 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 Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the October 10, 2019 minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 697,112.61
Receipts	\$ 396,744.66
Disbursements	<u>\$ 414,337.89</u>
Total	\$ 679,519.38

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Bruender presented the County Commissioner's report (see attached). There was much discussion regarding the recycle program and ways to promote.

District Conservationist: Liddell introduced their new Soil Conservationist, Myles Elsen. Elsen took over and presented the District Conservationist report (see attached).

District Manager: Bach presented the District Manager's report (see attached).

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

NEW BUSINESS

MASWCD Convention: Kuduk discussed the MASWCD Convention and the items in the packet. Took role of who will be attending and the type of registration they will need. Kuduk will process the registration and send necessary confirmation information to board members attending.

NACD Dues: Kuduk presented the NACD dues request and gave prior year payment figures. After some discussion the board decided on \$1,000 as the amount they wish to contribute as dues. Shanahan moved to approve payment of \$1,000 for Blue Earth SWCD's NACD FY20 Conservation Investment, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

Area VI MASWCD Meeting: Kuduk discussed the Area VI MASWCD meeting agenda with the board and took role of who will be attending. Kuduk will process the registration and send in payment for those who would like to attend.

Office Furniture: Bach presented the new furniture quote that we received to replace the conference tables in the office. Our previous approved budget to replace the office furniture will not cover the conference tables/chairs. We ask the board to approve an additional \$2,200 to cover the cost to replace the conference tables and chairs. Rollings moved to approve an additional \$2,200 for office furniture, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings did not have anything to report.

Shanahan reported on the GBERBA Executive meeting he attended last month. He's interested to hear the water storage talk at tomorrow's GBERBA meeting.

Hughes will be attending the MASWCD Legislative meeting on December 17 so if the board has anything they would like to bring to the table, let him know. Rollings suggested the idea of extended funding for the future maintenance of RIM contracts.

Krosch would like to open the discussion for the Resolution's. Jerad gave the recommendation of having a resolution review meeting that could involve both the board members as well as District staff.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 6:53 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held December 5, 2019
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____