



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of February 6, 2020

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, and Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, NRCS District Conservationist: Reginald Liddell

Guest: County Commissioners: Will Purvis, Kip Bruender, Farmbill Biologist: Jeff Potts

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Krosch at 4:08 p.m.

Pledge: All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Rollings.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 613,645.27
Receipts	\$ 38,427.63
Disbursements	<u>\$ 90,757.87</u>
Total	\$ 561,315.03

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Purvis presented the County Commissioner's report. The historic bowstring arch truss bridge on the south side of Mankato near Mount Kato was moved off the river before it was lost. County Road 1 project was recognized as Project of the Year. It was approved to purchase two new gravel trucks for Blue Earth County. An ice damn flooded the generator house at the Rapidan Dam causing damage. A meeting was held last week with the Crystal Waters Project where they discussed next steps in their efforts to continue clean-up efforts of Crystal Lake. Lyle Femrite retired from the Planning Commission board after 20+ years.

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

District Conservationist: Liddell presented the NRCS District Conservationist's report. He spoke about the new Conservation Desktop tool and training will continue until the official roll-out. NRCS is currently working with 13 EQIP applications.

District Manager: Bach presented the District Manager report (See attached).

COST SHARE CONTRACTS

CWF-MDM-17-7-04 (Blue Earth County Drainage Authority):

Fritz requested to encumber \$37,650.00 for the installation of 11 ASI's (alternative side inlets) and 6 ASIRO's (alternative side inlets w/ rock overflow) on CD26, with an estimated total cost of \$50,200.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$37,650.00, paid from the FY17 CWF Multipurpose Drainage Grant w/GBERBA for the CWF-MDM-17-7-04 contract, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

CWF-MDM-17-7-05 Blue Earth County Drainage Authority):

Fritz requested to encumber \$25,125.00 for the installation of 12 ASI's (alternative side inlets) and 2 ASIRO's (alternative side inlets w/ rock overflow) on CD83, with an estimated total cost of \$33,500.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$25,125.00, paid from the FY17 CWF Multipurpose Drainage Grant w/GBERBA for the CWF-MDM-17-7-05 contract, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS

Job Approval Authority:

Bach reviewed his job approval authority spreadsheet with the board. Rollings moved to approve Bach's job approval authority based on the matrix provided and give Krosch the authority to sign off on the form, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

MPI Banquet Donation:

The Board discussed the option to donate auction items to the annual MPI Banquet. Last year we donated a bag of pollinator seed mix and one bundle of trees. Rollings moved to donate the same two auction items with an addition of a potted tree to the annual MPI Banquet, seconded by Shanahan. Gardner abstained from the vote. **Motion adopted.**

2019 Ag BMP Loan Report:

Bach reviewed the 2019 Ag BMP loan report. Kuduk stated the 2020 funding needs report was submitted earlier this week and we will start working on new applications for 2020.

eLink Report Update:

Bach reviewed the eLink report update with the board.

MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day:

Kuduk reviewed last year's schedule for the MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day. This year's event will be held on March 24 & 25 but no other information has been released. Kuduk asks that board members start looking at their schedules now so that when registration opens, she can register everyone and book hotel rooms in a timely fashion. More information will be emailed to Supervisors when it becomes available.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Shanahan gave an update on the SCTSA meeting he attended last week.

Rollings was not able to attend the last Watonwan 1WIP policy meeting. Asked if someone is able to go in his place for the Area VI Chairs meeting tomorrow. Hughes is able to attend in his place.

Krosch did not have an update.

Hughes gave the Legislative update he received from MASWCD.

Gardner gave an update on the last MPI meeting.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 6:28 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held March 5, 2020
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____