



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of March 5, 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,

**Guest:** County Commissioners: Will Purvis, 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 agenda, seconded by Shanahan.

**Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

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

Balance on hand	\$ 561,315.03
Receipts	\$ 186,138.91
Disbursements	<u>\$ 44,948.91</u>
Total	\$ 702,505.03

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for February, read Supervisors per diem/expenses and presented the SCTSA grant match invoice. Gardner moved to file the February Treasurer's Report subject to audit, pay Supervisors per diem/expenses and pay the SCTSA invoice, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Purvis** presented the Commissioner's report. Commissioners traveled to the capitol to speak with state legislators about upcoming funding needs. Blue Earth County received the Certificate of Excellence from State Auditor's office. Construction season will be gearing up soon. County Road 1 will be moving on to the next stage of repair. The bid came in on the repair of Lady Justice on the courthouse in the amount of \$283,000, which was less than expected. There are currently 4 people in the running for Purvis' county commissioner position.

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

**District Conservationist: No Report**

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

**COST SHARE CONTRACTS**

**2FY18 Grassed Waterway (Lang):**

**Fritz** requested to encumber \$2,700.00 for the construction of a grassed waterway, with an estimated total cost of \$3,600.00. **Shanahan** moved to encumber \$2,700.00, encumbered from the FY18 State Cost Share grant, for the 2FY18 (Lang) contract, seconded by **Rollings**. **Motion adopted.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Watowan 1W1P:**

**Bach** updated the board on the progress of Watowan 1W1P. They are looking to approve appointing GBERBA as the fiscal agent. The idea is that this would setup the frame work for the 1W1P of the other two watersheds that make up GBERBA. The board discussed some of the logistics of how this would work, which **Bach** explained is still being mapped out by Watowan 1W1P as well. **Rollings** moved to support GBERBA acting as fiscal agent for the Watowan 1W1P, seconded by **Gardner**. **Motion adopted.**

**FY19 CWF Lake Washington Grant:**

**Bach** informed the board of the new CWF grant that Blue Earth SWCD will be partnering on with Le Sueur SWCD in the Lake Washington watershed.

**MASWCD Legislative Days:**

**Kuduk** updated the board on the registration for the MASWCD Legislative Days. We hope to have more information next week.

**2019 Audit Bid:**

**Kuduk** updated the board on the new requirements for financial reporting with BWSR which requires the SWCD to complete an audit every year. **Kuduk** requested that the board approve Peterson Company to complete the FY19 audit based on the bid they submitted. **Rollings** moved to approve Peterson Company as the CPA to complete the FY19 audit for Blue Earth SWCD, seconded by **Shanahan**. **Motion adopted.**

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Shanahan** gave an update from the GBERBA meeting he attended last month.

**Rollings** updated the board on legislative business.

**Krosch** gave an update on the County Board Meeting she attended.

**Hughes** gave an update on the Area VI planning meeting he attended. He did ask that Blue Earth hosts the Area VI meeting in November.

**Gardner** gave an update on the MPI meeting he attended.

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm
- \* Next regular meeting will be held April 9, 2020
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

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

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