



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of April 9, 2020

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Carol Krosch, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Chris Hughes, PR&I: William Gardner

Supervisors Absent: Vice Chairman: John Rollings

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, CREP Technician: Jane Blomberg, District Conservationist: Ciara Ahrens

Guests: County Commissioners: Kip Bruender, BWSR: Jill Sackett-Eberhart

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Krosch at 4:00 p.m. via virtual Webex platform and roll call was taken.

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

Shanahan – Aye

Hughes – Aye

Krosch – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes, seconded by Hughes.

Shanahan – Aye

Hughes – Aye

Krosch – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Motion adopted.

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 702,505.03
Receipts	\$ 25,277.57
Disbursements	<u>\$ 32,339.97</u>
Total	\$ 695,442.63

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for March and read Supervisors per diem/expenses. Hughes moved to file the March Treasurer's Report subject to audit, seconded by Shanahan.

Shanahan – Aye

Hughes – Aye

Krosch – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Motion adopted.

Shanahan moved to pay the Supervisor per diems as read by each Supervisor, seconded by Hughes.

Shanahan – Aye

Hughes – Aye

Krosch – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Motion adopted.

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Bruender presented the county commissioners report. The county is facing a challenge to get public meetings and hearings put together. Road projects are moving along but there is a worry about funding.

District Conservationist: Ahrens introduced herself as the new District Conservationist for the Mankato, Blue Earth & Waseca offices. She gave the District Conservationist update. She will be the new point of contact as Reggie took another position. She will be meeting with Jerad to work on our partnership.

BWSR: Sackett-Eberhart gave an update on BWSR. BWSR held their board meeting on March 25th. There will be no meeting in April. Jaschke was given board approval to make decisions if needed prior to the next board meeting. CREP batching period is currently open. BWSR trainings have been either postponed or moved to virtual webinars. Application deadline is May 2nd for the Lawns to Legumes program. Application deadline for 1W1P funding is June 12. BWSR staff are working from home and SWCD's should be expected to track time as usual.

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

COST SHARE CONTRACTS

319-TMDL-07-09 BEC Drainage Authority (Alternative Side Inlets):

Fritz requested to encumber \$18,800.00 for the installation of 16 alternative side inlets (ASI) on CD5, with an estimated total cost of \$37,600.00. Gardner moved to encumber \$18,800.00, encumbered from the GBERBA 319-TMDL Implementation grant, for the 319-TMDL-07-09 (BEC Drainage Authority) contract, seconded by Shanahan.

Shanahan – Aye

Hughes – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Motion adopted.

3FY18 Shanahan (Grassed Waterway):

Fritz requested to encumber \$12,375.00 for the construction of a grassed waterway, with an estimated total cost of \$16,500.00. Gardner moved to encumber \$3,648.00 from FY18 State Cost Share and \$8,727.00, encumbered from the FY19 State Cost Share grant, for the 3FY18 (Shanahan) contract, seconded by Hughes.

Hughes – Aye

Krosch – Aye

Gardner - Aye

Shanahan - Abstained

Motion adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

COVID-19: **Bach** updated the board on the measures that the office is taking to adhere to the Governor’s shelter in place executive order.

MASWCD Resolutions:

Bach updated the board on the status of the MASWCD Resolutions and the process they are taking due to the current conditions with the COVID-19 pandemic.

MPI Banquet:

Gardner informed the board that the Districts gifts for the MPI Banquet will be carried over to next year. With the current COVID-19 pandemic the annual MPI Banquet has been cancelled.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

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

Krosch would like to send a card to Reggie. The other board members agreed and Ciara offered to give the card to him.

Hughes gave an update on a Prairie Conference he attended.

Gardner gave an update on the MPI Banquet which had to be cancelled.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 5:21 pm
- * Next regular meeting will be held May 7, 2020
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____