



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of May 6, 2021

**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, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, District Conservationist: Ciara Ahrens

**Guests:** County Commissioner: Kip Bruender & Kevin Paap,

**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, Rollings moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gardner. Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the April 8, 2021 minutes, seconded by Shanahan.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

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

Balance on hand	\$ 893,428.42
Receipts	\$ 1,295.12
Disbursements	\$ 25,041.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 869,682.21</b>

**Kuduk** presented the Treasurer's Report for April and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems, which were read by each Supervisor. Rollings moved to file the April Treasurer's Report subject to audit and pay Supervisor per diems as read, seconded by Shanahan.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Bruender** presented the County Commissioner's report. Road construction season is getting underway. There are a lot of road construction projects that are in progress or will be throughout the season this year. Household hazard waste center has opened and the hours can be found on the county website. The reuse center is open but by appointment only. Vaccinations are continuing to go well throughout the county. Paap encouraged folks to consider the vaccination and also added that along with road construction comes water management construction projects.

**District Conservationist: Ahrens** gave the District Conservationist report. NRCS is still working on EQIP applications. There weren't any priority CSP applications for the Blue Earth County region this signup period. A new program under RCPP is in the works and more information should be coming out next week. We are still accepting applications for the open Soil Conservationist position. Our office is still closed to the public due to current Covid-19 policies. The local working group meeting is coming up next month and a flyer will be going out to the public soon.

**District Manager: Bach** presented the District Manager report. The Le Sueur AIG project that the District worked on the last couple of years will be a featured story in BWSR's June newsletter. The annual tree program pickup took place the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> with a record number of tree sales this year. We hired for the Conservation Technician vacancy and Mary Russell started just this week. April is a big reporting month with the first quarter ending at the end of March. We spend the month completing all the necessary reporting requirements and the verification of compliance was also completed on the FY19 Local Capacity grant. May brings construction season and we'll see more projects brought to the board for approval.

#### **COST SHARE CONTRACTS:**

##### **1FY20 Davis – Grassed Waterway**

**Fritz** requested to encumber \$4,125.00 for the construction of a grassed waterway, with an estimated total cost of \$5,500.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$4,125.00, encumbered from the FY20 State Cost Share grant, for the 1FY20 (Davis) contract, seconded by Shanahan.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

##### **2FY20 Stelter – Well Sealing**

**Bach** requested to encumber \$750.00 for the sealing of a well, with an estimated total cost of \$1,500.00. Shanahan moved to encumber \$750.00, encumbered from the FY20 State Cost Share grant, for the 2FY20 (Stelter) contract, seconded by Rollings.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Area VI Dues:**

**Kuduk** presented the invoice for the 2021 Area VI annual dues in the amount of \$400.00. Shanahan made a motion to approve the payment of the 2021 Area VI dues in the amount of \$400.00, seconded by Gardner.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

##### **FY21 Conservation Delivery Grant Closeout:**

**Bach** reported on the FY21 Conservation Delivery grant expenses and final financial report. Rollings moved to approve the FY21 Conservation Delivery closeout to be signed by the board chair, seconded by Gardner.

Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Rollings** – No report.

**Hughes** – Gave the board an update from the Le Sueur River 1W1P policy meeting he attended last month.

**Shanahan** – No report.

**Gardner** – Gave a quick report on the most recent MPI meeting he attended.

**Krosch** – Was not able to give a report due to technical difficulties

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 4:51 pm
- \* Next regular meeting will be held June 10, 2021
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

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

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