



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of September 9, 2021

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Carol Krosch, 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: Kevin Paap

Supervisors Absent: Vice Chairman: John Rollings

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Krosch at 4:00 p.m. 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. Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the August 5, 2021 minutes, seconded by Hughes.

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

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 801,803.03
Receipts	\$ 1.36
Disbursements	\$ 47,946.15
Total	\$ 753,858.24

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

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Paap presented the County Commissioner's report. Road construction and ditch projects are moving along. Appreciated the attendance by the SWCD staff at the CD 56 meeting this past Tuesday in Lake Crystal.

District Conservationist: Ahrens gave the NRCS District Conservationist update. The NRCS office is still shut down with staff wearing masks while in the office. As of right now, they aren't expecting to reopen until January 2022. CRP is finishing up and they are starting to certify some CSP applications. With the end of the fiscal year approaching, approximate funding and application totals were given based on where NRCS was at the previous year.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor Per Diem Rates

Bach reviewed the current Supervisor per diem rates compared to the rate that was passed during the last legislative session. After some discussion by the board, the decision was made to table the topic and look at it closer in January when the annual review of these rates takes place.

FY22/23 SWCD Programs & Operations Grant Agreement:

Bach presented the FY22/23 SWCD Programs and Operations grant agreement. Shanahan moved to approve the FY22/23 SWCD Programs and Operations grant agreement, seconded by Hughes. Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Gardner – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

SWCD Comp Plan Draft Review

Bach reviewed the draft of the new Blue Earth SWCD’s comp plan which will begin on January 1, 2022 and opened discussion to the Supervisors for feedback on the two appendices. Staff will continue work on the plan and send out a complete draft for review prior to the October board meeting.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Hughes – Updated the board on the Le Sueur 1W1P policy meeting he attended. He had some technical difficulties during the meeting so he wasn’t able to catch everything.

Shanahan – Updated the board on the GBERBA policy/tech meeting he attended. That group will continue to meet virtually.

Gardner – Updated the board on the previous month’s MPI meeting he attended.

Krosch – Has seen that the upcoming Le Sueur 1W1P meeting has been advertised in the county buildings. Also, asked Kuduk if there was information yet for the upcoming Area VI meeting, which she will send out to the Supervisors as it was just received prior to the meeting.

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

- Meeting adjourned 5:26 pm
- Next regular meeting will be held October 7, 2021
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____