



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of October 7, 2021

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Carol Krosch; Vice Chairman: John Rollings Treasurer; John Shanahan, Secretary; Chris Hughes

Staff Present: District Manager: Jerad Bach, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk

Guests: County Commissioner: Kevin Paap

Supervisors Absent: PR&I: William Gardner

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

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes, seconded by Hughes.

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

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 753,858.24
Receipts	\$ 19,742.63
Disbursements	\$ 26,324.51
Total	\$ 747,276.36

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for September and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems, which were read by each Supervisor present. Shanahan moved to file the September Treasurer's Report subject to audit and pay Supervisor per diems as read, seconded by Rollings. Rollings – Aye, Hughes – Aye, Shanahan – Aye, Krosch – Aye **Motion adopted.**

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Paap presented the County Commissioner's report. Road construction and ditch projects are wrapping up. The County Ditch 56 survey is out and available. Bach will send it out to the board after the meeting. Over the next couple of months, the Blue Earth County Board will be working on the draft report from the Rapidan Dam study.

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

COST SHARE:

1FY20 Davis (Grassed Waterway)

Fritz requested to amend the 1FY20 Davis contract and increase the authorized payment amount to \$6,000.00 from the original amount of \$4,125.00 for the grassed waterway. Due to current higher

construction prices, the bids for the overall price of the project came in higher than originally expected. The estimated total cost for this project is now \$8,000.00. Rollings moved to amend the 1FY20 (Davis) contract to have an authorized payment amount of \$6,000.00 from the FY20 State Cost Share Grant, seconded by Shanahan.

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

3FY20 Goodburn (Grade Stabilization)

Fritz requested to encumber \$7,500.00 for the installation of a grade stabilization structure, with an estimated total cost of \$10,000.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$7,082.00 from FY20 State Cost Share Grant and \$418.00 from FY21 State Cost Share Grant, for the 3FY20 (Goodburn) contract, seconded by Shanahan.

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

WBIF-WW-21-07-01-01 Williams (Well Sealing)

Fritz requested to encumber \$1,000.00 for the sealing of a well, with an estimated total cost of \$2,021.00. Rollings moved to encumber \$1,000.00 for the WBIF-WW-21-07-01-01 (Williams) contract, seconded by Hughes.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Enterprise Fleet Vehicle Update

Bach reviewed the Enterprise Fleet vehicle management plan that was approved by the board in May of 2019. The SWCD purchased the Durango in 2019 and then planned to replace the RAM 1500 in 2020 and replace the Big Horn in 2021 or 2022. Due to Covid, this plan was put on hold and neither truck has been replaced yet. After some discussion it was recommended to the board to replace both trucks on a fleet lease contract. Rollings moved to approve the replacement of the current trucks with a RAM 1500 and a RAM 3500 on a fleet lease contract, seconded by Shanahan.

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

Blue Earth SWCD Comp Plan Approval

Bach presented the SWCD Comprehensive Plan to the Board reviewing through each page of the document. The Board discussed and made only minor grammatical changes to the plan. Bach explained the BWSR review and approval process. Rollings moved to approve the final draft of the 2022-2026 SWCD Comprehensive Plan, including all discussed changes, to be sent to BWSR for approval, seconded by Shanahan.

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

MASWCD 2021 Resolutions

Kuduk presented the MASWCD resolution packets for this year's upcoming convention in December which will be an in-person event. She informed the board of when their ballots need to be submitted to her. Krosch asked if registration information has been sent out regarding the convention which Kuduk has not seen yet.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – Asked for some clarification on the Watonwan 1W1P business and how the title work is completed for the Enterprise Fleet sales.

Hughes – Gave an update on the Le Sueur 1W1P community kickoff he attended at St. Olaf Park and the water storage program funding that was discussed during the recent Area VI meeting.

Shanahan – Gave his take on the water storage program funding that was discussed at the recent Area VI meeting. He also attended the Le Sueur 1W1P kickoff and discussed his takeaway from that event.

Krosch – She has been officially appointed to the Legislative Committee and asked for any input from the rest of the board members. Also, gave an update from the Area VI meeting and Le Sueur 1W1P kickoff event she attended.

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

- Meeting adjourned 6:34 pm
- Next regular meeting will be held November 4, 2021
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____