



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of November 4, 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

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Rollings at 4:00 p.m. and roll call was taken. Chair Krosch joined the meeting via Webex due to Covid-19 policy.

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gardner. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the October 7, 2021 minutes, seconded by Hughes. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 747,276.36
Receipts	\$ 20,284.72
Disbursements	\$ 28,009.16
Total	\$ 738,751.92

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

All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Bruender presented the County Commissioner's report (see attached).

District Conservationist: Ahrens presented the District Conservationist report. Finished up their CSP payments and are now diving into EQIP. The deadline to sign up an EQIP application will be November 12th. NRCS welcomes five new staff members across 3 offices. Their office will remain closed to the public and staff will continue to wear masks.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

NACD Dues

Kuduk presented the NACD dues request and gave prior year payment figures. After some discussion the board decided on \$1,000 as the amount they wish to contribute as dues. Shanahan

moved to approve payment of \$1,000 for Blue Earth SWCD's NACD FY22 Conservation Investment, seconded by Gardner. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

Tree Planter Rental Plan

Bach presented the tree planter rental plan. At this time the plan is to offer it on a rental basis for the 1st year for \$100/per day. Customers would sign a liability agreement stating they would be responsible for all damages. After some discussion by the board, Gardner moved to approve the tree planter rental plan of \$100/day fee with an inspection before and after use, seconded by Rollings. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

FY22 Local Capacity & Buffer Law Grant Agreement

Bach presented the FY22 Local Capacity & Buffer Law grant agreement. Rollings moved to approve the FY22 Local Capacity & Buffer Law grant agreement, seconded by Gardner. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

FY22 MN CREP Outreach & Implementation Grant Agreement

Bach presented the FY22 MN CREP Outreach & Implementation grant agreement. Hughes moved to approve the FY22 MN CREP Outreach & Implementation grant agreement, seconded by Shanahan. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

FY19 Buffer Law Grant Closeout

Bach presented the FY19 Buffer Law Financial Report. Gardner moved to approve the FY19 Buffer Law Financial Report and closeout the grant, seconded by Hughes. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

FY19 Local Capacity Grant Closeout

Bach presented the FY19 Local Capacity Financial Report. Rollings moved to approve the FY19 Local Capacity Financial Report and closeout the grant, seconded by Gardner. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

MASWCD Convention Registration

Kuduk discussed the MASWCD Convention packet information that was sent out last week and took role of who will be attending the convention. Accommodation reservations and convention registration will be completed next week.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Krosch – Asked Commissioner Bruender a few questions regarding the Rapidan Dam.

Shanahan – Discussed the Le Sueur 1W1P meeting he attended.

Hughes – Also discussed the Le Sueur 1W1P meeting, the content of the speakers who were there and is looking forward to seeing the data from the consultants.

Gardner – Gave an overview of the last MPI meeting he attended.

Rollings – Discussed possible funding options for infrastructure upgrades due to Covid with Commissioner Bruender.

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

- Meeting adjourned 5:17 pm
- Next regular meeting will be held December 9, 2021
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist