



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of July 7, 2022

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, District Conservationist: Ciara Ahrens

Guests: County Commissioners: Kevin Paap

Proceedings: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Krosch at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge: All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

HOUSEKEEPING

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

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the June 9, 2022, minutes, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 805,351.36
Receipts	\$ 6,844.79
Disbursements	<u>\$ 32,911.18</u>
Total	\$ 824,284.97

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Paap presented the Blue Earth County report. The Rapidan Dam survey is officially closed and ISG will be compiling the results to report back to Blue Earth County. The county is looking at a potential new Public Works building site.

District Conservationist: Ahrens gave the District Conservationist report. LWG meeting went well in June. One CSP contract funded in Blue Earth County. CRP workload is growing as they have changed some of the policies midway through the signups. NRCS is still 50% capacity for daily staff. Ahrens will be taking a considerable amount of time off from work as she builds her new home.

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

COST SHARE

WBIF-WW-21-07-04 Schwanke (Well Decommissioning)

Fritz request to approve payment in the amount of \$625.00 for well decommissioning, with a total project cost of \$1,250.00. Shanahan moved to approve payment in the amount of \$625.00 for the WBFI-WW-21-07-04 (Schwanke) contract, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Mileage Rate Increase:

Bach reviewed the IRS increase to the federal mileage rate. Shanahan moved to adopt the increase to the District’s mileage rate to match the new federal rate as of July 1, 2022, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

Blue Earth River WRAPS:

Bach gave an overview of the Blue Earth River WRAPS draft report. Any questions can be addressed to Paul Davis from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

FY22 Conservation Delivery Grant Closeout:

Bach reported on the FY22 Conservation Delivery grant expenses and final financial report. Gardner moved to approve the FY22 Conservation Delivery grant closeout to be signed by the treasurer, seconded by Hughes. **Motion adopted.**

FY22 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Closeout:

Bach reported on the FY22 CREP Outreach and Implementation grant expenses and final financial report. Shanahan moved to approve the FY22 CREP Outreach and Implementation grant closeout to be signed by the treasurer, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

Blue Earth County Fair:

Kuduk gave an update on the planning process for the Blue Earth County Fair.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Shanahan – Very appreciative of the staff with their execution of the Area VI meeting. The wage adjustments made at the TSA meeting were well received and very much overdue.

Krosch – Echoed Shanahan’s sentiments of the Area VI meeting and discussed the MN River Congress event.

Hughes – Gave an update from the LeSueur River Watershed Celebration at McGowan’s Farm, LeSueur 1W1P Policy and MN River Congress meetings that were attended.

Gardner – No Report.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held August 4, 2022
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: _____ Chris Hughes, Secretary _____

Approved Date: _____ Carol Krosch, Chairman _____