



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of October 6, 2022

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, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservationist Specialist: Jake Fritz, Conservation Technician: Haley Johnson, NRCS Soil Conservationist: Nick Segar

Guests: None

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, Rollings moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gardner.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the September 8, 2022, minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 853,406.85
Receipts	\$ 11,270.06
Disbursements	<u>\$ 28,263.87</u>
Total	\$ 836,413.04

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioner: Not present.

District Conservationist: Segar gave the District Conservationist report. Joel Alicea-Hernandez will be the acting Customer Service Team Lead in place of Ahrens for at least the next 4 months. Segar gave a quick EQIP program update and noted that Travis Winters from St. James took over for Douglas Westphal at FSA.

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

COST SHARE

CWF-WWDW-21-07-02 (Well Decommissioning)

Fritz requested to approve payment in the amount of \$617.00 for well decommissioning, with a total project cost of \$950.00. Rollings moved to approve payment in the amount of \$617.00 for the CWF-WWDW-21-07-02 contract, seconded by Gardner. **Motion adopted.**

CWF-WWDW-21-07-03 (Well Decommissioning)

Fritz requested to approve payment in the amount of \$585.00 for well decommissioning, with a total project cost of \$900.00. Rollings moved to approve payment in the amount of \$585.00 for the CWF-WWDW-21-07-03 contract, seconded by Hughes. **Motion adopted.**

3FY21 (Well Decommissioning)

Fritz requested to encumber \$725.00 for a well decommissioning project, with an estimated total cost of \$1,450.00. Shanahan moved to encumber \$332.00 from FY21 State Cost Share Grant and \$393.00 from FY22 State Cost Share Grant, for the 3FY21 cost share contract, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

WBIF-WW-21-07-06 (Well Decommissioning)

Fritz requested to encumber \$919.00 for well decommissioning, with an estimated total cost of \$1,839.00. Gardner moved to encumber \$919.00 for the WBIF-WW-21-07-06 contract, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

FY23 SWCD Local Capacity & Buffer Law Grant Agreement:

Bach presented the agreement in the amount of \$127,679.00 for the FY23 Local Capacity Grant and \$25,500 for the FY23 Buffer Law Grant. Rollings moved to approve the FY23 SWCD Local Capacity and Buffer Grant Agreement, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion Adopted.**

FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Grant Agreement:

Bach presented the agreement in the amount of \$14,175.00 for the FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Grant. Rollings moved to approve the FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Grant Agreement, seconded by Hughes. **Motion Adopted.**

FY21 Audit Management Representation Letter:

Kuduk and Bach explained the Management Representation Letter that needs to be signed and sent back to Peterson Company to complete the FY21 audit for Blue Earth SWCD. Rollings moved to approve the signing of the letter by Chair Krosch and District Manager Bach, seconded by Gardner. **Motion Adopted.**

MASWCD 2022 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.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Hughes: Things are moving along with the planning process of the Le Sueur 1W1P group and the Prairie Enthusiast group he is a part of will start their fall controlled burns.

Shanahan: Reported on the recent SCTSA meeting that was attended last month.

Rollings: Spoke about recent changes in land prices around the county.

Gardner: Reviewed items from last month's MPI activities.

Krosch: Updated the board on county happenings and her recent trip to Europe.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 5:06p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held November 10, 2022
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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