



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of June 9, 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, 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, Rollings moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Shanahan.

**Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the May 5, 2022, minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

**Treasurer's Report:** (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 906,776.13
Receipts	\$ 25,259.23
Disbursements	\$ 81,684.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 850,351.36</b>

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

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Paap** presented the Blue Earth County report (see attached). Paap gave an update on the Rapidan Dam process, the public events that have been held throughout the county and what to expect moving forward. There were several questions from the board regarding the type of funding to repair vs. remove, if there are opportunities to restore power, etc.

**District Conservationist: Ahrens** gave the District Conservationist report. Gave a quick overview of what NRCS is working on as well as the recent local work group meeting that was held last night. There's a couple of new grant opportunities that will be available going forward.

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

## **COST SHARE:**

### **Krengel – MAWQCP Certification Approval:**

**Fritz** requested payment approval of \$200.00 for the certification approval Krengel received for the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program. Rollings moved to approve the \$200.00 certification approval payment for Krengel through the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Area VI Meeting Door Prize:**

**Kuduk** reviewed what the board has done in the past for door prizes when hosting the Area VI meetings and some ideas that the staff had for this year. The board consensus would be to giveaway the walleye anchor from Dotson Iron Castings and Foundry, with a backup plan of pies from the Welsch Heritage Farms.

### **Cottonwood 1W1P Opt Out Letter:**

**Bach** reviewed the opt out letter for the Cottonwood 1W1P and what it means if Blue Earth SWCD opts out. Due to the Cottonwood Watershed being such a small part of Blue Earth County, it is the recommendation of the staff to opt-out of the planning process. Rollings moved to approve the staff recommendation to opt-out of the Cottonwood 1W1P planning process and submit the letter of intent, seconded by Hughes. **Motion adopted.**

### **Tree Program 2022 Review:**

**Bach** reviewed the revenues and expenses for the 2022 Tree Program with the board and there was some discussion of changes for the future.

### **Le Sueur 1W1P Governance:**

**Bach** opened the discussion to the board of the process that's being done with the Le Sueur 1W1P policy group in regard to the governance structure. Hughes, being the district's representative, spoke about the different options with their own pros and cons.

### **FY23 MN CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement:**

**Bach** presented the FY23 MN CREP Outreach & Implementation grant agreement. Rollings moved to approve the FY23 MN CREP Outreach & Implementation grant agreement, seconded by Hughes. All present voted Aye. **Motion adopted.**

## **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Shanahan** – Reported on the Near Channel Erosion Workshop he attended.

**Hughes** – No report.

**Rollings** – Provided a handout he received on cover crops from Osceola County in Iowa and spoke on the information provided.

**Gardner** – Reported on last month's MPI meeting where they had special guest Mike Malling from U.S. Fish and Wildlife to discuss different projects going on around Blue Earth County. Work on Area 451 continues with a shelterbelt design and planting.

**Krosch** – Reported on the Near Channel Erosion Workshop that she also attended.

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 6:18 p.m.
- \* Next regular meeting will be held July 7, 2022
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Hughes, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Carol Krosch, Chairman \_\_\_\_\_