



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of March 9, 2023

Supervisors Present: Chairman: Chris Hughes, Vice Chairman: John Rollings, Treasurer: John Shanahan, Secretary: Jacob Quade, PR&I: Carol Krosch

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

Guests: None

Proceedings: Meeting called to order by Chairman Hughes 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 Krosch.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 876,629.95
Receipts	\$ 42,744.25
Disbursements	\$ 38,821.34
Total	\$ 880,552.86

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

District Conservationist: Beske was not present but provided the board with a copy of her monthly report (see attached).

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Arc GIS Update:

Bach presented the Arc GIS software program upgrade proposal with the three options and asked the board what they'd like to do. Rollings moved to upgrade to ArcGIS Pro 3.0 and pay the annual subscription as presented, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

Krosch left @ 5:03pm

Blue Earth County Fair:

Kuduk presented the Blue Earth County Fair’s invite to have the SWCD attend the Fair this July. They have allowed us to use their Heritage Building as our tree shed for tree pickup days free of charge and this would be our way of giving back. Rollings moved to approve the SWCD to hold a booth at the Blue Earth County Fair on Friday, July 21st, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

EQIP Local Work Group:

Bach updated the board on the planning process for this year’s EQIP Local Work Group meeting. Beshke is the NRCS Area DC for Blue Earth County, Faribault County and Waseca County. Beshke and the three SWCD Managers in those counties have agreed to streamline these annual meetings and have one meeting to cover all three counties. It’s been decided to hold the meeting in the city of Waldorf. The board agrees to have one meeting for the three-county area.

Vehicle Update:

Bach presented the vehicle budget proposal to replace the aging 2006 Big Horn. The SWCD will work directly with a local dealer and the replacement truck will be a lump sum purchase. Rollings moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ram 2500 Tradesman from Lagers with the trade-in of the 2006 Big Horn and include the installation of the gooseneck hitch, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

FY22 Audit Engagement Letter:

Bach requested that the board approve Peterson Company’s bid as proposed in the letter to complete the FY22 Audit. Rollings moved to approve Peterson Company’s bid to complete the SWCD’s FY22 Audit, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – Gave an overview of his experiences at the Legislative Briefing event earlier this week. He appreciated the efforts of the Supervisors and enjoyed the evenings reception with the Legislators.

Hughes – Gave an overview of his experiences at the Legislative Briefing event.

Shanahan – Gave a quick update on the GBERBA meeting he attended last month.

Quade – No Report.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 5:38 p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held April 6, 2023
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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