



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of May 4, 2023

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

Supervisors Absent: Secretary: Jacob Quade

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

Guests: County Commissioner: Kip Bruender

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

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the April 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Krosch. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 811,368.90
Receipts	\$ 12,197.02
Disbursements	\$ 40,447.36
Total	\$ 783,118.56

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

County Commissioners: Bruender presented the County Commissioner report. Construction is beginning on County Rd 16 south of County Road 90 and will span most of the construction season to complete. It's been difficult to find a contractor to stripe the roads, but progress is being made. The budgeting process for next year is in its beginning stages. The recent public hearing for the new Public Works building was held at the Blue Earth County Library. The county just had an orientation for 26 new staff that have been hired recently. Bruender fielded questions from the board. Work surrounding the Rapidan Dam will pick up and updates will be coming.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

FY21 Local Capacity Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY21 Local Capacity Grant. This grant pays for staff time and with the new changes to BWSR’s eLink system, final board approval and signature on the financial report, is no longer needed.

2023 MASWCD Resolutions:

Kuduk gave an overview of the information that was sent out by MASWCD regarding the call for resolutions. The board was reminded of the resolution process and the deadline for Area resolutions to be received by MASWCD is July 21st. The next Area VI meeting is June 21st which gives us our June board meeting to approve resolutions at the local level.

Tractor Tire Replacement:

Bach reviewed the estimates received for replacing the John Deere tractor’s front tires which are original from when the tractor was purchased in 2016. Estimates were received from Kaduce Tire out of Mapleton and Kibble Equipment, with Kaduce being much lower in cost. Krosch moved to accept the estimate from Kaduce Tire to replace the tractor tires, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – Informed the board of recent health developments.

Krosch – Informed the board she was contacted by Area VI Director Schnobrich and has accepted a position on the Resolutions Committee.

Shanahan – No report.

Hughes – Gave an update of where the Le Sueur 1W1P is in the planning. Hughes would like to work with Bach on being more of a presence at the County meetings.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 6:06 p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held June 8, 2023
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

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