



# BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of June 8, 2023

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

**Staff Present:** District Manager: Jerad Bach, Administrative Specialist: Jillian Kuduk, Conservation Specialist: Jake Fritz, District Conservationist: Jessica Beske, NRCS Agronomist: Rosalyn Madsen

**Guests:** County Commissioner: Kevin Paap

**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, Krosch moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Rollings.

**Motion adopted.**

**Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, Shanahan moved to approve the May 4, 2023 minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

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

Balance on hand	\$ 783,118.55
Receipts	\$ 135,994.31
Disbursements	<u>\$ 54,110.21</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 865,002.65</b>

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

## OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

**County Commissioner: Paap** presented the County Commissioner report. Work is continuing on the new Public Works building. Construction on County Road 16 has commenced. Nothing new for the Rapidan Dam. Meetings have been set for the Drainage work group. Paap discussed the last two watershed plans that need to be completed for Blue Earth County with the board members.

**District Conservationist: Beske** presented the NRCS District Conservationist report. Beske introduced their new hire, Rosalyn Madsen, who will be the team agronomist. She provided a handout which detailed current program updates and what to expect for future funding for NRCS.

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

## **COST SHARE CONTRACTS:**

### **1FY22 (Alternative Side Inlets)**

**Fritz** requested to encumber \$2,452.00 for the construction of an alternative side inlet on County Ditch 86, with an estimated total cost of \$3,270.00. **Shanahan** moved to encumber \$2,452.00 from FY22 State Cost Share Grant, for the 1FY22 contract, seconded by **Rollings**. **Motion adopted.**

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

**Fritz** requested approval to amend the WBIF-WW-21-07-06 contract due to the increase of project cost. The amendment is to increase the cost share payment to \$1,000.00 for a well decommissioning, with a total project cost of \$2,035.60. **Krosch** moved to amend the cost share payment in the amount of \$1,000 for the WBIF-WW-21-07-06 contract, seconded by **Rollings**. **Motion adopted.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Blue Earth River 1W1P Planning Resolution:**

**Bach** presented Resolution No. 2023R-01, which allows Blue Earth County SWCD to participate and begin the planning process for the Blue Earth River 1W1P with the other watershed partners. **Rollings** moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-01, second by **Quade**. **Motion adopted.**

### **Middle Minnesota River - Mankato 1W1P Planning Resolution:**

**Bach** presented Resolution No. 2023R-02 which allows Blue Earth County SWCD to participate and begin the planning process for the Middle Minnesota River – Mankato 1W1P with the other watershed partners. **Rollings** moved to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-02, second by **Krosch**. **Motion adopted.**

### **Area VI Meeting:**

**Kuduk** reviewed the Area VI agenda with the board and asked that Supervisors RSVP with her by Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Water Monitoring Equipment Repair Request:**

**Bach** reviewed the request to repair the Hach Spectrophotometer machine used for the District's water monitoring projects. The request is to repair our current equipment in the amount of \$1,474.50. **Rollings** moved to repair the water monitoring equipment, second by **Quade**. **Motion adopted.**

### **EQIP Local Work Group:**

**Bach** informed the board regarding the upcoming EQIP local work group meeting which will be held on Thursday, June 22 at 4:00 pm at the Waldorf Community Center. The board will submit their comments on local priorities to the EQIP LWG committee members prior to the June 22 meeting.

## **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

**Rollings** – Asked if there was information or results from the monitoring that's going on for County Ditch 86.

**Krosch** – Looks forward to the Area VI meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> and is wondering if we should do some PR for the SWCD Aid passing.

**Shanahan** – No report.

**Hughes** – Discussed what's coming up for the Le Sueur 1W1P planning process.

**Quade** – No Report.

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

- \* Meeting adjourned 5:27 p.m.
- \* Next regular meeting will be held July 6, 2023
- \* Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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