



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of November 9, 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

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 Quade.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: September 7, 2023 minutes were reviewed, Krosch moved to approve the September 7, 2023, minutes, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

October 18, 2023 special meeting minutes were reviewed, Rollings moved to approve the October 18, 2023 special meeting minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 878,689.89
September Receipts	\$ 39.87
September Disbursements	\$ 30,582.01
October Receipts	\$ 13,893.65
October Disbursements	\$ 35,353.17
Total	\$ 826,688.23

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

Kuduk presented the Treasurer's Report for October and requested to pay the Supervisor per diems, which were read by each Supervisor. Rollings moved to file the October 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. For the Public Works building, they've completed the environmental worksheet and submitted it to Mankato Township for review. County Road 16 construction project is complete. Crews are still working on County Road 13 with more work to be completed in 2024. The Rapidan Dam was inspected again with no changes to the integrity of the spillway.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Minnesota River-Mankato Watershed Supervisor Appointment:

Bach opened the discussion for the board to appoint a Supervisor to the Minnesota River-Mankato Watershed committee. Rollings moved to appoint Quade as the primary and Hughes as the alternate for the Minnesota River-Mankato Watershed committee, seconded by Shanahan.

Motion adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY22 Local Capacity Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY22 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.

FY22 Buffer Law Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY22 Buffer Law 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.

FY24 Buffer Law Grant Agreement:

Bach presented the FY24 Buffer Law grant agreement. Rollings moved to approve the FY24 Buffer Law grant agreement and authorize Bach to sign the agreement electronically on behalf of the board, seconded by Krosch. **Motion adopted.**

FY24/25 Programs and Operations Grant Agreement:

Bach presented the FY24/25 SWCD Programs and Operations grant agreement. Rollings moved to approve the FY24/25 SWCD Programs and Operations grant agreement and authorize Bach to sign the agreement electronically on behalf of the board, seconded by Krosch. **Motion adopted.**

Vehicle Update:

Bach presented the vehicle budget proposal to replace the aging 2010 Ram 1500. Quade moved to sell the 2010 Ram 1500 on a bid process, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

The SWCD will work directly with a local dealer and the replacement truck will be a lump sum purchase. Krosch moved to approve the purchase of a truck with a budget of \$60,000 at the discretion of the District Manager, seconded by Quade. **Motion adopted.**

2024 NACD Investment Contribution:

Kuduk presented the NACD contribution request and gave prior year payment figures. After some discussion, Rollings moved to contribute \$1,000 for the 2024 NACD contribution request, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

FY22 Audit:

Bach presented the FY22 Audit report that was completed by Peterson Company. Copies were given to each board member to review and discuss.

Easement Program Updates:

Bach presented updates for the current active easement programs which included the Pheasants Forever Easement Enhancement and the RIM Wetlands programs.

Area VI Meeting:

Kuduk reviewed the November 28th Area VI agenda with the board and asked that Supervisors RSVP with her by Friday, November 17th.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Shanahan – Gave an overview of the cover crop meeting held at Duncanson Farms.

Quade – Gave a little background of what he knows regarding Regenerative Agriculture and hopes to be able to attend the Area VI meeting.

Krosch – Mentioned that the Ag Forum put on by GreenSeam will be on Thursday, November 30 at the Mayo Clinic Health Systems Event Center.

Hughes – Gave a quick update on the status of the Le Sueur 1W1P.

Rollings – Inquired on our current AgBMP loan applications for conservation tillage equipment.

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

- * Meeting adjourned 6:01 p.m.
- * Next regular meeting will be held December 7, 2023
- * Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

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