



BLUE EARTH SOIL & WATER

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Approved Minutes of February 8, 2024

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

Guests: Jeremy Maul, BWSR

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 Quade.

Motion adopted.

Minutes: Minutes were reviewed. Rollings moved to approve the January 4, 2024, minutes, seconded by Shanahan. **Motion adopted.**

Treasurer's Report: (see attached)

Balance on hand	\$ 897,285.14
Receipts	\$ 29,103.96
Disbursements	<u>\$ 84,479.55</u>
Total	\$ 841,909.55

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

OPEN COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Speakers: Maul introduced himself and gave a brief BWSR update.

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

COST SHARE CONTRACTS:

1FY23 (WASCOB)

Fritz requested to encumber \$4,810.00 for the construction of a water and sediment control basin (WASCOB), with an estimated total cost of \$14,444.00. Krosch moved to encumber \$4,810.00 from FY23 State Cost Share Grant, for the 1FY23 contract, seconded by Rollings. **Motion adopted.**

NEW BUSINESS:

FY22 State Cost Share Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY22 State Cost Share Grant. This grant paid for staff time and three cost share contracts. Final board approval and signature on the financial report, is no longer required.

FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Grant Closeout:

Bach reviewed the expense report for the FY23 Soil Health Cost Share Grant. This grant paid for staff time and a three year cover crop contract. Final board approval and signature on the financial report, is no longer required.

eLink Report Update:

Bach presented the eLINK report update to the board. The SWCD reported on 15 grants for a total of \$671,072.00, which covers staff time, projects and equipment. Being the host district for the South Central TSA, the SWCD is also responsible for tracking and reporting on their 8 grants totaling \$1,500,000.00.

2023 AgBMP Report:

Kuduk reviewed the 2023 AgBMP loan report and stated the 2024 funding needs request was submitted last week. In 2023, a total of 15 loans were completed for a total of \$358,971.81.

2024 Area VI Dues:

Kuduk presented the invoice for the 2024 Area VI dues and requested approval of payment. **Krosch** moved to approve the payment of the annual Area VI dues in the amount of \$400.00, seconded by **Shanahan**. **Motion adopted.**

SCTSA FY24 Grant Match Dues:

Kuduk presented the invoice for the SCTSA FY24 grant match dues and requested approval of payment. **Rollings** moved to approve the payment of the annual SCTSA dues in the amount of \$3,550.00, seconded by **Quade**. **Motion adopted.**

FY23 Audit Engagement Letter:

Kuduk requested that the board approve Peterson Company's bid of \$5,000.00 to complete the FY23 Audit. **Krosch** moved to approve Peterson Company's bid to complete the SWCD's FY23 Audit, seconded by **Shanahan**. **Motion adopted.**

2024 MASWCD Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol:

Kuduk informed the board of the upcoming MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day. Registration is open and the deadline to register is March 5th. Supervisors were encouraged to contact legislators to setup meetings to discuss SWCD needs with the focus on adjusting SWCD Aid. An email will be sent out in the next week or two to take registrations from Supervisors.

Le Sueur 1W1P Fiscal Agent Sub-Agreement:

Bach presented the Le Sueur 1W1P Fiscal Agent Sub-Agreement which requires board approval agreeing to the terms that Waseca SWCD will be the fiscal agent for the Le Sueur 1W1P implementation funding grant. **Rollings** moved to approve the Le Sueur 1W1P Fiscal Agent Sub-Agreement, seconded by **Quade**. **Motion adopted.**

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Rollings – No report.

Krosch – Inquired about an update regarding NRCS and their possible building move.

Quade – Looking forward to jumping into the first MN River – Mankato 1W1P meeting.

Shanahan – No report.

Hughes – Gave an overview of the last Le Sueur 1W1P policy meeting he attended.

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

- Meeting adjourned 5:39 p.m.
- Next regular meeting will be held March 7, 2024
- Minutes submitted by Jillian Kuduk, Administrative Specialist

Signature: _____ Approved Date: _____

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