

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Program Manager

Craig Christensen

District Technician

Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair

Paul Posthuma-Vice Chair

Gary Brinks-Secretary

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Aaron Crowley-District Technician

Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the agenda with addition of the following:

Motion to approve attending Area V meeting on February 18, 2021

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of January 14, 2021: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD January 14, 2021 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The monthly Statement of Treasurer was read and filed for audit.

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DC Report: Heard reported on 4 new staff. They are Lindsey Clausen, Maggie Syversen, Dylan Bartels, and Patrick Toomey. The 1026 back log is going down. Heard is finishing CSP 2021 renewals. There are 140 CSP applicants for the signup. March 5, 2021 will be the ranking for EQIP. The general CRP signup has been extended.

Salaries: A motion by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for January-2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

Ag Certification update: The Board reviewed the December Ag Certification update and year-end report.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to cancel the state cost-share contract #19-02 and take the funds out of the Murray SWCD conserving use acres account in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Date for Employee Evaluations: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to conduct employee evaluations on February 16, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. via conference call with the personnel committee.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

County Commissioner Report: Lewis, Christensen, and Posthuma met with the County Commissioners on February 2, 2021 to request the Murray SWCD quarterly allocation. Lewis gave an update of the last 3 months. Craig sent pictures of projects that were completed with Murray SWCD grants and explained each picture to the County Commissioners.

Candidates for Murray SWCD Supervisor: There are 2 people willing to serve as the Murray SWCD Supervisor. A discussion followed. Christensen gave the Supervisors the new candidates phone numbers so they could each ask them questions if they choose to.

2021 MASWCD Legislative Briefing: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve attendance at the 2021 MASWCD Legislative Briefing on March 18, 2021 via Zoom.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Oppose-None

Motion carried.

Annual Report in newspaper: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to purchase ½ page in the Wheel/Herald for the 2020 Murray SWCD annual report.

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Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District Administrator: Lewis updated the Board on the BWSR Financial Reconciliation on FY18 SWCD Local Capacity Services.

WCA Update: Crowley updated the Board on WCA. He has completed the end of the year reporting for eLink. There have been a few tilling requests to look at.

Program Manager: Christensen reported on the Des Moines 1W1P.

Other Business: Posthuma updated the Board on the RCRCA meeting. RCRCA has bonding money to dredge Lake Redwood. There is money for projects along plum creek, cottonwood river, and redwood river.

SWMASWCD Meeting: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve attending the SWMASWCD Area V meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD bills from January 15, 2021- February 11, 2021 in the amount of \$13,281.48.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2021.

Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date