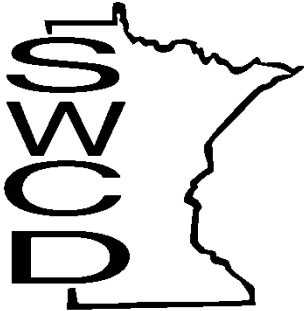


# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Members Present:

Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman

Mona Henkels-Secretary

Roger Steinman-Treasurer

Paul Posthuma-P.R.&I.

## Members Absent:

Gary Brinks- Chairman

## Others Present:

Craig Christensen-District Technician

Shelly Lewis-District Secretary

Brian Christensen-DC

Glen Kluis-County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda:** The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions.

**Minutes of February 11, 2016:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the February 11, 2016 Minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

**Salaries:** A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries for February, 2016.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** Kluis reported that as soon as the SWCD gets a committee they will start interviews for the Murray SWCD Manager position. The County Commissioners have their meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

**DC Report:**

ENGINEERING: There will be an EQIP waterway and an animal mortality facility to be built this spring.

EQIP: There are 9 EQIP applications that have been through QAR. Next week the funding decisions will be made. If there is EQIP dollars left, then medium priority applications will be ranked for possible funding. The local work group meeting will be held in April or May, 2016.

1026/spot-checks:

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): NRCS has started the 2016 CSP interviews. The 2016 and 2017 renewal applications are due March 31, 2016. The 2016 CSP ranking deadline is May 20, 2016. There are 32 CSP contracts that will expire in 2016.

Cover crop workshop: Brian Biegler was in yesterday. We discussed having a cover crop workshop this spring or summer.

EEO/CIVIL RIGHTS: Women's History Month

**Danielle Evers-Area Certification Specialist:** Danielle informed the Board about the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program which is a voluntary opportunity for farmers and agricultural landowners to take the lead in implementing conservation practices that protect our water. Those who implement and maintain approved farm management practices will be certified and in turn obtain regulatory certainty for a period of ten year.

**Ed Lenz (BWSR):** Ed informed the Board about the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget Request (BBR) which need to be completed by April 15, 2016. He informed the Board that he was not able to attend the meeting with the County Commissioners but sent a letter with information to them.

**Manager Position:** The Board discussed the manager position. The position has been advertised in the paper. The personnel committee for the Murray SWCD will consist of Cohrs and Posthuma.

**Long Lake Conservation Camp:** The Long Lake Conservation Camp information was put in the papers. Shelly will bring the information to 4-H groups too. The Outdoor Explorers I Camp is open to ages 11-15 and will take place June 26-July 1, 2016.

**Flood Recovery Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Henkels to approve the following application:

Dan Mihin    FY16Flood Recovery                      Waterway            \$2,200.00            NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Murray SWCD Annual Plan:** The Board reviewed and made corrections on the 2016 Murray SWCD Annual Plan. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the 2016 Murray SWCD Annual Plan with the revisions.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FYI Conditional Use Permit:** The Board was given information on a Murray County Conditional Use Permit Application.

**Buffer Meeting with Soybean Growers:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to contribute an amount up to \$250.00 for promotion of the Buffer Program at the Soybean Growers on April 6, 2016.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to pay 8 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$1,316.70 for March and 3 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$505.00 from February.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 14, 2016.

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Approve by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date