

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District III

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

District Technician

Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair

Paul Posthuma-Vice Chair

Gary Brinks-Secretary

Anthony Conrad-P.R. & I.

Member Absent:

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

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 Brinks seconded by Conrad to approve the agenda with addition of the following:

Motion to approve payment to Richard Vander Ziel #18-01

Approve FY18 Capacity Grant final report

Approve supervisor training on March 31,2021

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of February 11, 2021: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD February 11, 2021 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

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

DC Report: Heard reported on CSP. There were 103 CSP renewal letters sent out last week. The fiscal year 2021 general sign up for CSP deadline is March 26, 2021. Heard is ranking applications for EQIP. The CRP sign up has been extended.

1026: 4 staff working on 1026, they are starting to get caught up.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Annual Plan: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the 2021 Murray SWCD annual plan.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Employee Evaluations: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the recommendation of the personnel committee for a 2021 step increase for Lewis, Christensen, and Crowley with retroactive pay back to January 1, 2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share:

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the following contract:

Francis Hamilton \$4,993.63 #19-06 Fy19 Capacity C-S Grade Stabilization
TSA Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the following payment:

Chad McBeth \$1,856.00 #19-01 Waterway FY19 Capacity C-S Technical-SWPTSA

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the following payment:

Richard Vander Ziel \$30,165.00 #18-01 Pond Repair FY18 Capacity C-S
Technical-SWPTSA

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Supervisor: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to appoint Anthony Conrad as the Murray SWCD Supervisor for District III to fill the vacancy until the next general election.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Oath of Office: Anthony Conrad was given the oath of office.

2021 MASWCD Legislative Briefing: The Supervisors were reminded about the 2021 MASWCD Legislative Briefing to be held on March 18, 2021 via zoom.

District Administrator: Lewis updated the Board on the Local Work Group meetings. Christensen and Lewis have been attending the Local Work Group meetings every Wednesday during the month of March. Lewis has completed year end financials for the Murray SWCD and submitted it for a 2020 audit.

WCA Update: Lewis updated the Board on WCA. WCA notifications have been slow this spring. There is one grove removal, one ditch cleanout and a few tile requests. The ditch cleanout will need some survey work to get the elevations. The tree sales are starting to pick up as we get closer to the April 1st deadline. There are 12 planting projects and over 5100 trees sold.

Program Manager: Christensen reported on the FEMA meeting he attended.

FY18 Capacity Grant: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the final report for the FY18 Murray SWCD Capacity Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Supervisor Training: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Conrad to approve Supervisors attending the Locally Led Conservation training on March 31, 2021 via Zoom.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Conrad seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD bills from February 12, 2021- March 11, 2021 in the amount of \$32,328.99.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date