

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Gary Brinks-Chairman
Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Paul Posthuma-PR&I

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Aaron Crowley-District Technician

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 Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve adding the following to the agenda:

Application for Rock Intakes from Dennis Swan
Des Moines River 1W1P representative
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of January 9, 2020: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve the Murray SWCD January 9, 2020 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None
Motion carried

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

DC Report: Heard reported on EQIP deadline. The last day to sign up is Friday, March 13, 2020. The Local Work Group meeting was today, March 12, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. Heard has a few more CSP payments left to do. The open NRCS position in Nobles has been filled.

Salaries: A motion by Cohrs seconded by Posthuma to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for January and February, 2020.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Conserving Use Acres: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve the Conserving Use Acres application for Dustin Van De Wiele for 4 acres contract #18-03.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

2020 Rent Contact: No update

Murray SWCD 2020 Annual Plan: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD 2020 Annual Plan with the addition of promoting a tour for projects or other education program.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Mn Ag Certification Program: The Board reviewed the February update for MN Ag Certification Program.

SWMACDE: A motion was made by Henkles seconded by Posthuma to approve Employees attending the SWMACDE meeting on April 1, 2020 at Lake Shetek.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

WCA update: Aaron updated the Board on current WCA issues. He is currently looking at a couple of notifications for cleaning out ditches. He has 1 request for the removal of trees.

Buffer Update: Craig updated the Board on the Buffers. In January Craig gave a list to Jean Christoffels of the people who were not complete. There were about 30 out of 200 plus parcels.

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State Cost-Share Update: Lewis updated the Board on State Cost-Share projects. The TSA is working on a couple of new applications and will have estimates soon. The Flood Recovery Grants are all completed.

eLink Update: Lewis reported on 24 grants in eLink.

Rock Intakes: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the following:

Dennis Swan 4-Rock Intakes \$800.00 Murray SWCD

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

1W1P-Des Moines River: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Posthuma to have Heard as the representative and Henkels as the alternate for the Des Moines River 1W1P.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Murray SWCD bills from January 10, 2019-March 12, 2020 in the amount of \$21,604.50.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

A motion by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2020.

Mona Henkels

6/14/20

Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date