

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

District Technician

Travis Radke

Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman
Gary Brinks-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-PR&I

Members Absent:

Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Shannon Cohrs-Secretary

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Doug Goodrich-BWSR BC
Dale Krystosek-BWSR

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. The addition of discussing Lake Shetek project and the Murray SWCD IP Shed was added to the agenda.

Minutes of February 15, 2019: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD February 15, 2019 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

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

Salaries: A motion by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for February 2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report:

Cheryl Heard
(District Conservationist) Report
March 14, 2019
Personnel

- Cheryl Heard will be the new DC in Murray starting Monday March 17, 2019 o Team Lead covering Murray, Nobles, Rock, & Pipestone counties

230 – EEO-Civil Rights

- Review MOU with SWCD & sign acknowledgement

EQIP

- Continue to take new applications
- Murray's 1st round (Sign-up 2) – 56 applications – Sign up deadline 1/18/2019 • 47 Eligible & Ranked
- 9 applications so far for 2nd group (Sign-up 3) Sign-up deadline 4/19/2019 • May 17, 2019 is the Ranking deadline

WRP/WRE/ACEP

- 2 WRE applications to be sent to the state office

CSP

- All FY18 payments completed
- 17 renewals from 2014 sign-up continued with enhancements • Waiting on farm bill interpretation to obligate those into contracts
- Continue to take new applications – we will not be processing them yet

CRP

- Waiting on farm bill for new sign-ups
- CREP -can't submit – Contact Megan Howell with Pheasants Forever

- Re-enrollment – maxed at 15 years
- Soil rental rates – range \$89 - \$191; many soils at \$177. Avg at \$131.20
- No SIP, PIP, or SRR 20% incentive

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests – get your requests in early (10 month to 1 year wait)
- Several reports of potential violations – Wetlands – no new tile
- Farmed Wetland (FW) – existing drainage, can replace at same size, same depth,
- PC/NW – Prior Converted/Not Wetland

Upcoming events

- April 11th – LWG Meeting
- June 27/28 – State Soil Health training located in Murray County

PRAP Level II Review: Doug Goodrich and Dale Krystosek presented the Board with the PRAP Level II Review. PRAP is an acronym for BWSR's Performance Review and Assistance Program. The Murray SWCD is commended for meeting 9 of 14 high performance standards for SWCDs.

SWCD managers meeting: Lewis updated the Board on the SWCD managers meeting which was held on February 26-27 in St. Cloud. MCIT did an Awareness Training and Social Media Employment Risks. There was a lot of peer to peer learning regarding the SWCD funding sources.

Legislative Days: Lewis attended the Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol on March 5-6, 2019. The 2019 Legislative Platform consisted of State SWCD capacity funding out of the General Fund, Local SWCD Statutory Funding Authority, and Technical updates to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103C, SWCD Law. Lewis met with legislators Bill Weber, Joe Schomacker, and Rod Hamilton.

Long Lake Conservation Camp: The Murray SWCD currently has 2 people attending the Long Lake Conservation Camp.

FY18 Conservation Delivery Grant: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve the final financial for the FY18 Conservation Delivery Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

2018 Murray SWCD Audit: The Murray SWCD will be having an audit for 2018.

Farm Bill Assistance: The statement of interest for the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant was filled out for Phase XIX-July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

SWMACDE Meeting: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve Employees attending the SWMACDE meeting on March 21, 2019 in Marshall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Local Work Group Meeting: The Local Work Group meeting will be held on April 11, 2019 at 12:45 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, Slayton, MN.

Buffer Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve the following payment:

Gary Finke	Buffer Cost-Share	3 Acres	\$300.00/acre	\$900.00
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY18 Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve the amendment for Richard Vander Ziel #18-01 from the original amount of \$23,834.25 to the amended amount of \$30,165.00 due to the prices going up and contractor availability to do the project.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Technician: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to accept the resignation of Travis Radke effective March 13, 2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Board discussed the District Technician position and what to advertise in the paper. A motion was made by Henkels to advertise at \$20.00-26.00/hour. The motion died for lack of second. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to advertise the Murray SWCD District Technician position at \$19.00-\$24.00/hour.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Oppose-None

Motion carried.

Other Business: A question was brought up in regard to a cost-share project on Lake Shetek wondering if the conserving use acres payment gets paid to the landowner or renter. The payment can get paid to the either the renter or landowner.

The Board discussed the IP Building which is shared with the county. The SWCD feels there is enough room for their equipment and is working well.

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Bills: A motion by Brinks seconded by Henkels to pay Murray SWCD bills from February 18, 2019-March 14, 2019 in the amount of \$16,260.25. (see attachment).

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019.



Approved by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

4-16-19

Date

Expenses Vendor Detail

February 16 through March 14, 2019

04/13/19
Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
3rd Street Tavern Check	03/06/2019	8461	Legislative Da...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	21.18	21.18
Total 3rd Street Tavern							21.18	21.18
Best Western Check	02/28/2019	DC	managers me...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	104.74	104.74
Check	03/06/2019	DC	Legislative Da...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	158.30	263.04
Total Best Western							263.04	263.04
Chick-fil-A Check	02/26/2019	DC	meal-manage...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	12.76	12.76
Total Chick-fil-A							12.76	12.76
Darrell Hungerford Bill	03/01/2019		Rent	Building & Facility R...		Accounts Paya...	1,151.04	1,151.04
Total Darrell Hungerford							1,151.04	1,151.04
Gary Finke Check	03/14/2019	8458	Gary Finke-B...	State Proj Exp-C-C ...		District Checking	900.00	900.00
Total Gary Finke							900.00	900.00
HyVee Check	02/21/2019	DC	Craig & Travi...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	19.64	19.64
Total HyVee							19.64	19.64
Intuit Quickbooks Check	02/21/2019	auto	ach charges	Supplies-Office		District Checking	25.65	25.65
Total Intuit Quickbooks							25.65	25.65
Marco Check	02/20/2019	8449	copier	Repairs		District Checking	43.50	43.50
Total Marco							43.50	43.50
MASWCD Check	02/26/2019	DC	Legislative days	Promotion, Education		District Checking	90.00	90.00
Total MASWCD							90.00	90.00
McDonalds Check	02/26/2019	DC	Meals-Emeral...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	16.12	16.12
Check	03/13/2019	DC	1W1P Meeting	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	5.81	21.93
Total McDonalds							21.93	21.93
Mexican Village Check	02/26/2019	DC	Meal-Manage...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	13.81	13.81
Total Mexican Village							13.81	13.81
Midwest Supply of Slayton Check	03/14/2019	8457	starting fluid f...	Packer-Drill		District Checking	6.35	6.35

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Total Midwest Supply of Slayton							6.35	6.35
Murray County Recorder								
Check	03/01/2019	8453	Record	RIM Reimburseable		District Checking	46.00	46.00
Check	03/11/2019	8454	Document co...	RIM Reimburseable		District Checking	15.00	61.00
Total Murray County Recorder							61.00	61.00
Peddlers Pub								
Check	03/06/2019	DC	Legislative Da...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	16.95	16.95
Total Peddlers Pub							16.95	16.95
Pheasants Forever, Inc								
Check	03/14/2019	8460	FY19 Q2-Far...	Farm Bill Assistance...		District Checking	13,448.00	13,448.00
Total Pheasants Forever, Inc							13,448.00	13,448.00
Staples								
Check	03/13/2019	DC	folders, pens, ...	Supplies-Office		District Checking	67.76	67.76
Check	03/13/2019	DC	Copy Paper	Supplies-Office		District Checking	151.10	218.86
Total Staples							218.86	218.86
State of Minnesota								
Deposit	03/01/2019		reimbursement	Off Main, Phone, Lic		District Checking	-112.00	-112.00
Total State of Minnesota							-112.00	-112.00
Sun Life Financial								
Check	02/20/2019	8450	vision ins feb ...	Life Ins, STD, LTD ...		District Checking	70.08	70.08
Check	03/04/2019	auto	life ins	Life Ins, STD, LTD ...		District Checking	287.05	357.13
Total Sun Life Financial							357.13	357.13
SWMASWCD								
Check	02/21/2019	8451	Area V meeting	Dues, DSL, Misc		District Checking	75.00	75.00
Check	02/22/2019	8452	Area V registr...	Dues, DSL, Misc		District Checking	15.00	90.00
Total SWMASWCD							90.00	90.00
Vast Broadband								
Check	03/14/2019	8456	dsl	Dues, DSL, Misc		District Checking	77.43	77.43
Total Vast Broadband							77.43	77.43
Woodfire Grill								
Check	03/05/2019	DC	legislative days	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	19.13	19.13
Total Woodfire Grill							19.13	19.13
TOTAL							16,745.40	16,745.40