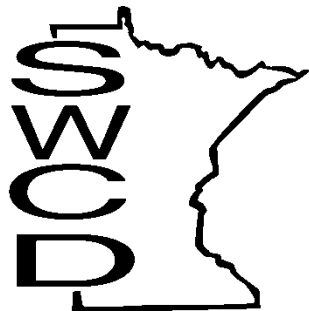


# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Members Present:

Gary Brinks- Chairman  
Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman  
Mona Henkels-Secretary  
Roger Steinman-Treasurer  
Paul Posthuma-P.R.&I.

## Others Present:

Craig Christensen-District Technician  
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary  
Brian Christensen-DC  
Jim Jens-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 March 10 & April 4, 2016:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to approve the March 10 & April 4, 2016 Minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** Jens reported on meetings he attended which included: Solid Waste, Western Community Action, EDA, Buffer meeting and Casey Jones Trail.

**DC Report:**

ENGINEERING: NRCS reviewed engineering requests with TSA and SWCD.

EQIP: 2016 EQIP applications are funded. There are 3 medium priority applications have been through QAR. We will find out next week if the medium EQIP applications are funded.

1026/spot-checks: NRCS has quite a few 569's. FSA is going through the maps.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There are 61 CSP applications for 2016. NRCS has finished all the interviews. There are 31 CSP renewals.

Cover crop workshop: The Cover Crop Workshop was held on April 5, 2016. It was attended by 22 people. Danielle did a presentation on Ag Certainty. She has a few people take applications for the program.

Infiltration Tests: Brian took infiltration tests on April 14, 2016 on the DNR test site.

EEO/CIVIL RIGHTS:

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

Robert Ossefoort      DR2-04      Waterway      \$3,523.32      FY16-Flood Recovery C-S Phase 2

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**NRCS Client Gateway Program:** The Supervisors were given information on the NRCS Client Gateway Program. The program is an interactive NRCS website that provides 24/7 secure access to a client's conservation plans, practice implementation schedules, conservation practice financial applications and contracts, and conservation practice payments documents/information. NRCS is trying to recruit a least one SWCD Supervisor from every District in the State.

**2016 SWCD Supervisor Election:** The Supervisors who are up for election were given information on the filing period which is May 17-May 31, 2016. The Murray SWCD has 3 Supervisor openings: **Roger Steinman/District V**-Chanarambie, Leeds, Moulton, and Fenton, **Mona Henkels/District IV**-Lime Lake, Des Moines River, Bondin, and Belfast, and **Shannon Cohrs/District III** Shetek, Holly, Murray, and Dovray.

**WCA:** There have been a couple of WCA requests. Craig has been taking care of them but they need to have the District Manager or the Board of Supervisors to sign the letters. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Cohrs to approve the Chairman signing the letter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Tree Planting:** The Murray SWCD has advertised 2 times for a Soil and Water Conservation District Aide to help with tree planting and matting but no one has applied for the job. A discussion followed regarding options for helping Craig with planting trees and matting. The District Manager starts work on May 3 and would be able to help Craig unless someone applies for the Job.

**MASWCD Resolutions:** The SWCD Board discussed new Resolutions. The deadline for Area resolutions to be received in the MASWCD office is July 21, 2016. No action taken.

**Annual Report for Newspaper:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to purchase ½ page at a cost of \$450.00 for the 2015 Murray SWCD annual report.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Environmental Fair:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve the \$500.00 donation for the 2016 Environmental Fair to be held at the Murray County Fair Grounds on September 28-29, 2016.

**BBR Update:** Shelly has completed the FY18-19 Biennial Budget Request (BBR) for the Murray SWCD.

**Bills:** A motion by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to pay 9 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$72,974.60 for April and 2 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$213.18 from March.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** May 12, 2016.

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Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date