

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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### District Manager

Ken Bickner

### District Secretary

Shelly Lewis

### District Technician

Craig Christensen

## Members Present:

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

## Member Absent:

Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman

## Others Present:

Ken Bickner-District Manager  
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. The following items were added to the agenda: Discuss Poster Contest, District Signs, and different place to rent.

**Minutes of April 14, 2016:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the April 14, 2016 Minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** Jens reported on meetings he attended which included: Casey Jones Trail (They are working on getting funding to finish the trail from Pipestone to Woodstock), Parks (Looking to do a plaque at Current Lake). The Wellness picnic will be held on June 7 & 8 at the hospital parking lot.

**DC Report:**

Local Workgroup Meeting: The Local Workgroup Meeting needs to be held by July 1, 2016. The meeting will take place on June 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the USDA conference room. Brian and Shelly will work on getting letters out and putting a news release in the paper.

ENGINEERING: NRCS reviewed engineering requests with TSA and SWCD.

EQIP: There are 3 new applications obligated. The deadline for the 2017 EQIP sign up is August 19, 2016.

1026/spot-checks:

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There are 59 CSP applications for 2016. NRCS has finished all the interviews. There are 31 CSP renewals. Brian will start to work on renewals after the 2016 CSP is completed.

CRP: There were 15 CRP application but none of them were funded. The CRP acre authorization may be met.

COUP Exercise: NRCS will be having an emergency COUP exercise in May.

Field Office Appraisal: The Slayton Field Office will be having their appraisal in July, 2016.

Infiltration Tests: Brian helped the are soil specialist remove the temperature sensors from the DNR cover crop site.

EEO/CIVIL RIGHTS: Asian Pacific Islander Month

**Grant Agreement Amendment:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to have the Chairman sign the State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources FY2014 and 2015 SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement amendment for CY 2015 Easement Implementation.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**WIA Program Agreement Amendment:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Steinman to sign the Agreement Amendment between DNR and Murray SWCD for the Walk In Access Program for an additional \$2,000.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant application.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Missouri River Basin Watershed 1W1P:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Henkels to approve the resolution supporting the Missouri River Basin 1W1P.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Murray County Fair Booth:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve renting the Murray County Fair booth for \$100.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**2014 Flood Recovery Phase 3 funds:** The Murray SWCD did not receive any funds for the 2014 Flood Recovery Phase 3.

**Murray SWCD 2016 Election:** The filing period is May 17- May31, 2016 for Murray SWCD Supervisors.

**Murray SWCD Poster Contest:** The Winners for the Murray SWCD poster contest were all from Fulda Public School: 1<sup>st</sup> place (Emily Madison, Taryn Evers), 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Htoo Han), 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Brianne Wiener), 4<sup>th</sup> place (Jenna Kemper).

**Bills:** A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to pay 6 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$14,551.96 for May and 2 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$129.32 from April.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

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**Next Meeting:** June 9, 2016.

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Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date