

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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Craig Christensen

District Technician

Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair

Paul Posthuma-Vice Chair

Gary Brinks-Secretary

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Anthony Conrad-P.R. & I.

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 Hurd to approve the agenda with the addition of allowing Posthuma to sign the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of April 8, 2021: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD April 8, 2021 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

DC Report:

Heard updated the Board on the sign up for the RCPP program. The application deadline is June 4, 2021.

MDA – Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) – has a special cost share assistance Program sign-up through RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) to help producers and their land to become certified or maintain their certification through MDA. Feel free to contact our local NRCS/SWCD Office. Deadline to apply is June 4, 2021.

Salaries: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve Supervisor’s vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for April-2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

City of Slayton: The board was informed that the City of Slayton is in the process of developing a wellhead protection plan for its drinking water supply wells.

Ag Certification: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve Ag Water Quality Certification Program Contract and payment for Peter Nodding.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

SWCD Manager’s Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve Lewis attending the SWCD Manager’s Meeting in Brainerd on June 29-30, 2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

County Commissioner Meeting: The board was updated on the April 27, 2021 County Commissioner’s meeting attended by Lewis, Christensen, and Posthuma to request the 1st quarter allocation for the SWCD.

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by seconded by to approve the following applications:

Steve Gleis #19-07 FY19 \$22,058.27 FY20\$4,966.73 Waterway Technical-TSA

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Conserving Use Acres: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Murray SWCD Conserving Use Acres Agreement from Don Einck for 6 acres @ 120.00/acre.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resolutions: The Board discussed 2021 Resolutions. The deadline for submitting is July 21, 2021.

Local Work Group Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to set the Local Work Group Meeting for July 8, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Administrator: The SWCD had Tree pickup day on April 23, 2021. Lewis has been billing for equipment rental. The SWCD donated trees to the MCC First Grade students for Arbor Day.

WCA Update: Crowley updated the Board on WCA. The tiling requests are starting to pick up this spring. Crowley is working with a landowner by Lake Sarah who is building a new house. He is also reviewing a solar project south east of Slayton.

Program Manager: Christensen reported on the Drills & Packers. Christensen and Crowley have been busy planting trees. The bearing in the gear box on the tiller went out. Craig has been looking for parts to fix it. The cost to fix it is over \$2,000.00. The Board discussed purchasing a different tiller since the one we have is 15 years old and was purchased at \$4,000.00. Craig will check on keep looking for parts and check on cost of a new one.

RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve Posthuma signing the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Area V Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve attendance at the Area V meeting on June 17th in Pipestone.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD bills from April 9, 2021-May 13, 2021 in the amount of \$14,635.82.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10, 2021.