

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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District Technician

Travis Radke

Members Present:

Mona Henkels- Chairman

Paul Posthuma-Vice Chairman

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Gary Brinks-Secretary

Shannon Cohrs-PR&I

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Cheryl Heard- Acting District Conservationist

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Travis Radke-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. DRAP funding update and Lake Shetek project was added to the agenda.

Minutes of April 12, 2018: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD April 12, 2018 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for April 2018.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

DC Report:

Cheryl Heard

(District Conservationist) Report

May 14, 2018

Personnel

- Cheryl Heard is Acting DC for the next 120 days – July 29

EQIP

- 25 Active Contracts
- 37 applications for FY18 – which 19 were ranked
 - 3 funded – all structural practices
- Continuously taking new applications

WRP/WRE/ACEP

- 2 WRE applications to be sent to the state office

CSP

- 18 new CSP applications for General Sign-up
- 26 applications applying for renewals
- 244 active contracts

CRP

- CREP sign-up underway – Contact Megan Howell with Pheasants Forever
 - Only applications being accepted by FSA are for CREP acres
- Farm Bill capped at 24 million acres
 - No new cropland applications being accepted at this time due to the CAP
 - Will accept applications on pasture grassland acres only
 - Waiting to hear from Washington on their plan for CRP and opening up acres

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests – get your requests in early
- 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

Drill Policy: A discussion followed regarding the renting of the Murray SWCD equipment to landowners outside of Murray County. A motion by Brinks seconded by Hurd to allow the Murray SWCD equipment to be used only in Murray County or at the Murray SWCD's discretion.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) Update: Radke updated the Board a current Wetland Conservation Act violations.

May 14th, 2018

Stoneray Wind Farms

NOD sent out for No-Loss and Boundary/Type on January 22nd, 2018

Fenton Wind Farms

Made aware of project area. Awaiting delineation report to continue.

Steve Heger

NOD sent out March 25th, 2018. Removal of dam that was installed in 50s to create stock pond but is now wetland.

Red Rock Rural Water Systems

NOD sent out March 10th, 2018. New wells that are located near wetlands. Water levels are being monitored with piezometers and staff gauges.
A reference wetland across the Des Moines river is also being monitored.

Lynn Wichmann

.5-acre wetland violation.

Now trying to use 5.7-acre wetland that the USFWS had restored under a 10-year contract.

Options to satisfy WCA Violation

1. Restore 0.5-acre wetland by removing tile by June 1st
2. Use 5.7-acre wetland with 1.8-acre buffer (7.5 acres total) as replacement wetland for 0.5-acre wetland, place permanent deed restriction on this area.
3. Buy 0.5 credits from wetland bank to use as a replacement plan, out of pocket.

Rock Intake: A motion by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the application from Don Larson for one rock intake in the amount of \$200.00

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Trailer for Ranger: The current trailer was used for the old ATV but does not work for the new Ranger due to the fact that the trailer is not long enough. A motion by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve purchasing a new trailer for the ranger in the amount of \$2,937.68 which the price includes trading in the old trailer. The funds will be taken out of the FY17 Capacity grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Cost-Share update: The Board discussed updating the cost-share policy to approve Cover Crops. A motion was made by Brinks to put cover crops in the cost-share policy. The motion died for lack of a second. More discussion regarding cover crops followed. A motion by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to update the Murray SWCD cost-share policy to add Cover Crops.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resolutions: The Board discussed new resolutions which need to be drafted for the June SWMASWCD meeting.

MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program: Lewis handed out the current update on the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program

2018 Supervisor Election: Posthuma and Brinks are up for the 2018 Supervisor Election. The filing period this year opens on May 22 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on June 5. SWCD candidates are elected at the general election which takes place on November 6, 2018.

MCIT Human Resource Training: Lewis updated the Board on the MCIT Human Resource Training that was attended on May 9-10, 2018 in St. Cloud.

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Other Business: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve the FY 2018 State of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 2014 Minnesota Flood Relief Phase 4 Grant Agreement for \$37,500.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

At the April SWCD meeting the Board discussed a concern regarding a lake shore owner. There is dirt coming down the channel going into the lake. Christensen contacted the neighboring landowner to see if he/she would be interested in putting in basins or waterway to address the problem. She is interested in doing the project. A request has been made to the SWPTSA for technical assistance.

Supervisor Henkels will not be at the June SWCD meeting due to Leadership Training. The Board decided to not change the date and the keep the meeting on June 14, 2018.

Supervisor Henkels received a call from a Murray County Commissioner regarding the tiles out letting in the county ditches. The Board discussed it and thought the cause of the dirty water was from the fast melting of the snow. No action was taken.

Christensen updated the Board on a CREP project that had a county tile collapse in one spot. The tile has been fixed. There was also a different CREP spot where water was going over the road. Christensen checked it out and the tile intake was iced over. There is a new CREP project that will be happening this summer where a big basin will get restored.

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills from April 13-May 14, 2018 in the amount of \$15,652.52 (see attachment).

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Gary S Brinks
Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

6-14-18
Date

Murray Soil and Water Conservation District
Expenses by Vendor Detail
 April 13 through May 14, 2018

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 06/08/18
 Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
Chandler Co-op								
Bill	04/25/2018		gas	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		Accounts Paya...	167.21	167.21
Bill	05/07/2018		gas	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		Accounts Paya...	142.30	309.51
Total Chandler Co-op							309.51	309.51
Check-fill-a								
Check	05/09/2018	dc	meal	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	8.81	8.81
Total Check-fill-a							8.81	8.81
Darrell Hungerford								
Bill	05/01/2018		Rent	Building & Facility R...		Accounts Paya...	1,151.04	1,151.04
Total Darrell Hungerford							1,151.04	1,151.04
DeWitt Company, Inc								
Bill	04/25/2018		mats	Mats		Accounts Paya...	3,578.63	3,578.63
Total DeWitt Company, Inc							3,578.63	3,578.63
Expedia								
Check	04/23/2018	8320	Travis-hotel ...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	133.65	133.65
Total Expedia							133.65	133.65
Hegstads								
Bill	05/14/2018		Bear Track A...	Capital Outlay		Accounts Paya...	2,937.68	2,937.68
Total Hegstads							2,937.68	2,937.68
Holiday Inn & Suites								
Check	05/09/2018	DC	meal	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	10.05	10.05
Check	05/09/2018	8322	meal	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	15.98	26.03
Check	05/10/2018	DC	Human Reso...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	247.78	273.81
Check	05/11/2018	DC	meal	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	9.92	283.73
Total Holiday Inn & Suites							283.73	283.73
HyVee								
Check	04/19/2018	DC	meals-WRAP...	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	20.30	20.30
Total HyVee							20.30	20.30
Marco								
Bill	04/25/2018		copier	Repairs		Accounts Paya...	43.50	43.50
Total Marco							43.50	43.50
Murray County Auditor/Treasurer								
Bill	04/25/2018		microsoft office	Supplies-Office		Accounts Paya...	144.00	144.00

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Total Murray County Auditor/Treasurer							144.00	144.00
Schumacher's Bill	05/07/2018		trees	Trees		Accounts Paya...	8,349.65	8,349.65
Total Schumacher's							8,349.65	8,349.65
Spicer Super Stop Check	05/09/2018	dc	gas	Mileage and Meals		District Checking	15.43	15.43
Total Spicer Super Stop							15.43	15.43
Staples Check	05/14/2018	DC	Envirothon Su...	Supplies-Office		District Checking	21.15	21.15
Total Staples							21.15	21.15
State of Minnesota Deposit	04/16/2018		RIM Reimb	RIM Reimbursable		District Checking	-184.00	-184.00
State of Minnesota Deposit	04/19/2018		Easement im...	State		District Checking	-2,000.00	-2,184.00
Total State of Minnesota							-2,184.00	-2,184.00
Sturdevant's Auto Parts Check	05/14/2018	DC	Drill parts	Packer-Drill		District Checking	7.65	7.65
Sturdevant's Auto Parts Check	05/14/2018	DC	Drill Parts	Packer-Drill		District Checking	14.91	22.56
Total Sturdevant's Auto Parts							22.56	22.56
Sun Life Financial Bill	04/25/2018		vision insurance	Life Ins, STD, LTD ...		Accounts Paya...	35.04	35.04
Sun Life Financial Check	05/03/2018	auto	Life ins, LTD, ...	Life Ins, STD, LTD ...		District Checking	300.59	335.63
Total Sun Life Financial							335.63	335.63
Texas Roadhouse Check	05/09/2018	DC	Meal	Mileage, Hotel, Meals		District Checking	13.82	13.82
Total Texas Roadhouse							13.82	13.82
University of Minnesota Check	04/19/2018	DC	Travis-Weitlan...	Promotion, Education		District Checking	200.00	200.00
Total University of Minnesota							200.00	200.00
US Post Office Bill	04/25/2018		4 rolls stamps	Postage		Accounts Paya...	200.00	200.00
Total US Post Office							200.00	200.00
Vast Broadband								

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Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Bill	05/07/2018		DSL	Dues, DSL, Misc		Accounts Paya...	67.43	67.43
Total Vast Broadband							67.43	67.43
TOTAL							15,652.52	15,652.52