

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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District Technician

Travis Radke

Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Vice Chairman

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Gary Brinks-Secretary

Shannon Cohrs-PR&I

Member Absent:

Mona Henkels- Chairman

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Cheryl Heard- Acting 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. The Board will discuss being the fiscal agent for One Watershed One Plan.

Minutes of May 14, 2018: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD May 14, 2018 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 Brinks to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for May 2018.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Well Records: The Board reviewed the Well Records which will be filed in the District Depository.

D.C. Report:

Cheryl Heard

(District Conservationist) Report

June 14, 2018

Personnel

- Cheryl Heard is Acting DC for the next 120 days – July 29
- State Conservationist – Curtis Elke – going back to Idaho – June 22 last day
 - Interim State Conservationist from June 23-July 21
 - New State Conservationist, Troy Daniell to start July 22

EQIP

- Finished up residue management field checks
- 37 applications for FY18 – which 19 were ranked
 - 3 structural practices
 - 1 cover crop
- Continuously taking new applications for 2019 crop year funding

WRP/WRE/ACEP

- 2 WRE applications finishing up applicant eligibility

CSP

- 18 new CSP applications for General Sign-up
 - 17 preapproved at this time – field verification process to start
 - Deadline July 9
- 26 applications applying for renewals
- 244 active contracts

CRP

- CREP sign-up underway – Contact Megan Howell with Pheasants Forever
- Re-enrollment – maxed at 15 years
 - Some extensions
 - Others looking into wetland restoration type enhancements

- Grassed waterways, shallow water area for wildlife, filterstrips, denitrifying bioreactors on buffers, riparian buffers, wetland restorations/construction/flooded, duck nesting habitat
- Cp30 – not eligible to extend
- No SAFE acres allocated
- Soil rental rates – range \$89 - \$190; many soils at \$177.
- No SIP, PIP, or SRR 20% incentive
- Aug 17th deadline for producers to submit offer.

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests – get your requests in early

SWCD

- Technical Assistance from NRCS to assist with State Cost Share
 - NRCS-CPA-052 – Environmental Evaluation Worksheet needs to be signed by DC is NRCS is providing assistance
 - Federal Mandatory Farm Bill Programs shall be a priority for NRCS.
- LWG – Locally Led Work Group Meeting – Aug 2 Marshall

Upcoming events

- June 18 – Cover Crop presentations for NRCS in Marshall
- June 20 – Area Meeting
- June 21, 22, 25 – Annual Leave

Murray SWCD Server: As of June 20, 2018, there will be no support on the current SWCD Server. The District Administrator Received a quote from The Computer Man for a new Service in the amount of \$8,868.98. There is also a quote for extended warranty on the current server in the amount \$421.98. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to extend the warranty on the current service for another year.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Manager Meeting: There will be a SWCD Manager's Meeting on July 24 & 25, 2018 at Warner Lake Park. The District Administrator will not be able to attend due to being on vacation at that time. The Program Manager will be able to attend. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the Program Manager attending the SWCD Manager's Meeting on July 24 & 25, 2018.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Quickbooks Training: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve the District Administrator attending QuickBooks Training in Sioux Falls, SD on July 9-10, 2018.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement-FY2019: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve signing the Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement-FY2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program contracts and payments for Chris Schmidt & Dale Schmidt.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Locally Led Workshop: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve attendance at the Locally Led Workshop on August 2, 2018 at the American Inn in Marshall. The training & information session is for SWCD and NRCS representatives to enhance the Local Working Group and associated conservation activities and programs.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

SWMASWCD Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve attendance at the SWMASWCD meeting on June 21, 2018 in Granit Falls, MN.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MCIT Training: A motion was made by Gary seconded by Cohrs to approve District Administrator attending Sidestep Risks when Conducting SWCD Business on July 18, 2018 in St. Cloud, MN.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Local Partners Agreement: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve signing the Local Partners Agreement between the Murray SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Buffer Cost-Share: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the following payments for the Buffer Cost-Share:

Delbert Kirlin	6acres	Conservation cover 103F.48	\$1,800.00
Jerome Olsem	3acres	Conservation cover 103F.48	\$900.00

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to nominate George and Mike Erbes for the Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implantation Plan: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve and sign the Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implantation Plan Request Form.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD State Cost-Share Policy: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve and sign the Murray SWCD State Cost-Share with the addition of Cover Crops.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

West Fork Des Moines River Presentation: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve attendance at the West Fork Des Moines River Presentation & Picnic on Tuesday, June 26 from 4-7 p.m. at Fulda American Legion & Seven Mile Park.

Other Business: The District Administrator updated the Board on current Cost-Share projects. Supervisor Hurd was contacted by County Commissioner Gunnink to ask if the District was interested in being the fiscal agent for the 1W1P. The Board discussed the item and are not interested in being the fiscal agent due to not enough staff time and expertise for writing grants.

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Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills from May 15-June 14, 2018 in the amount of \$ 3,069.88. (see attachment).

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Gary S Brinks

7-12-18

Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date

Expenses
May 15 through June 14, 2018

Vendor Detail

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Cir	Split	Amount	Balance
Deposit	06/07/2018		State of MN	State		District Checking	-2,750.00	-2,750.00
Total State of Minnesota							-2,750.00	-2,750.00
Sun Life Financial								
Bill	06/11/2018		Vision Insura...	Life Ins, STD, LTD ...		Accounts Paya...	35.04	35.04
Total Sun Life Financial							35.04	35.04
SWPTSA								
Bill	06/11/2018		H Larson-DR...	State Proj Exp-C-C ...		Accounts Paya...	31.44	31.44
Bill	06/11/2018		M Bootsma-D...	State Proj Exp-C-C ...		Accounts Paya...	283.01	314.45
Bill	06/11/2018		K Vikerman-D...	State Proj Exp-C-C ...		Accounts Paya...	90.30	404.75
Bill	06/11/2018		P Schreier-FY...	State Proj Exp-C-C ...		Accounts Paya...	157.23	561.98
Total SWPTSA							561.98	561.98
Vast Broadband								
Bill	06/11/2018		dsl	Dues, DSL, Misc		Accounts Paya...	67.43	67.43
Total Vast Broadband							67.43	67.43
TOTAL							3,069.88	3,069.88