

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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**Anthony Conrad**

District III

## Staff

### District Administrator

**Shelly Lewis**

### Program Manager

**Craig Christensen**

### District Technician

**Aaron Crowley**

## Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair  
Paul Posthuma-Vice Chair  
Gary Brinks-Secretary  
Karen Hurd-Treasurer

## Member Absent:

Anthony Conrad-P.R. & I.

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator  
Craig Christensen-Program Manager  
Aaron Crowley-District Technician  
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda:** The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. There was nothing added.

**Minutes of June 10, 2021:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD June 10, 2021 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

**DC Report:** Cheryl reported on the EQIP program. The CSP general sign up had 2 applications in Murray county. There were also 60 CSP renewals in Murray County.

**Salaries:** A motion by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for June-2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

**Murray County Fair Booth:** Supervisors and Staff signed up to work the Murray SWCD booth at the Murray County Fair on August 18-21, 2021.

**Area V meeting update:** Henkels and Hurd attended the Area V meeting on June 17, 2021. An update was given to the Board.

**Capacity Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve Capacity cost-share application:

Don Einck	#20-01	Waterway	FY20 Capacity	\$16,521.75	SWCD Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Capacity cost-share application:

Jim Oslund	#20-02	Waterway	FY20 Capacity	\$11,610.00	SWCD Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Supervisor Per Diem:** The SWCD Supervisor per diem cap has increased from \$75.00 per day to \$125.00 per day effective on August 1, 2021. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the increase to \$125.00/day for Murray SWCD Supervisors effective August 1, 2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**MASWCD Convention:** The MASWCD Convention will be held in person on December 12-14, 2021.

**Ag Certification Contract:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the second payment to Peter Noding in the amount of \$200.00 for the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**District Administrator:** Lewis has been working on end of the quarter for Murray SWCD and SWPTSA.

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**WCA Update:** Crowley updated the Board on WCA. The tiling requests are starting to pick up this spring. Crowley is working on a Dam notification. He is also working with a solar company.

**Program Manager:** Christensen was out looking at the WSCB project and took shots with the drone to give them to Skoglund to design the project. Christensen received Buffer complaint that the land is being farmed. Craig flew the land with the drone and it is being farmed within 12 feet of the creek. Craig informed Jean at the Environmental Office. She has sent out a letter with the corrective action. The parts for fixing the tiller have come in. Craig built a work bench out at the IP shed so he can work on equipment. He would like to purchase a welder and helmet and have electricity. Craig will get cost estimates to bring back to the August SWCD Board meeting.

**Bills:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD bills from June 11, 2021-July 8, 2021 in the amount of \$2,850.19.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 12, 2021.

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Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date