

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Gary Brinks-Chairman
Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Paul Posthuma-PR&I

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Aaron Crowley-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. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve adding Ag certification contract & payment authorization for Keith Carlson & Gary Carlson.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of June 11, 2020: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD June 11, 2020 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

DC Report:

CSP: There were 6 renewals that received funding. The general CSP had 6 pre-approved contracts.

EQIP: The EQIP program had 80 applications ranked with 6 of them pre-approved.

Animal Mortality: Murray County had 2 Animal Mortality contracts approved.

State Office: The State Office was down to the Slayton FO for a quality assurance check.

Salaries: A motion by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for June, 2020.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Cost-Share application: The cost-share application from Tony Quade for a WASCB will be tabled until next meeting due to no signature on application.

Pheasants Forever Agreement: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Local Partners Agreement between the Murray SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc. from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY20 Conservation Delivery: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve the FY20 Conservation Delivery Final Financial Report.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

WCA Update: Aaron updated the Board on current WCA projects. He had a meeting about the Shetek grades. The county wants to raise them up. They need to be looked at for WCA rules. There is one request to re-dig a stream from 1970. Aaron is checking on a WASCB project for WCA.

Cost-Share update: Shelly and Craig updated the Board on cost-share projects.

Supervisor position: Cohrs did not file for Murray SWCD Supervisor. Lewis contacted County Auditor/Treasurer and if the SWCD finds someone to run they will need to file for a write in campaign with the County Auditor/Treasurer at the courthouse. If no one is found, the SWCD can appoint someone on January 1, 2021.

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Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the June Ag Certification Report. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve contract & payment authorization for Keith Carlson & Gary Carlson.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Buffer update: Christensen updated the Board on buffers. In fall of 2019 there were 30 non-compliant landowners. The Environmental service department sent out letters to the landowners. Christensen is out checking the buffers now with the drone to make sure they are complying.

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve Murray SWCD bills from June 12, 2020-July 9, 2020 in the amount of \$3,486.27.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 13, 2020.





Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date