

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District V

PR & I

Jason Miller
District II

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Devin Ryan

Members Present:

Anthony Conrad-Chair
Mona Henkels-Vice Chair
Paul Posthuma- Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Member Absent:

Jason Miller-P.R. &I

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda with adding the following:

Approve payment for 2 ag certification contract payments
Motion to approve payment of cost-share contract #20-08
Motion to approve payment of cost-share contract #20-04
Motion to approve purchasing a new battery for trimble equipment
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of June 2, 2023: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve

the Murray SWCD June 2, 2023, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None
Motion carried

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for June 2023.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report: Cheryl reported no new staff. The tile requests are around 12 months behind. There will be a pheasant forever employee starting in August at the Nobles SWCD.

SWMASWCD Area V Meeting: The Board was updated on the Area V meeting that was held in Luverne, MN on June 15, 2023.

Resolution for SWCD Aid: A motion by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the resolution for the use of SWCD Aid payments.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Capacity & State Cost-Share: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the amendment of Capacity cost-share contract #21-02 from the original estimated project cost of \$12,074.66 to the amended amount of \$14,171.01 due to the rising costs and some minor authorized extras.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve payment of the following Capacity Cost-Share:
Darold Knakmuhs #21-02 Grade Stabilization FY21 Capacity Cost-Share \$6,500.20 FY21 State
Cost-Share \$7,670.81 Area II-Technical
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve payment of the following cost-share:
Jeff Lais #20-08 Waterway FY20 Capacity Cost-Share \$20,207.81 TSA Technical
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve final payment of the following cost-share:

Lonnie Roach #20-04 Diversion FY20 Capacity Cost-Share \$7,266.37 TSA-Technical
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

New Battery: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve purchase of 2 new batteries for the Trimble equipment at the amount of \$471.79.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Ag Certification: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the following contracts for payment:
Jared Arens \$200.00
Christ Opdahl \$300.00
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following:
Area V meeting in Rock County on June 15
Murray SWCD will be receiving \$161,171.21 for the Conservation Aid (FY23 &24) After that the amount will be less

- SWCD will receive ½ in July & ½ in December
- SWCD Aid is now a statute and will not change
- Des Moines River 1W1P Technical meeting on June 19
 - Reviewed MS4 Front
- Working on getting information and answering emails for the 2022 Murray SWCD Audit
- End of the Month
- End of the Quarter
- Going to be starting on TSA Fiscal Year End

Program Manager Update: Christensen updated the Board on the following:

- Working on beaver control at an easement site
- Attending the 1w1p meeting for Des Moines & Missouri

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

- Working on designs for surveys this fall
- TSA has a couple of Murray SWCD projects they are working on
- Drainage requests are still coming in
- RIM grassland contract approved for funding
- Working with the County on a shoreline project at Lake Shetek

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD bills from June 3, 2023-July 13, 2023, in the amount of \$45,846.88.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date