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Members Present:

Gary Brinks- Chairman
Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-Secretary
Roger Steinman-Treasurer
Paul Posthuma-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Ken Bickner-District Manager
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary
Brian Christensen-DC
Jim Jens-County Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.
None added.

Minutes of June 9, 2016: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the June 9, 2016 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 Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for June, 2016.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

County Commissioner Report: Jens reported on meetings he attended which included County Commissioners, Hospital, Ditch 12, and Budget meetings.

DC Report:

ENGINEERING: NRCS reviewed engineering requests with TSA and SWCD.

EQIP: The deadline for 2017 EQIP applications is August 19, 2016.

1026/spot-checks:

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There are 43 applications that met eligibility threshold. There are 12 applications that have been preapproved. NRCS is working on getting contract signatures. There are 31 CSP contract renewals. Brian will start working on renewals after 2016 CSP is completed.

CRP: NRCS is working on CRP status reviews.

Field Office Appraisal: The Slayton Field Office will be having their appraisal in July, 2016. Brian asked if any Supervisor would be available during the appraisal. Steinman will be available on Thursday, July 21, 2106 to be at the office.

Office: The locks are going to be changed soon.

EEO/CIVIL RIGHTS: All cultures month.

Motion carried.

Manager's Report:

June 14: Attended buffer update meeting with BWSR, Marshall

June 16: Attended area V meeting, Worthington

June 18: Attended DMR Watershed meeting, Windom.

July 11: Attended Rock River meeting, Luverne.

August 2: Staff booth at Farmfest, Redwood County

September 12-16: WCA Training, Little Falls

October 24-26: BWSR Academy, Brainerd

Buffer update:

Buffer statistics – Buffer map revisions – Buffer letters.

2017 SWCD Budget: The Board reviewed the 2017 Budget.

Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement FY2017: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Posthuma to approve the Groundwater Level Monitoring Agreement FY2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

State Cost-Share: The Board discussed Douglas Fey's project which was approved for a total of \$4,125.00 with 75% cost-share being \$3,093.75. The actual invoice was for a total of \$7,200.00 due to the fact that the ridges were higher so the cost was more. A letter was received from Douglas Fey requesting more cost-share. The amount would not be able to be taken out of State Cost-Share funds due to the fact that the project is already done. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve paying Doug Fey the amount of \$1,050.00 and take the funds out of the Murray SWCD Special Projects account which is money not associated with any Grants.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD's Tree Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve payment to Jim Masselink for shelterbelt in the amount of \$1,500.00 and take the funds out of the Murray SWCD's Tree account.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Flood Recovery Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve payment of the following:

Earl Johnson	Embankment Pond Repair	DR-04	\$24,120.00	FY 15 Flood Recovery
Russell Hoogendoorn-SWPTSA	Technical			

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Lais Farms, Inc. C-S#14-02: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to approve the amendment of Lais Farms, Inc. C-S#14-02 for an additional \$4,013.84 due to the fact that the original cost estimate lacked the current rates.

Lais Farms, Inc.	C-S#14-02	FY16	\$4,013.84	SWPTSA (Technical)
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Lais Farms, Inc. C-S #DR2-02: A motion was made Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve the amendment for Lais Farms, Inc C-S#DR2-02 for an additional \$12,193.16 due to the original estimate was dependent on using the existing tile at the bottom of the hill that is currently in us with the waterway at that location. The landowner states that the tile is over-laded so new tiles to connect all the basins is necessary.

Lais Farms, Inc. C-S#DR2-02 FY16 \$12,193.16 SWPTSA (Technical)
 Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

Murray County Fair Schedule:

8/17/2016-Wednesday-2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Shelly
Wednesday- 6:00 p.m. – closing	Ken
08/18/2016-Thursday- 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Roger
Thursday- 6:00 p.m.- closing	Shannon
08/19/2016-Friday- 2:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	Gary
Friday- 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m.	Mona
08/20/2016-Saturday-2:00 p.m.- closing	Craig

Murray County Fair Drawing: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to approve purchasing four \$25.00 gift certificates from Jim’s Market for the booth drawing at the Murray County Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

Farm Bill Assistance Employee-Pheasants Forever option: The Board discussed the option to have Pheasants Forever being the Employer for the Murray SWCD Farm Bill Assistant. The Murray SWCD will be receiving the grant for the Farm Bill Assistant and in return will give the money to the Pheasants Forever as they would do the hiring but the position would be housed in the Murray SWCD office. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Henkels to approve the option to have Pheasants Forever be the Employer for the Murray SWCD farm bill assistant.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

Purchasing a Vehicle: The Board reviewed the bids for a new pickup. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the lowest bid from Marthaler Ford Worthington to purchase a 2016 Ford F-150 pickup in the amount of \$32,695.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

BWSR Academy- October 24-26, 2016: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve Employees attending the BWSR Academy with driving up to Brainerd on October 23 and staying overnight then attending the Academy on October 24-26, 2016.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Steinman to approve nominating Brian Luchtenberg from Edgerton as Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to pay 9 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$30,657.75 for July and 4 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$455.59 from June.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 11, 2016.

Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date