

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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**Karen Hurd**  
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**Mona Henkels**  
District IV  
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### Staff

District Administrator

**Shelly Lewis**

Program Manager

**Craig Christensen**

District Technician

**Aaron Crowley**

### Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman  
Gary Brinks-Vice Chairman  
Shannon Cohrs-Secretary  
Karen Hurd-Treasurer  
Mona Henkels-PR&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 1:35 p.m.

**Additions to Agenda:** The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to add the following to the agenda:

Discuss FY20 Capacity Funding  
Change September meeting date  
MCIT Risk Management Workshop  
Jim Veenhuis Cost-Share #DR4-02  
Dale Voss Cost-Share application  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Minutes of July 11, 2019:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD July 11, 2019 minutes.

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Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried

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

**Salaries:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for July 2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**District Conservationist Report:** No written report

**FY2020 & 2021 Grants:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve the FY2020 & 2021 Conservation Delivery and State Cost-Share Grant Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Budget meeting with County Commissioners:** Posthuma and Lewis presented the 2020 Murray SWCD budget to the County Commissioners on July 29, 2019.

**Update on Cost-Share projects:** Craig updated the Board on Cost-Share projects which are currently under construction.

**Wetland Conservation Act:** Aaron updated the board on current WCA issues. He is currently working with John Hansel (BWSR) on a wetland violation. Aaron has been looking at a couple 1026 tile requests per day for WCA issues.

**Cost-Share Application:** A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve the following

cost-share application:	State Cost-Share				
Dustin Van DeWiele	#18-03	FY18 & 19	Basins	FY18-\$2837.20	FY19-4342.04
NRCS-Technical					

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Murray SWCD No-Till Drill:** The Board discussed selling the 1998 Great Plains Drill which was purchased in 2008. A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to have a silent auction with option to increase the bid subject to board approval.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Drone:** Christensen updated the Board on the cost of purchasing a drone which will be used to check buffer compliance. A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to purchase the Frontier Precision Drone for up to \$6,000.00 and take the funding out of the Buffer Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Murray SWCD September Board Meeting:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to change the Murray SWCD September board meeting to Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**MCIT Risk Management Workshop:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve Employees attending the MCIT Risk Management Workshop on September 11, 2019 in Mankato.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Outstanding Conservationist:** The Board discussed the Murray SWCD outstanding conservationist. A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to nominate Ryan Verlinde as the Murray SWCD outstanding conservationist. If he does not accept then the following will be contacted: Matt Surprenant (2<sup>nd</sup>), Chris Schmidt (3<sup>rd</sup>), or Peter Knotting (4<sup>th</sup>) as the Murray SWCD outstanding conservationist.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**FY2020 Capacity Grant:** The Board discussed the work plan for the Fy2020 Capacity Grant. A motion was made by Brinks seconded Henkles to approve the work plan for administration, district technical assistance, and Cost-Share for conservation practices.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Flood Recovery Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to change Jim Veenhuis #DR4-02 funding source from \$12,575.29 (Flood Recovery 4), and \$6,449.11 (FY18 Capacity) to all Flood Recovery 4 cost-share due to another landowner cancelling their contract in the Flood Recovery 4 funding:

Jim Veenhuis	4-Basins	FY17 Flood Recovery 4 Cost Share	\$19,024.40
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Technical -NRCS  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve the following:

Dale Vos #DR4-03 Flood Phase 4 Capacity-\$9,879.77 FY18 Capacity-\$5,755.62  
Total\$15,635.39  
Waterways- NRCS/SWCD Technician- Technical  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to pay Murray SWCD bills from July 12, 2019- August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$25,529.51.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019.

  
Approved by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

9-10-2019  
Date