SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
“Helping People Help the Land”

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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.
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 (2nd), Chris Schmidt (3rd), or Peter Knotting (4th) 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
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.

[Signature]

Approved by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors  
Date 

9-10-2019