SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District Administrator **Shelly Lewis**

Program Manager **Craig Christensen**

Resource Specialist

Devin Ryan

Members Present:

Paul Posthuma- Chair Gary Brinks-Vice Chair Karen Hurd-Treasurer Anthony Conrad-Secretary

Member Absent:

Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator Craig Christensen-Program Manager Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist Nancy Sauder-Aces Contractor

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

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

Discuss selling the packer

Discuss call received from landowner

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of August 11, 2022: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD August 11, 2022, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

DC Report: Nancy Sauder

CSP- NRCS is working on FY22 CSP payments

Salaries: Motion by Brinks, second by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for August 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Walter Van Dyke

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

Well Records: The well records were reviewed and filed in the District Depository.

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Well and Boring sealing records

Donald Larson Holly Steve Gleis Chanarambie Doug Fey Chanarambie Frances Berreau Cameron Michael Reese Cameron Mathy Swine Cameron Roger Vanderschaaf Chanarambie

Well and Boring Construction Records

Anthony Zins Bondin Mark Wiekeraad Leeds Jerome Beck Holly Arron Miller Lowville Dale Dierks Mason Deana Fuller Lake Sarah Travis Delong Chanarambie Mary Storm Bondin Lake Farm Properties Lake Sarah Jarred Smith Fenton Glenda Zens Murray James Cowan Iona Roger Zins Bondin Murray County Farms LLC Holly

Ag Certification Update: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update for August 2022.

BWSR Academy: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to allow the staff to attend the BWSR academy at Craguns in Brainerd, MN on October 25-27, 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FYI: The MASWCD convention is December 13-14, 2022, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington.

<u>2022 Tree, Drill, Packer Reports:</u> The Board reviewed the 2022 Tree, Drill, and Packer reports.

TSA managers meeting: The Board was updated on TSA managers meeting, which was held on August 30, 2022 in Slayton. The TSA has 187 projects on the books of those 103 projects are ready or under construction. The TSA has 67 projects that are signed up for EQIP but only 15 funded to date. The TSA is not planning on hiring at this time, they can keep up with all the requests received at this time.

Capacity Cost-Share Application: Motion by Hurd, second by Conrad to approve the following cost-

share application in the amount of \$5,187.60 Les Miller #21-01 Diversion (362)

SWCD Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Memorandums of Understanding: The

- 1. Joint Powers Agreement with RCRCA thru 6/30/2023
- 2. Agreement with SWPTSA & Murray SWCD house the SWPTSA & Contract for Services for Financial Coordinator/Administrative Assistant
- 4. Office Lease Agreement and Storage Space Lease for Blake Heronimus thru December 31, 2022

Capacity C-S FY21 \$5,187.60

- 5. Cooperative Agreement between SWPTSA for use of the District's ATV-indefinite period of time
- 6. Agreement with U.S. Corp of Engineers for planning and carrying out projects-indefinite period of time
- 7. Joint Powers Agreement with Murray County Commissioners for Administering the Wetland Conservation Act-indefinite period of time
- 8. Mutual Agreement between the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the District to achieve common natural resources goals and objectives-indefinite period of time
- 9. Agreement with DNR Waters for Ground Water Level Monitoring
- 10. Agreement with Murray County on IP Storage Building thru 12/31/2029
- 11. West Fork Des Moines River Memorandum of Agreement
- 12. Rock River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement
- 13. NRCS USDA Acknowledgment of Section 1619 Compliance (Data Privacy)
- 14. Cooperative Working Agreement & Operational Agreement with the NRCS

15. Agreement between counties for Des Moines River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan

16. Agreement between counties for Missouri River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan

Packer: The board discussed the 42' Brillion Packer. Craig brought the Packer to the auction to be sold.

Landowner call to Supervisor: Hurd received a call from a landowner regarding cost-share. He feels his waterways are not doing their job and wants cost-share for farmable basins. The landowner was denied cost-share in April due to the waterways doing their job. The District has asked a NRCS technician employee to look at the waterways to see if they are still functioning.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following

Attended 1W1P joint committee meeting on August 8

Working on getting information on FY21 Murray SWCD & FY21 SWPTSA audits

August 25-Meeting on Farmfest

TSA managers meeting on August 30-TSA has 190 projects on the books of those 103 projects are ready or under construction. The TSA has 67 projects that are EQIP projects but only 15 funded to date.

September 6-meeting on zoom with MACDE for awards committee

Attending 1W1P steering team meeting in Windom on September 7

Program Manager Update: Christensen updated the Board on the following

5 CREP Wetland restorations have been completed

Working on CREP easements and getting people paid

Attending the 1W1P meeting

Looking at sites for trees

Working on 60 RIM field reviews

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

Working on WCA issues

Looking at tile requests

Been working on some design work for waterways & basins

Posted video and pictures of construction project on face book

Attending a training in Brainerd next week on WCA

Bills: A motion by Brinks seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from August 12, 2022-September 8, 2022, in the amount of \$9,086.11.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13, 2022

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Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors	Date