SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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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
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist
John Hansel-BWSR

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 Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve adding John Hansel (BWSR) and Drill bids to the agenda.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of August 8, 2019: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the Murray SWCD August 8, 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 Henkels to approve Supervisor’s vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for August 2019.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report: Heard reported a WRP RIM is completed. NRCS is working on EQIP and CSP. The Slayton NRCS office was funded 33 out of 187 applications for cover crops.

John Hansel (BWSR): John Hansel (BWSR Wetland Specialist) updated the Board on a WCA violation in Murray County. The landowner was sent a letter of the violation that he could appeal. The landowner needs to take out the fill that was put in his wetland.

Des Moines River Watershed: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve the Resolution 09-10-2019 to support a Des Moines River Watershed One Watershed One Plan project.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Ag Certification update: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for August.

Fy18 Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to approve the cancellation of William Maher cost-share contract #18-01 for a pond (378).
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Flood Recovery Cost-Share:

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve payment to:

James Veenhuis #DR4-02 Flood Phase 4 Capacity-$19,024.40
4-Basins- NRCS Technician- Technical
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henkles seconded by Hurd to approve amending contract #DR4-03 Dale Vos to add 2 additional waterways due to the erosion on the farm it would be the most economically solved with 4 grassed waterways and a 6” tile for each waterway to change the amount from $15,635.39 to the amended amount of $24,566.67.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.
RCRCA Annual Legislative Gathering: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve attendance at the RCRCA Annual Legislative Gathering on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at Grandview Winery, Belview, MN.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Long Lake Conservation Camp: The Murray SWCD had 2 campers attend the Long Lake Conservation Camp in July. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to pay a stipend for gas/mileage of $100.00 for each camper.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Local Partners Agreement between Murray SWCD & Pheasants Forever, Inc.: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve the Local Partners Agreement between Murray SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc. from July 2, 2019 to June 30, 2020.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist: Ryan Verlinde will be the Murray SWCD’s outstanding conservationist.

Murray SWCD Drill: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to accept the highest bid from Loran Haas for the No-Till Drill for $4,050.00.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills from August 9, 2019- September 10, 2019 in the amount of $28,698.07
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019.