

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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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

Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Aaron Crowley-District Technician

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 Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve adding the following to the agenda:

MASWCD Convention

December Newsletter with Calendars

Attendance at the County Commissioner meeting

Update on TSA managers meeting

WCA Update-Aaron

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Minutes of September 10, 2019: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD September 10, 2019 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 Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for September 2019.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report: Heard reported on the annual civil rights and equal opportunity. The Board members signed the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners. Murray County EQIP program has 53 contracts for a total amount of 1.3 million dollars. There will be a general sign up for CRP in December.

Memorandums of Understanding: The board reviewed the current Memorandums of Understanding. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the following:

1. Joint Powers Agreement with RCRCA thru 6/30/2019
2. FY 2017 Agreement with SWPTSA for Financial Coordinator & Host District for Shared Technician- 6/30/2019
3. Storage Space Lease for Darrell Hungerford thru December 31, 2019
4. Cooperative Agreement between SWPTSA for use of the District's ATV-indefinite period of time
5. Agreement with U.S. Corp of Engineers for planning and carrying out projects-indefinite period of time
6. Joint Powers Agreement with Murray County Commissioners for Administering the Wetland Conservation Act-indefinite period of time
7. Mutual Agreement between the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the District to achieve common natural resources goals and objectives-indefinite period of time
8. Agreement with DNR Waters for Ground Water Level Monitoring
9. Agreement with Murray County on IP Storage Building thru 12/31/2029
10. Lease Agreement with Darrel Hungerford for office space rent thru 12/31/2019
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. Agreement between Murray SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc.
15. Cooperative Working Agreement & Operational Agreement with the NRCS

Environmental Fair: The Board was given an update on the Environmental Fair which was held at the Lake Shetek Bible camp on September 24 & 25, 2019.

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Governance 101 and Risk Management: The District administrator attended the Governance 101 and Risk Management meetings. An update on the meetings was given to the Supervisors.

MASWCD Award Committee: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve the District Administrator attending the MASWCD Awards Committee meeting on October 25, 2019 in St. Paul with an overnight stay the night before.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY2020 SWCD Local Capacity & 2020 Buffer Law Grant: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the FY2020 SWCD Local Capacity & 2020 Buffer Law Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Trees, Drill, and Packer Reports: The Board reviewed the Trees, Drill, and Packer Reports for 2019.

CREP site: Christensen updated the Board on a CREP site with a big tile blow out. He contacted BWSR and they will provide some funds to clean it out.

Funding for pond in Fulda: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to extend the Murray SWCD funds of \$5,000.00 into 2020 that was to be used in 2019 on the pond in Fulda. After the last rain event the pond project will not be able to get any work done this fall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY18 Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Hurd to approve the following cost-share applications:

Mark Beech 18-02	Grade Stabilization	\$11,708.55	FY18Capacity Cost-Share
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SWPTSA-Technical			
Richard Andert 18-04	Waterway	\$2,286.18	FY18Capacity Cost-Share

Murray SWCD Technician-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Flood Recovery Cost-Share:

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

Mathy Swine SWPTSA- Technical	#DR2-07	Waterway	Flood Phase 2	\$11,819.60
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Dan Kreuger SWPTSA-Technical	#DR2-08	Waterway	Flood Phase 2	\$4,997.51
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to move

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve payment to:

Steven Meyer Total \$10,180.22	#17-03 Grade Stabilization	FY17Capacity C-S (\$2,101.84) FY18Capacity C-S (\$8,078.38) NRCS-Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to move Dustin VanDeWiele FY18 & FY19 State Cost-Share to the FY17DRAP-3B & FY18 DRAP4.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

WCA Report: Crowley reported on a WCA issue that has been resolved. The fill that the landowner put into the wetland has now been taken out. The Murray SWCD has followed all the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) rules for the Administration of the Program which states Wetlands must not be drained or filled.

MASWCD Convention: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve attendance for Supervisors, Employees, and Outstanding Conservationist at the MASWCD Convention on December 8-10, 2019 in Bloomington.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD newsletter: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkles to approve doing a newsletter and purchasing 2020 calendars to put in the newsletter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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County Commissioner Meeting: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve Henkels attending the County Commissioners meeting on October 15, 2019 to request the Murray SWCD allocation for the 3rd quarter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

TSA Managers Meeting: Lewis updated the Board on the TSA managers Meeting which was held on October 8, 2019. The TSA will be hiring an Engineer Technician to be housed in one of 4 different locations which include Madison, Luverne, Marshall, or Worthington.

Conserving Use Acres: The Board brought off the table the Conserving Use acres request from Mark Beek from April 16, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to deny the request from Mark Beek for conserving use acres due to not being planted.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Brinks seconded by Henkels to pay Murray SWCD bills from September 11, 2019-October 10, 2019 in the amount of \$33,433.49

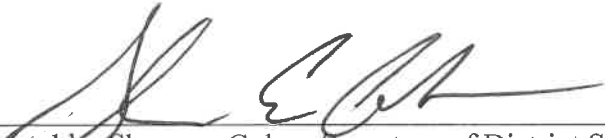
Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019.


Approved by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors


Date