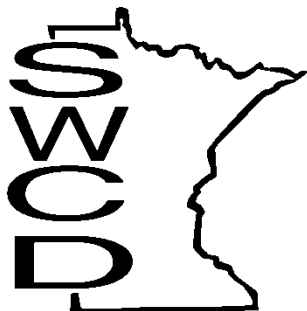


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Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Vice Chairman

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Gary Brinks-P.R.&I.

Member Absent:

Paul Posthuma-Secretary

Shannon Cohrs- Chairman

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Travis Radke-District Technician

Brian Christiansen-BC

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m.

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

Nothing was added.

Minutes of September 21, 2017: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve the September 21, 2017 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 Brinks to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for September 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

DC Report:

ENGINEERING: 2 basin projects through EQIP this fall.

EQIP: 2018 EQIP sign-up deadline is 8/18/17. We have 28 applications. Eligibility deadline is 1/12/18. Certifying cover crop practices.

1026/spot-checks:

CRP: CRP we have until 12/15/17 to complete CPR plans. Murray has 52. I plan to use Megan to develop CRP contracts.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): Working on 2018 CSP renewal. We have 19 applications up for renewal. It looks like we may end up with around 10 that will renew their CSP contracts. Deadline is 10/27/17 for 2018 renewal eligibility. Field verification completed by 11/10/17. Obligation by 12/1/17. We can start certifying 2017 CSP payments. Applicants can defer payment to 2108.

Soil Health programs:

Postage:

Civil Rights: National Disability month. CR partner responsibilities.

Altima: There may be an Altima employee in Slayton.

Client Gateway: Sign-up for Client Gateway is strongly encouraged.

Operational Agreement:

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

1. Joint Powers Agreement with RCRCRA thru 6/30/2019
2. FY 2017 Agreement with SWPTSA for Financial Coordinator & Host District for Shared Technician- 6/30/2018
4. Storage Space Lease for Darrell Hungerford thru December 31, 2017
5. Cooperative Agreement between SWPTSA for use of the District's ATV-indefinite period
6. Agreement with U.S. Corp of Engineers for planning and carrying out projects-indefinite period
7. Joint Powers Agreement with Murray County Commissioners for Administering the Wetland Conservation Act-indefinite period
8. AgreeemENt between the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the District to achieve common natural resources goals and objectives-indefinite period
9. Agreement with DNR Waters for Ground Water Level Monitoring
10. Agreement with Murray County on IP Storage Building thru 12/31/2029
11. Lease Agreement with Darrel Hungerford for office space rent thru 12/31/2017
12. West Fork Des Moines River Memorandum of Agreement
13. Rock River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement
14. NRCS USDA Acknowledgment of Section 1619 Compliance (Data Privacy)
15. Agreement between Murray SWCD and Pheasants Forever, Inc.
16. Cooperative Working Agreement & Operational Agreement with the NRCS

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MASWCD Awards Committee: The MASWCD Awards Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at the MASWCD office in St. Paul. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve an overnight stay in St. Paul for Lewis on October 24, 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Flood Recovery Cost-Share: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the following:

Mathy-Swine (Bootsma) DR2-07 FY16-Flood Recovery Phase 2 Waterway

\$4,238.04 SWPTSA-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MASWCD Convention: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve Supervisors, Employees, and Outstanding Conservationist to attend the MASWCD Convention on December 3-5, 2017 in Bloomington, MN.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

National Association of Conservation Districts: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve Conservation Investment for FY18 to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

November Murray SWCD Board Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to change the November Murray SWCD Board meeting to November 14, 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Buffer State Cost-Share: The Board discussed the Buffer State Cost-Share program. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to amend the Buffer cost-share from 75% not to exceed \$300/Acre on perennial grass and or Forbes to a Buffer Cost-Share flat rate of \$300.00/Acre.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve the following Buffer Cost-Share:

Janice Brech	\$900.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Harley Buys	\$600.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Terry Carlson	\$1,650.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Terry Carlson	\$300.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Delbert Kirlin	\$1,800.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Jerome Olsem	\$900.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Gregory Pommier	\$1,500.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Kerry Ruppert	\$600.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Kerry Ruppert	\$300.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Phil Sweetman	\$600.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
John Uittenbogaard	\$300.00	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Brinks seconded by Hurd to pay 14 Murray SWCD bills for \$6,882.87 for October and 2 Murray SWCD bills for \$109.00 from September.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2017.