

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Members Present:

Paul Posthuma- Chair

Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Member Absent:

Gary Brinks-Vice Chair

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist

Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Discuss Operational Agreement between Murray SWCD & NRCS

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of September 8, 2022: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels 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:

Position Openings- Agronomist position in Pipestone, GIS position in Marshall

CSP- 20 applications funded

EQIP- 18 applications funded, 10 new contracts for 2022

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD 2021 Audit: Katie Jacobson handed out the Murray SWCD 2021 Audit report to the Board. She reviewed and explained the audit to the Supervisors. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkles to accept the Murray SWCD 2021 Audit and send to the State.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkles to approve MN Ag Water Quality Certification Contract & Payment for McClellan Farms, Inc.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Conservation Investment: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve a Conservation Investment FY23 of \$775.00 to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

RCRCA Legislative Annual Gathering: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve attendance at the RCRCA Legislative Annual Gathering on November 3, 2022, at the Painted Prairie Vineyard.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Soil Health Grant: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to ratify the Soil Health Grant in the amount of \$14,175.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

2023 Capacity Grant & Buffer Grant: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to ratify the 2023 Capacity Grant for \$132,642.00 and the 2023 Buffer Law for \$25,500.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Grant Extensions: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to ratify the grant extension requests for FY20 Capacity, FY20 State Cost-Share, and FY21 State Cost-Share to extend the grant to 12/31/2023 due to availability of contractors to construct the projects.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share: Motion by Henkels, second by Hurd to approve the amendment of Les Miller (21-01) due to the township permitting purpose plan, the culvert needed to be larger. The original total amount authorized was \$5,187.60 but now will be \$7,429.05.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve submission of the Des Moines River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (2023-2032) to the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR).

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River JPA: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve and authorize appropriate parties to sign the Des Moines River Watershed Partnership Join Power Agreement (JPA).

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement for Cottonwood River 1W1P: The Board reviewed the memorandum of agreement for the Cottonwood River 1W1P.

Trimble TSC7 Controller: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the purchase of a Trimble TSC7 Controller for R10 Survey Equipment.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MASWCD Convention: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve attendance at MASWCD Convention on December 12-14, 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Operational Agreement: The Board reviewed the Operational Agreement between Murray SWCD and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS will provide the 3 phones for the SWCD in return the SWCD will answer calls and questions from landowners at the counter and phone. A motion was made by Hurd seconded Henkels to approve the Operational Agreement between the Murray SWCD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resource Specialist: The Board discussed the Resource Specialist evaluation. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to move the Resource Specialist up 2 steps in the Murray SWCD pay scale and take him off probationary status as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following

Attended 1W1P joint committee meeting on September 7

Attended water plan meeting in Slayton on September 9-requested match for FY23 Capacity Grant of \$14,400.00

Attended TSA Meeting on September 14-TSA has 190 projects on the books of those 103 projects are ready or under construction. TSA has 67 projects that are signed up for EQIP funds buy only 15 funded to date.

SWCD capacity work plan completed

SWCD Buffer Law work plan completed

Attended MACDE Meeting on September 22

Murray SWCD audit is complete for FY21

Grant extensions approved for FY20 Capacity, FY20 & FY21 State Cost Share

Program Manager Update: Christensen updated the Board on the following

5 CREP Wetland restorations have been completed

1 CREP dam repair completed

75 CREP Site inspections to complete

1 new RIM Grassland Easment
Gilbertson's basins completed
Roach project to start soon
Steve Meyer project started
The Drills have been very busy

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

Working on WCA issues (2 violations)
Attended training in Brainerd
Passed the WCA test
Looking at tile requests
Been working on some design work for waterways & basins
Posted video of drone on facebook

Bills: A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from September 9, 2022-October 24, 2022, in the amount of \$5,074.52.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2022

Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date