

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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Aaron Crowley

Members Present:

Gary Brinks-Chairman
Shannon Cohrs-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Paul Posthuma-PR&I

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Aaron Crowley-District Technician
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist
Danielle Berg-Accountant

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the addition of the following:

Danielle Berg-2019 Murray SWCD Audit
Rain Gauge Monitor gifts
Approve payment for Kerry Ruppert-#19-02
Approve payment for Kerry Ruppert-#18-05
Richard Andert-Cancel #18-04
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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Minutes of October 8, 2020: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD October 8, 2020 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

DC Report: Heard reported that Donna has resigned from her position. The applications for EQIP are due by November 20, 2020. If anyone still wants payment for CSP this year she can still pay them.

Salaries: A motion by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for October-2020.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

Berg Accounting: Danielle Berg updated the Board on the 2019 Murray SWCD audit. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve the 2019 Murray SWCD Audit with a change on page 3.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to cancel the following contract due to the landowner doing the project himself:

Richard Andert	#18-04	FY18 Capacity	Waterway	\$2,286.18
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SWCD Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to approve the amendment to extend the install date from 12/01/2020 to 12/01/2021 on the following contract due to availability of contractors:

Richard Vander Ziel	#18-01	FY18 Capacity	Pond	\$30,165.00	TSA
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Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve the amendment to increase the amount authorized from \$28,983.00 to amended amount \$31,358.00 due to the prices going up and contractor availability to do the project.

Shirley Johnson	#19-03	FY19 Capacity	Sediment Basin	\$31,358.00
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TSA Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

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Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Kerry Ruppert #18-05 Waterway FY18 & FY19 Capacity \$37,800.00

TSA Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Cohrs to approve paying the following:

Kerry Ruppert #19-02 FY19 State Cost-Share pre construction cover \$1,500.00

SWCD Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

NACD dues: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve paying \$775.00 for conservation investment FY21 to the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion Carried.

Ag Certification Program: The Board reviewed the October, 2020 Ag Certification Program update.

Cost-Share: Lewis updated the Board on current cost-share projects and 2 new contracts that were submitted to the TSA for estimates.

WCA Update: Crowley updated the Board on WCA. He looked at a proposal for a solar panel field, one tree removal project, and a DNR rip rap project.

Rain Gauge Monitor: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Cohrs to purchase \$25.00 gift certificates from Almich's market for the Rain Gauge Monitors. No state grants will be used for purchasing the gift certificates.

Affirmative-Cohrs, Hurd, Henkels, Brinks

Abstain- Posthuma

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Cohrs seconded by Henkels to approve Murray SWCD bills from October 9, 2020-November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$54,855.20.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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Next Meeting: Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date