

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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Members Present:

Shannon Cohrs- Chairman

Mona Henkels-Vice Chairman

Paul Posthuma-Secretary

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Gary Brinks-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Travis Radke-District Technician

Brian Christiansen-BC

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

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

Nothing was added.

Minutes of October 12, 2017: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD October 12, 2017 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: A motion by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for October 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

DC Report:

ENGINEERING: 2 basin projects through EQIP this fall. WRP restoration is ready for construction.

EQIP: 2018 EQIP sign-up deadline is 8/18/17. We have 35 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. Megan will do CRP plans through PF agreement.

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 12 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. QAR 11/16/17. Applicants can defer payment to 2108.

Soil Health programs:

Postage:

Civil Rights: National Disability month. CR partner responsibilities. National American Indian Heritage month.

Cooperative agreement: Need to revise and sign.

Altima: Donna starting 12/4/2017.

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

Operational Agreement:

2018 Lease Agreement: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Hurd to approve the 2018 Lease Agreement for Office Space in the amount of \$1,151.04 per month and Climate Controlled Storage Space Lease Agreement of \$1,500.00 per year both are the same amount as 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

BWSR Academy: The SWCD staff updated the Board on the BWSR Academy which they attended on November 1-3, 2017 in Brainerd.

Tree, Drill Packer Reports: The Board reviewed the Tree, Drill, and Packer Reports for 2017.

2017 Newsletter & Calendars: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve printing and mailing the 2017 Murray SWCD newsletter and purchasing 1000 calendars to be included in the newsletter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray County Comprehensive Local Water Plan: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to adopt the Murray County Comprehensive Local Water Plan as its Comprehensive Plan for the calendar years 2018 to 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Consultant Charges: The Murray SWCD reviewed the charges of the last bill from the consultant.

Operational Agreement between the NRCS & SWCD: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the Operational Agreement between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and Murray Soil and Water Conservation District.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Flood Recovery Cost-Share: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve amending Harvey Larson DR-05 install date to November 1, 2018 due to contractors being booked up for the fall of 2017.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve amending the Bryan Richardson DR-05 install date to November 1, 2018 due to the ground being too wet to finish the project.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Buffer State Cost-Share:

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

Twyla Roos	\$1,650	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Lenoy Rue	\$300	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Gary Finke	\$900	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD
Craig Jans	\$450	FY18 Buffer Cost-Share	Technical-SWCD

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to pay 14 Murray SWCD bills for \$44,806.34 for November and 2 Murray SWCD bills for \$2,556.83 from October.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 14, 2017.