



# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”

## Murray SWCD

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### Supervisors

*Chair*  
**Mona Henkels**  
District IV

*Vice Chair*  
**Paul Posthuma**  
District I

*Secretary*  
**Jason Miller**  
District II

*Treasurer*  
**Karen Hurd**  
District V

*PR & I*  
**Anthony Conrad**  
District III

### Staff

*District Administrator*  
**Shelly Lewis**

*Program Manager*  
**Craig Christensen**

### Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair  
Paul Posthuma- Vice Chair  
Jason Miller- Secretary

### Members Absent:

Anthony Conrad-P.R.&I.  
Karen Hurd-Treasurer

### Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator  
Craig Christensen-Program Manager  
Allisa Wendland- District Conservationist

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 Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Minutes of August 8, 2024:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of August 8, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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**Salaries:** Motion by Miller second by Posthuma to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for August 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

## **DC Report: Allisa**

### Personnel

- New Soil Conservation, Zach Ruppert starting 9-23-24

### 230 – EEO-Civil Rights

#### EQIP FY24

- 6 Contracts • \$1.95M

- 1921ac

- IRA and Non-IRA

- Cropland and Pastureland- practices: cover crop, no till/ strip till, nutrient and pest management, field operations emissions reduction, soil health testing, annual forages for grazing systems, fence, heavy use area protections, livestock pipeline, obstruction removal, pasture and hayland planting, prescribed grazing, watering facilities, monarch habitat, reduced tillage, waste storage facility, roof and covers.

- FY25 EQIP • 263 applications – cutoff for round 1 was Sept 6, 2024

#### WRP/WRE/ACEP

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#### EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

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#### CSP

- 4 renewal contracts • 1865ac

- \$428,000

- 1 Classic application waiting for obligation • \$142,678

- 772ac

#### CRP

- o 43 renewed contracts

- o 36 new contracts

#### RCPP

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#### WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests –10mos or so  NRCS guidance July 3, 1996 and newer are considered certified

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Anything prior July 2, 1996 certified

**2023 Murray SWCD Audit:** Katie Jacobson updated the Board on the 2023 Murray SWCD Audit. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the financial statement and submit to the State.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Ag Certification:** The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

**Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the following cost-share payment:

Kris Jeppesen Streambank & Shoreline Protection TSA Technical \$36,052.50  
FY22 State Cost-Share (\$8,707.20) FY23 State Cost-Share (\$8,707.20), FY23 Capacity Cost-Share (\$611.85) Murray County Capacity Cost-share match FY22 (\$14,400.00), FY23 (\$3,626.25).

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Soil Health grant work plan:** The Board reviewed the work plan for the Soil Health grant. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the work plan for the Soil Health grant in the amount of \$120,000.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**MASWCD Convention:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve attendance at the MASWCD Convention on December 2-4, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Wetland Conservation Act Training:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve Kuball attending the Wetland Conservation Act training in Brainerd on September 9-13, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Hiring new SWCD Employee:** The Board decided not to hire another SWCD employee at this time.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**SWMASWCD Area V Secretary/Treasurer position:** The Board was informed of an opening for the SWMASWCD Area V secretary/treasurer position.

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**SWMASWCD Area V meeting:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve attendance at the SWMASWCD Area V meeting in Marshall on September 19, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**BWSR Academy:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve Employees attending the BWSR Academy at Craguns on October 29-31, 2024, with an extra over night stay on October 28, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**District Administrator Update:** Lewis updated the Board on the following:

- August End of Month for SWCD and SWPTSA
- Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on August 29, 2024
- SWPTSA meeting on September 9, 2024 (TSA has 172 projects on the books of those 79 are under or ready for construction.
- Working on cost-share grants, vouchers, applications
- Work plan for soil health grant of \$120,000

**Program Manager Update:** Christensen updated the Board on the following:

- Fixed the Drill
- August 28-Field Day for cover crops
- Working on 4 easements for the RIM/CREP program
- Putting projects in MS4
- Attended the Cottonwood 1W1P & Des Moines River 1W1P

**Bills:** A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from August 9, 2024-September 12, 2024, in the amount of \$22,645.74.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 10, 2024

  
Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors

10/10/24  
Date