

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District V

PR & I

Jason Miller
District II

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Devin Ryan

Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Vice Chair

Paul Posthuma- Secretary

Jason Miller-P.R. &I.

Member Absent:

Anthony Conrad-Chair

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist

Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

Danielle Evers-Ag Certification

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Danielle Evers-Ag Certification Program

FYI-TSA average cost sheet for projects

Website cost

Cost-Share project

Unemployment claim

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of February 9, 2023: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD February 9, 2023, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Miller to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for February 2023.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:

Intern employee working at NRCS office this summer

Agronomist position open in Slayton

CSP- 8-CSP renewals, 46- Classic CSPs

EQIP-41 preapproved contracts

1026: The 1026 requests are 6 months out for response

Legislative Briefing: Lewis updated the Board on the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol. The #1 priority this session is SWCD Aid requesting 22 million per year. Lewis and Ryan attended the Legislative Briefing on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. They visited the Capitol on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 and had appointments with Schomacher, Fogleman, and Weber.

Ag Certification: Danielle Evers updated the Board on the Ag Certification year end summary report. The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for February 2023. A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to approve the Ag Water Quality Certification Program contract & payment for Trent Johnson.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Local Work Group Meeting: The Local Work Group Meeting will be held on June 8, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at the USDA Service Center.

Alternative Rock Intakes: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the application from Dennis Swan for an alternative rock intake.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Annual Report for Newspaper: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to purchase a ½ page in the Wheel/Herald for the 2022 Murray SWCD annual report.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve the following application:

Chad McBeth #21-05 WSCOB FY21 Capacity C-S \$9,225.53 NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Unemployment Claim: The Murray SWCD has an unemployment claim from a previous employee. Lewis put in an appeal for the claim.

TSA average cost-sheet: Ryan handed out to the Board the TSA average cost-sheet for projects.

Website: Lewis is working on designing the new SWCD website through wix.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following

1W1P meeting on March 2 in Windom
Attended legislative briefing and day at the capitol on March 7-8
Working on setting up a new website for Murray SWCD
Working with BWSR on TSA FY19 grant reconciliation

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

Working on Tree orders
Working on tree plans
Attended a Tillage training
Des Moines River 1W1P meetings
Cover Crop training webinar
Wetland Banking training

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

Looking at tile requests
Been working on designing projects
Attended Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol on March 7-8
Looking at every section of arc map in Murray County to target areas and send out letters for future projects. 142 areas found for future projects
Cottonwood 1W1P meeting

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD bills from February 10, 2023-March 9, 2023, in the amount of \$3,336.03.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023

Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date