

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

Nancy Sauder- Aces Contractor

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

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

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

Review ag certification report for March, 2023

Discuss Cottonwood River 1W1P

Discuss Redwood 1W1P

Motion to sign Resolution to adopt Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

State Cost-Share Review

Discuss QuickBooks upgrade

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report: Nancy Sauder reported the NRCS staff is at a meeting all week. They have been working in EQIP and CSP contracts. NRCS is trying to get caught up on 1026 forms.

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for March, 2023.

Contract for Services between the Murray SWCD & Des Moines River Watershed: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the contract for Services between the Murray SWCD & Des Moines River Watershed to be the Fiscal Agent.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Date Change for June Murray SWCD Meeting & local work group meeting: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to change the Murray SWCD meeting & Local Work Group Meeting to June 2, 2023, with the local work group at 1:00 p.m. and the SWCD meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Cover Crop Policy: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD Cover Crop Policy with changing the maximum payment to \$12,500.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

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| Andy Beek | #21-06 | Waterway | FY21 Capacity C-S | \$3,165.00 | SWCD Technical |
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Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Darold Knakmuhs #21-02 Grade Stabilization FY21 State c-s \$7,670.81 FY21 Capacity c-s \$4,403.85 Area II-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Arc GIS License: The Board discussed updating the Arc GIS. A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to approve updating the Arc Gis to ArcPro with licenses through the County.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Environmental Fair busing: The Board discussed busing for the Environmental Fair. The total cost for busing Murray County Central and Fulda schools is \$1,100.00. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve paying for busing the kids from Murray County Central and Fulda schools to the Environmental Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Cottonwood 1W1P: The primary person for the Cottonwood 1W1P will Mona Henkels and the alternate will be Jason Miller.

Redwood 1W1P: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to support the planning funds for the Redwood 1W1P but to opt out of the planning process.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resolution to adopt Des Moines Watershed Comprehensive Plan: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve and have the vice chairman sign the Resolution to Adopt and Implement the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity & State Cost-Share: The Board reviewed the figures left to encumber and the expiration dates for the Capacity and State Cost-Share.

QuickBooks: The current QuickBooks is Pro 2020 which will not be supported anymore. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to upgrade and purchase the 2023 version of QuickBooks.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following

March end of month, end of quarter, and grant posting in eLink

Attended new eLink training on March 14

Annual report for newspaper

Working on setting up a new website for Murray SWCD

Working with BWSR on TSA FY20 grant reconciliation

Des Moines 1W1P steering meeting on April 14, 2023

Des Moines 1W1P meeting on April 20, 2023

Meeting with the County Commissioners on April 25, 2023 to request 1st quarter allocation.

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

Working on Tree orders

Working on tree plans

Working on drills-getting them ready to be rented

2 CREP applications

Des Moines River 1W1P meetings

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

Looking at tile requests

Been working on designing projects

Sent out 142 letters to landowners who were identified on the maps with an erosion concern (received 37 responses with 21 wanting to do projects).

Cottonwood 1W1P meeting

Cover Crop training- 4 online and 1 in person training

Bills: A motion by seconded by to approve the Murray SWCD bills from March 10, 2023-April 13, 2023, in the amount of \$3,862.84.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023

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Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date