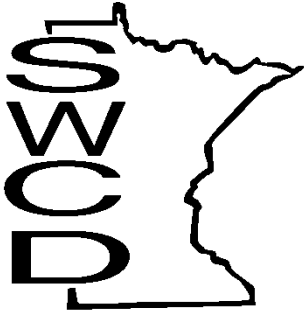


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Devin Ryan

Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Vice Chair

Paul Posthuma- Secretary

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Member Absent:

Anthony Conrad-Chair

Jason Miller- P.R. & I.

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist

Allisa Wendland-Soil Conservationist

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 Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda with adding the following:

Approve payment for ag certification contract

Discuss purchasing 4 gift cert to Almich’s market in amount of \$35/ea for fair

Discuss cost-share applications from Jerome Beck, Matt Hart and Isaac Ossefort

Discuss outstanding conservationist

Tires for Vehicles

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of July 12, 2023: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD July 12, 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 Hurd to approve Supervisor’s vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for July 2023.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa reported that Murray County hit a D2 status for Drought. NRCS has been busy with CSP, RCPP, & Equip. The NRCS wetland specialist took a different job, so the tiling requests are backed up 4-6 months.

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

Technical Approval: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to authorize the resource specialist to sign the technical approval on cost-share contracts with NRCS having the Job approval.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Capacity & State Cost-Share: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the following cost-share applications:

Chad Miersma	#22-03 WASCOB	FY22 Capacity	\$15,581.25	TSA-Technical
Paul Erickson	#22-02 WASCOB	FY22 Capacity	\$18,079.88	TSA-Technical
Curtis Miersma	#22-01 WASCOB	FY22 Capacity	\$12,161.70	TSA-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

Agreement between Des Moines River Watershed & Murray SWCD: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the grant proceed agreement between Des Moines River Watershed and Murray SWCD.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray County Fair: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Supervisors working at the booth during the Murray County Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P application: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the application for Chuck Hill-Cover Crops to be forwarded to the Des Moines River 1W1P.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Ag Certification: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve MN Ag Water Quality Certification contract & payment for Steven Talsma.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray County Fair: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve purchasing 4 Almich's gift cards in the amount of \$35.00/each for the Murray County Fair drawing.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Outstanding Conservationist: The Board discussed nominations for the Murray SWCD Outstanding Conservationist.

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the following cost-share applications:

Jerome Beck #20-09 Cover Crops FY20 Capacity Cost-Share NRCS Technical

Matt Hart #23-01 Cover Crops FY23 Capacity Cost-Share NRCS Technical

Isaac Ossefort #23-02 Cover Crops FY23 Capacity Cost-Share NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Tires for vehicles: The two pickups both need new tires. The Board discussed getting tires and trading in the 2009 pickup for a new one. Christensen will get prices on a new truck to replace the 2009 and tire prices for the 2016 pickup to be discussed at the September Board Meeting.

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

- SWCD received ½ of SWCD aid money
- Posting entries for Auditor
- End of fiscal year posting for TSA account
- End of the Month
- Cost-Share applications
- eLink posting

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

- Updating land ownership for CREP & RIM
- RIM Grassland easement was accepted into the program
- Attending the 1w1p meeting for Des Moines & Missouri

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

- Working on designs for surveys this fall
- TSA has a couple of Murray SWCD projects they are working on
- Drainage requests are still coming in
- 8 projects are to be constructed this fall
- Cottonwood 1W1P is looking for people to be on the advisory committee

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from July 13, 2023-August 10, 2023, in the amount of \$19,987.03.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: **Thursday, September 14, 2023**

Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date