

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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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**

Resource Specialist

**Devin Ryan**

## Members Present:

Mona Henkels-Chair  
Paul Posthuma- Vice Chair  
Jason Miller- Secretary  
Anthony Conrad-P.R.&I.

## Member Absent:

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator  
Craig Christensen-Program Manager  
Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist

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 Miller to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

**DC Report:** No Report

**Supervisor Election:** Lewis informed the Board that Henkels, Hurd, and Miller are up for election. The filing period is May 21- June 4, 2024.

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

**Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol:** Henkels updated the Board on the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol that was attended by Christensen, Lewis, and Henkels.

**Environmental Fair Donation:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to donate up to \$2,000.00 for the 2024 Environmental Fair. The Environmental Fair will be held at the Marshall Fair Grounds on September 24-25, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**April SWCD Board Meeting:** A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to change the April SWCD Board meeting from April 11, 2024 to Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Des Moines River 1W1P applications:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve the following contract applications be forwarded to the Des Moines River 1W1P for funding:

Paul Jans-Waterway, Gary Fielder-Waterway, Mark Eisfeld- Waterways, Grant Swanjord-4 Waterways, & Brad Halbur-4 Basins, Brent Miller-Cover Crops

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Cost-Share Applications:** A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Posthuma to approve the following cost-share contracts:

Janice Kepka Waterway FY22 State Cost-Share \$4,576.00 Technical-SWCD  
Jeb Malone Water & Sediment Basins FY23 Capacity Grant \$69,580.80 Technical-SWPTSA  
Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

- End of Month
- Des Moines River 1W1P
- TSA Meeting March 4
- Legislative Briefing & Day at the Capitol March 12-13
- TSA agenda, minutes, treasurer's report, end of month
- MCIT Insurance-risk management assessment

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

- 1W1P meetings
- Working on Easements for CREP & RIM
- Working on Tree Plans
- SWCD received the Conservation Cooperative for Working Lands Grant
- Drill & Packing being used came back broken

**Resource Specialist:** Ryan updated the Board on the following:

- Attended Cottonwood 1W1P meeting
- Working on a RIM grasslands application
- Working on cost-share projects
- Working on WCA

**Bills:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD bills from February 9, 2024-March 14, 2024, in the amount of \$5,649.27.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 2024

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Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date