

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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Paul Posthuma
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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
Jason Miller- Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Members Absent:

Paul Posthuma- Vice Chair
Anthony Conrad-P.R.&I.

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 Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the agenda as presented.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of July 11, 2024: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of July 11, 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 Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for July 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:Allisa

Personnel

- Vacancy closed for NRCS admin position for multiple MN locations, including my team
- Vacancy closed for Soil Conservationist for multiple MN locations, including my team
- Vacancy closed for Pheasants Forever biologist in Worthington

230 – EEO-Civil Rights

- Nothing new to discuss

EQIP thus far in FY24

- 3 contracts in process
- 3 contracted
- 2025 Application ranking period cutoff 1 is September 6, 2024

WRP/WRE/ACEP

- Nothing new to discuss

EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

- Nothing new to discuss

CSP

- 1 general in process

CRP

- Approximately 3/4 completed with re-enrolled and general contracting- 65

RCPP

- 1 Contracted- o 773.8ac pasture and cropland acres
- o \$450,000

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests –10mos or so

Upcoming events

- Aug 20, 2024, Fencing Tech Field Day

Leave

- I will be on annual leave Aug 12-1

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Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

Murray SWCD Tree Program: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to continue with the tree sales and renting out the planter but discontinue the planting.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD 2025 Budget: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the 2025 resolution for SWCD aid.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

County Commissioner meeting update: Lewis updated the Board on the County Commissioner meeting on July 31, 2024. The allocation from the County to the SWCD was approved.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Outstanding Conservationist: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hurd to nominate Jeb Malone for the Murray Outstanding Conservationist.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the following vouchers:

Mary Eisfeld	23-DMRW-MUR-013	\$5,041.56	Waterway
Mary Eisfeld	23-DMRW-MUR-014	\$5,288.36	Waterway

and forward to the Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Des Moines River 1W1P Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the 3 cost-share applications and forward to the Des Moines River 1W1P for funding:

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Soil Health Field Day: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve attendance at the Biegler Field Day on August 28, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray County Fair: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to purchase 4-\$35.00 gift cards for drawing at the Murray County Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

- End of Month
- Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on July 18
- Soil Health meeting on July 30, 2024
- Murray SWCD 2023 audit (pulling reports & information)
- SWPTSA Grant reconciliation (getting information for BWSR)

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

- Drill has been busy.
- August 28-Field day for cover crops
- Working on 4 easements for the RIM/CREP program
- Putting projects in MS4

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from July 12, 2024-August 8, 2024, in the amount of \$2,583.69.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2024

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Jason Miller

9/12/24

Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date