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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 Karen Hurd-Treasurer Anthony Conrad-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

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

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 Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of May 9, 2024: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of May 9, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Conrad to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for May 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:

Personnel

- New District Conservationist Slayton Field Office- Allisa Wendland

EQIP thus far in FY24

- 6 Contracts
 - \$1.1M
 - 2695ac
 - IRA and Non-IRA
 - 117 applications evaluated

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

<u>Technical Approval on Cost-Share:</u> A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hurd to authorize the Program Manager to sign the technical approval on cost-share contracts with NRCS having job approval. Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Capacity Cost-Share:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the following cost-share application:

Kris Jeppesen #22-04 Capacity Cost-Share Streambank & shoreline protection FY22 & FY23

Capacity Grant \$41,015.50 TSA Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve payment to the following:

Jeb Malone-#23-03 \$54,128.10 water & sediment control basins FY23 Capacity Cost-Share

TSA Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Des Moines River 1W1P Cost-Share:</u> A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the following cost-share application and forward to the Des Moines River 1W1P for funding:

Kris Jeppesen

#23-DMRW-MUR-022

\$20,000.00

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Conrad to approve the following voucher and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment:

James Malone

23-DMRW-MUR-012

Waterway

\$19,630.75

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Murray SWCD Fiscal Agent for Des Moines River 1W1P:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to decline being the Fiscal Agent for the Des Moines River 1W1P grant due to staffing shortage and present workload.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resignation Letter: The Board received a resignation letter from the Resource Specialist. His last day of work will be Friday, June 14, 2024.

<u>District Administrator Update:</u> Lewis updated the Board on the following:

- End of Month, eLINK posting in grants
- Des Moines River 1W1P meetings
- TSA Meeting Soil Health Meeting
- Tree pickup day-May 3

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

- Planting trees/laying fabric
- Drill has been busy
- August 22-Field day for cover crops

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

- Start BWSR job on June 20
- Working on field day
- Working on cost-share projects
- 5-6 more projects for this fall

<u>Bills:</u> A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from May 10, 2024-June 13, 2024, in the amount of \$2,579.26.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: July 11, 2024

Murray SWCD Minutes June 13 2024

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Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors	Date