

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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Howard Konkol  
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Craig  
Christensen  
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### Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman  
Gary Brinks-Vice Chairman  
Arland Moger-Secretary  
Shannon Cohrs-Treasurer  
Roger Steinman-P.R.&I.

### Others Present:

Howard Konkol-District Manager  
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary  
Bob Moline-County Commissioner  
Craig Christensen-District Technician  
Allisa Wendland-District Conservationist Tech  
Darrel Hungerford  
Jon Bloemendaal

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve the December 10, 2009 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisorø vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for December, 2009.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Well Records:** 45 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

**Forward to Supervisors:** 2009 Resolution Results, Heron Lake Watershed District Minutes

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob Moline reported that the levy was set on December 29, 2009 for 1.0008. Bob voted against it because he wanted to see a 0% levy. They are working on getting the aerators in the lakes. They are still getting complaints about sewer smell out at the lake. They are setting up a meeting with SAWS in February to discuss the situation. Bob is reassigned to the Murray SWCD board for 2010. The 2010 Murray County Fair will be held for 5 days for the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the fair.

**District Conservationist Report:** The spring will determine if we get any construction done.  
EQIP: LWG meeting on January 21, 2010. We have the listening session at 9:00 and the LWG meeting at 10:00. The listening session is an opportunity for the public to comment on county resource concerns. The LWG is responsible to identify the county resource concerns and develop scoring questions for 2010 EQIP. For 2010 the local questions will be worth 250 points which is about 25% of the scoring points. For 2010 the county resource concerns will have a bigger impact on scoring. The sign-up begins February 1, 2010 with the scoring period ending on February 26, 2010.

CRP/CREP: No word on a general sign-up to date.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): No word on a sign-up to date.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The cropland is paid at \$.06/ac/points and pasture is paid at \$.03/ac/points. The agreements need to be developed and signed by the participants. There are 18 applications pre-approved to date.

WRP/RIM: One WRP has been finalized. No information on the sign-up phase.

Meeting/Training: EQIP LWG training 1/5/10, Rock River watershed meeting 1/6/10, Brian in Redwood 1/8/10, DC meeting 1/11/10, LWG meeting in Redwood 1/14/10, LWG meeting in Murray County 1/21/10, Conservation Tillage Conference 1/27/10-1/28/10, winter crop soils day 2/3/10.

**Offsite Storage Space Lease Agreement:** Darrel Hungerford joined the meeting to discuss the offsite climate controlled storage space lease agreement. The current agreement is set for 150 sq ft at \$8.00/sq ft. Darrel would like to raise it to \$11.00/sq ft. A discussion followed. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Moger to sign a new contract for \$10.00/sq ft for 2 years.

Affirmative-Moger, Brinks, Cohrs

Opposed-Posthuma

Motion carried.

**County's Noxious Weeds:** Jon Bloemendaal joined the Board meeting to discuss the noxious weed program in Murray County. Jon handed out a sheet of paper with information on Minnesota's noxious weed rules.

**Election of Officers:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Moger to have Paul Posthuma-Chairman, Gary Brinks-Vice Chairman, Arland Moger-Secretary, Shannon Cohrs-Treasurer, and Roger Steinman-P.R.&I.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to appoint the supervisors to the following 2010 committees:

- Local Comprehensive Water Plan- Paul, Roger (alternate)*
- Heron Lake Watershed-Arland, Howard (alternate)*
- SW Prairie Joint Powers Organization-Arland, Paul (alternate)*
- State Revolving Fund-Arland, Howard (alternate)*
- Personnel Committee-Roger and Gary (alternates: Arland, Shannon, Paul)*
- Beaver Creek Clean Water Partnership: Gary, Roger (alternate)*
- Cottonwood River Clean Water Partnership-Shannon, Howard (alternate)*
- RC&D-Gary, Arland (alternate)*
- SW CREP-Gary, Arland (alternate)*
- RCRCA-Shannon, Paul (alternate)*

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Capitalization & Straight Line Depreciation:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to set the Capitalization threshold at \$1,000.00 and use straight line depreciation.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**2010 Per Diems & Mileage:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to set the Supervisors 2010 Per Diems at \$75.00 and mileage reimbursement to follow the IRS Federal Reimbursement Rate which is set at .50¢/mile.

Affirmative-Moger, Cohrs, Brinks

Opposed-Roger

Motion carried.

**2010 Financial Depository:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to keep the 2010 District Financial Depository as Minnwest Bank South in Slayton.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**MASWCD Legislative Briefing:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve Supervisors and Employees attending the MASWCD Legislative briefing on February 17 & 18, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**EQIP Local Work Group Meeting:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve attendance at the EQIP Local Work Group Meeting on January 21, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made to Brinks seconded by Moger to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$2,214.00 for January and 8 in the amount of \$4,248.05 from December and SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$20,230.11 for January, and 4 in the amount of \$18,334.64 from December.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Conserving Use Acres Agreement:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Brinks to approve payment amount of \$120.00/acre not to exceed \$1,200.00 on the Conserving Use Acres Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on February 11, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

**Performance Reviews:** A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Steinman to close the meeting at 3:25 p.m. to review employee performance evaluations.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Roger Steinman made a motion to open the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Gary Brinks seconded this. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Posthuma reported that Shelly Lewis, Craig Christensen and Howard Konkol were evaluated. All three were given satisfactory performance evaluations.

Motion by Gary Brinks seconded by Arland Moger to adjourn meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion Carried

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Approve by Arland Moger, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date