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Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Arland Moger-Secretary

Others Present:

Howard Konkol-District Manager
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary
Bob Moline-County Commissioner
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Gary Watson- NRCS Area Conservationist
Brian Christiansen-NRCS District Conservationist

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

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to approve the January 14, 2010 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for January, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Well Records: 12 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

County Commissioner Report: Bob Moline reported that there were 37 applications for the Parks position. The Personnel committee has narrowed it down to 9 people for interviewing next week. The county has signed a new 4 year agreement with the racing association. Bob attended a joint meeting with the public health and human health services. They have been sharing an administrator. Murray County voted on Tuesday to join the 2 services together. Williams and Reed will be putting on a show during the Murray County Fair in 2010.

Gary Watson- NRCS Area Conservationist: Gary Watson reported that Brian Christiansen will be the acting District Conservationist for Redwood County until they hire someone for the position. There will be no dollars for the RC&D. Gary presented the Murray SWCD with 55 years of service plaque.

District Conservationist Report:

EQIP: The 2010 EQIP scoring period ends on February 26, 2010. There are some changes which include no acre limits on management practices and high tunnels as a new practice. High tunnels are small hoop barns covering a garden spot with the intent to extend the growing season.

GRP: There is a GRP sign-up that ends on March 12, 2010. GRP pay \$16.50/acres for 10, 15, or 20 year rental agreements.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): NRCS has a payment schedule and ranking worksheet for 2010 WHIP.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There are 22 CSP applications that have been funded. The second CSP will start soon. All CSP agreements from the first and second sign-up will be paid this fall.

WRP/RIM: There will be a new sign-up for WRP/RIM soon.

Audit: There were 2 agreements that were selected for the 1st quarter audit. The audit has been completed.

Meetings/Training: LWG meeting in Slayton 1/21/10, Conservation tillage conference 1/27/10 to 1/28/10, DC meeting 2/22/10, Home Grown Economy Conference 2/16/10.

EEO/Civil Rights: Black History Month

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Steinman to approve State Cost-Share application:

Evelyn Brothers	#10-01	FY 10	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$1,335.00
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with technical sign-off being the District Technician.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Employee Requisition Form: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to have the Chairman sign the Employee Requisition Form for hiring a person for the seasonal conservation aide position this spring.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY10 Clean Water Fund Projects: Howard gave an update on who was funded for FY10 Clean Water Fund projects. The Murray SWCD did not receive any money for FY10. The next funding period will be on July 1, 2010.

Rural Preserves Property Tax Program: Howard explained the new Rural Preserves Property Tax program for rural vacant land where eligibility for the program will be determined by the County Assessor's Office. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to list Craig and Howard as the certified plan writers for writing the Conservation Management Plans, with the Murray SWCD Supervisors serving as the approval authority for approving the Conservation Management Plans.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Cohrs to charge \$250.00/plan for writing the Conservation Management Plan and charge \$50.00/plan to have the Conservation Management Plan approved.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

WLI Application for Lyle Wichmann: A WLI application for Lyle Wichmann has been submitted to DNR requesting funding for permanently restoring and protecting 123.5 acres of grassland and wetlands. If funded the Murray SWCD would receive \$1,000.00 for the Administration of this WLI application.

MN Sales and Use Tax: Howard updated the Board on the Minnesota sales and use tax that the District charges when renting out the SWCD's equipment.

Murray SWCD 2010 Annual Plan: The Board reviewed the Murray SWCD 2010 Annual Plan. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve the 2010 Annual Plan with corrections made at the meeting.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$1,762.93 for February and 1 in the amount of \$1,500.00 from January and SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$6,256.41 for February, and 2 in the amount of \$112.28 from January.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion Carried

Approve by Arland Moger, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date