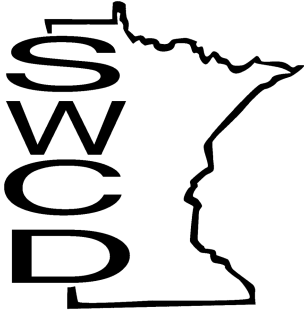


# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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Howard Konkol  
District  
Manager

Shelly Lewis  
District Secretary

Craig Christensen  
District  
Technician

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Member Absent:**

Arland Moger-Treasurer

### **Others Present:**

Howard Konkol-District Manager  
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary  
Brian Christiansen-District Conservationist  
Bob Moline-County Commissioner  
Mike Skoglund-SWPTSA Staff  
Russell Hoogendoorn-SWPTSA Staff

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

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve the January 8, 2009 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve payment of Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPJPO salaries for January, 2009.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Forward to Supervisors:** MASWCD Legislative Report

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob informed the Board about an AMC District meeting with 9 counties to be held in Slayton. County Commissioners Magnus and Vickerman went to Luverne and met with Congressman Tim Walz. The new sheriff's addition is ready to be bid.

**D.C. Report:** The projects for this spring include a wetland restoration, dam, basins, compost facility, roof, and a waterway.

EQIP: There is no information on the 2009 EQIP. EQIP may not happen until this summer

CRP/CREP: The contribution agreement has been sent to St. Paul for payment. Brian has been looking at living snow fence sites. Dennis has some potential sites that landowners are interested in doing something.

1026/spot-checks: The tract list for the 2009 annual status review is available. There are 14 on the list.

There is a wetland mitigation plan that is completed. Brian has reviewed the plan with the landowner last week.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): There is no information on the 2009 WHIP program as to date.

Conservation Security Program (CSP): The 2009 CSP payments are being processed.

RC&D: There was a RC&D Annual meeting on February 11, 2009 at Key Largo.

Meeting/training: Lambertson 1/9/09, Living snow fence training 1/13/09, Conservation Tillage conference 1/28-/29/09, Winter crop day at Lambertson 2/4/09, Shore land meeting in Redwood Falls 2/9/09, RC&D annual meeting 2/11/09, Beaver Creek meeting 2/25/09, WLI meeting 2/18/09, Area V meeting 2/19/09, Winter crop day in Pipestone 2/24/09, FOIA training 3/10/09.

EEO/Civil Rights: Black History

**Southwest Prairie Joint Powers:** Mike Skoglund, JPO Civil Engineer Technician, and Russ Hoogendoorn, JPO Engineer, gave a power point presentation to the Board on projects that were completed in 2008 in Southwest Prairie Joints Powers area. .

**Annual Plan for 2009:** The Board reviewed the Murray SWCD Annual Plan for 2009. A motion was made by Shannon seconded by Paul to approve the Annual Plan for 2009 as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**SWMASWCD Meeting:** A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve attendance of Supervisors and staff at the SWMASWCD meeting on February 19, 2009 in Marshall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**State Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Paul seconded by Shannon to approve partial State cost-share payment to Howard Hamilton #08-10 for a Grassed Waterway in the amount of \$1,539.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve the following State Cost-Share application contracts with the district technician being the technical sign-off on the practices:

Phil Kremer	08-13	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$1,413.00	FY08 & FY09
Don Hahn	09-01	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$1,759.00	FY09

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Special Project request-Saskatoon Berry:** A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to set aside special projects money up \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of purchasing and planting Saskatoon Serviceberry to be used as a demonstration site as an alternative shrub for replacing honeysuckle .

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Cold Storage Agreement:** A motion was made by Shannon seconded by Gary to approve chairman signing the Cooperative Leasing Agreement between the Murray SWCD and Murray County for cold storage space at the IP storage shed.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Beaver Creek Retention Projects:** Howard updated the Board on the Beaver Creek Retention projects. There are 2 sites picked out for the projects. Howard and Chris Hanson will be meeting with the landowners to get the project started.

**Murray SWCD 2008 Audit:** A motion was made by Paul seconded by Shannon to sign the contract with Richard Holmberg CPA for completing the Murray SWCD's F.Y. 2008 Audit.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Wetlands Values Meeting:** A motion was made by Gary seconded by Paul to approve Shannon attending the Wetland Summit to address Wetlands Values and Dedicated Funding meeting in Bloomington on February 21, 2009.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to pay 10 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$4,354.75 and 7 SWPJPO bills amounting to \$8,024.54.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Murray SWCD Pickup:** The new Murray SWCD Pickup should be ready for delivery in about 3 to 4 weeks. .

A motion was made by Gary seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date