

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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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  
Brian Christiansen-NRCS District Conservationist

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

A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the February 11, 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 Steinman to approve Supervisorø vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for February, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Well Records:** 4 Well and Boring and 32 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob Moline just attended a Wellness meeting and brought a poster for the 5K walk. Bob attended a joint meeting with the public health and human health services. They are forming a new joint powers agreement to have 1 director oversee both agencies and are also working on getting 6 counties together. Bob informed the Board that Murray County Hospital is in the top 35 hospitals to get the gold reading.

**District Conservationist Report:** Engineering: There are some waterways and terraces for this spring. EQIP: The 2010 scoring period ended on February 26, 2010. The applications must be obligated by April 1, 2010. There are 23 EQIP applications for a total of \$422,477.00. Status reviews were completed and practice scheduling letter sent to participants.

CRP/CREP: The SAFE pheasant practice received almost 11,000 additional acres. No date for a general sign-up.

1026/spot-checks: The annual status reviews will be starting in the next couple of months.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): The application deadline for the WHIP program is March 15, 2010. To date there are 3 applications.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There are 43 total applications for the CSP program. New acres will be available after April 1, 2010. The 2<sup>nd</sup> CSP sign-up will begin after all acres are obligated for the first sign-up.

RC&D: The RC&D meeting will be held on March 31, 2010.

WRP/RIM: A new sign-up will be coming soon.

GRP: The GRP sign-up ends on March 12, 2010. To date there is one application for GRP.

Staff: Cheryl Heard will be working in the Slayton FO as a Soil Conservationist beginning the end of March.

Meeting/Training: Home Grown Recovery Workshop 2/16/10, DC meeting 2/18/10, Teleconference 3/2/10, Wellness Team meeting 3/10/10, MASWCD meeting 3/18/10, RC&D Meeting 3/31/10.

EEO/Civil Rights: Women's History Month

**Annual Report for Newspaper:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to purchase a ½ page in the Wheel for publishing the 2009 Murray SWCD Annual Report.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Long Lake Conservation Camp:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to sponsor at least 2 youths to the Long Lake conservation camp and pay \$50.00 to the parents to help cover fuel cost in transporting the youths to Palisade, MN.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**SWMASWCD Meeting:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to approve Supervisors and Employees attending the SWMASWCD meeting on March 18, 2010 in Marshall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FY2010-11 Supplemental Budget Reductions for BWSR:** Howard updated the Board on the FY2010-11 Supplemental Budget Reductions from BWSR. Agencies were directed to develop recommendation for reductions of 3% for operations and 6% for programs. The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) operations and local government grant programs were subject to a 10.8% reduction during the 2009 legislative session.

**FY2010 RIM Reserve Buffer Easement:** The FY2010 Clean Water Fund (CWF) RIM Reserve Buffer easement program had gotten off to a fast start with all the first year funds being encumbered. Howard informed the Board at this time; they had received over 3.0 million in pending applications requests for our next allocation of CWF and ask that we stop submitting applications.

**2010 Envirothon:** The 2010 SWMACDE Envirothon has been cancelled this year due to lack of team participation.

**Saskatoon Berry Account:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to plant a demo plot of Saskatoon Serviceberry to be evaluated as a suitable replacement for honey suckle in tree plantings.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Other Business:** The Board signed new signature cards for Minnwest Bank because of the name change from Southwest Prairie Joint Powers Organization to the Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area. Howard informed the Board that the County Board approved hiring seasonal help for the Murray SWCD.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$441.73 for March and 2 in the amount of \$133.34 from February and SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$12,226.26 for March, and 1 in the amount of \$89.27 from February.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on April 8, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

Chairman asked for any other business and hearing none adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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Approve by Arland Moger, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date