SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District Manager

Shelly Lewis
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Craig Christensen
District Technician

Members Present:
Roger Steinman-Chairman
Paul Posthuma-Vice Chairman
Arland Moger-Treasurer
Shannon Cohrs-P.R.&I.

Member Absent:
Gary Brinks-Secretary

Others Present:
Howard Konkol-District Manager
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Brian Christiansen-District Conservationist
Bob Moline-County Commissioner
Gary Wattson-Area Conservationist

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

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to approve the February 12, 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 Shannon to approve payment of Supervisorôs vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPJPO salaries for February, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Well Records: 17 Well and Boring Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository.

Forward to Supervisors: The Heron Lake Watershed Minutes were given to the Supervisors.

County Commissioner Report: Bob informed the Board that the Commissioners have been working on budgets for 2009 and looking into 2010. Bob has been attending the township meetings. The county will be receiving the money from the wind towers. The Commissioners are still looking at a Sheriffs addition but waiting to see if any stimulus money will be coming. Bob informed the Board that Walley Gregory has retired from the Highway Department and there will be a reception for him on March 20.

District Conservationist Report:
Engineering: One survey and design was done for a WHIP wetland restoration. The plans are completed for a dam.
EQIP: We are taking applications for EQIP. To date there are 8 applications. There is no information on the payment schedule or scoring periods. Brian is anticipating late this spring or summer for a sign-up period.
CRP/CREP: All the acres have been allocated for the CP38 practice. More acres have been requested. There has been a request to increase the minimum acre size to 160 acres. CP-23 acres also used up.
1026/spot-checks: Brian will start working on the 2009 status reviews in April and May.
Conservation Security Program (CSP): Waiting for training on the Conservation Stewardship Program.
RC&D: Brian has applied for a MARC&D grant to host a grazing workshop in July. Brian is also working with the wellness team on a community garden application.
WRP/RIM: Letters were sent out to phase I applicators. Brian is waiting for training on Phase II.
Audit: There will be a new audit starting April 1 and will run through the month of April.
Meetings/training: WLI meeting 2/18/09, Area V meeting 02/19/09, DC Meeting 02/25/09, Heron Lake Meeting 03/05/09, FOIA training 03/10/09.
EEO/Civil Rights: Womenôs History Month

FIOA: Brian informed the Board on the Freedom of Information Act. The board members signed a certification form.

Gary Watson (Area Conservationist): Gary talked about looking at adding money for special projects on composting for cattle.

Long Lake Conservation Camp: A motion was made by Arland seconded by Paul to approve 2 campers attending the Long Lake Conservation Camp and giving $50.00 to each for gas also contacting the Hadley sportsman and use Murray SWCD special projects money to cover the cost.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Annual Report: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Shannon to purchase a ½ page in the paper for the Murray SWCD Annual Report for 2008.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

State Cost Share: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to approve the following State Cost-Share Contracts with technical sign off assigned to SWCD Technician Craig Christensen:

NAME	***Contract Number***	***Practice***	***Amount***	***FY***
Krieger Kramer	09-02	Shelterbelt	$757.00	09
Krieger Kramer	09-03	Shelterbelt	$900.00	09
Krieger Kramer	09-04	Shelterbelt	$1,142.00	09
Kurt Talsman	09-05	Shelterbelt	$442.00	09
Lynn Wichmann	09-06	Shelterbelt	$939.00	09
Robert Masselink	09-07	Shelterbelt	$1,229.00	09
Sandy Mixell	09-08	Shelterbelt	$998.00	09

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Native Buffer Cost-Share: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Shannon to approve Native Buffer Cost-Share contractwith technical sign 0ff assigned to NRCS:

Jay Miller	NB-09-01	D.1 Critical Area Stabilization	$15,000.00	08

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Draft of Joint Powers Agreement: The Board reviewed the first draft of the new Joint Powers Agreement with SWPJPO.

Constitutional Amendment Brainstorming Meeting: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Shannon to approve attendance at the Constitutional Amendment Brainstorming Meeting in Marshall on March 31, 2009 at the PCA building.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District's 2009 Service & Rental rates: The Board reviewed the Districtôs service and rental rates. A motion was made by Arland seconded by Shannon to approve the changes to the 2009 service and rental rates.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Giveaway items at the Fair: The Board discussed gives away items for the Murray County Fair. Shelly will look into prices for magnetic clips and Band-Aid dispensers to bring to the April Board meeting.

Sponsor County Grazing Workshop: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to sponsor the County Grazing Workshop and provide a monetary contribution of up to $250.00 and the use of the districts pickup, trailer, and tractor for transporting people.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Seasonal Personnel: A motion was made by Shannon seconded by Paul to advertise for seasonal help for the 2009 tree planting and tree fabric programs.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Supervisor & Employees Orientation: There will be a New Supervisor & Employees Orientation on March 25, 2009.

Building Foundations: Making Solid Land Use Decisions: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to approve attendance at the Building Foundations: Making Solid Land Use Decisions presentation in Mankato on March 19, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Arland seconded by Paul to pay 6 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $870.24 and 8 SWPJPO bills amounting to $6,919.58.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Arland seconded by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approved by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date