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Shelly Lewis
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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
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Brian Christiansen-District Conservationist
Bob Moline-County Commissioner
Tabor Hoek-BWSR
Wendy Kreuger-DNR

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

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the March 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 Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve payment of Supervisorôs vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for March, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Well Records: 5 Well and Boring and 8 Well and Boring Sealing records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository.

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported on a newly established Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee. Members were appointed from a list of persons indicating an interest in serving. Lon Jackels has been named as the new Highway Maintenance Supervisor replacing Wally Gregory who recently retired. The County Commissioners have been working on budgets.

District Conservationist Report: Engineering: A waterway was reviewed. Brian sent a request for engineering assistance to the Area Office.
EQIP: Applications are being taken for the EQIP program. To date there are 16 applications.
CRP/CREP: All the acres have been allocated for the CP38 practice. More acres have been requested but Minnesota wonôt get any new acres. There has been a request to increase the minimum acre size to 160 acres.
1026/spot-checks: Brian has started working on the 2009 status reviews.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): To date there is one WHIP application.
Conservation Security Program (CSP): Waiting for training on the Conservation Stewardship Program.
RC&D: There is one project request for a Rain Garden. A stimulus grant was sent in.
WRP/RIM: Phase II sign-up starts on April 20, 2009. Training will be held on April 16, 2009.
Audit: This round of audit is completed.
Meeting/training: FAC meeting 3/30/09, Wetland training 4/1/09, CPR/First Aid Training 04/02/09, Performance Review 04/03/09, FSA Farmer Meetings 04/14-16/09, WRP Training 04/16/09, DC Meeting 04/29/09

RC&D Application: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the RC&D application for a community garden.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.
A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to have Murray SWCD do the tilling for the community garden.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Farm Bill Assistance Grant: Tabor Hoek and Wendy Krueger discussed with the Board Dennis Opdahlôs position as the Farm Bill Assistant. The Murray SWCD will need to contribute 5% of the budget for the farm bill assistant position. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve chairman signing the Phase IX Farm Bill Assistance Grant that runs from July 1, 2009 ï June 30, 2010 and contribute 5% towards the FBA 2010 Budget
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Give Away Items for Fair: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to purchase 1000 calendars for the Murray SWCD newsletter, 800 bandage dispensers, and 800 magnetic clips for fair give away items.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Name	Contract	Practice	Amount	Fiscal Year
Ben Lewis	#09-09	Farmstead Shelterbelt	$459.00	09
Kevin Edmundson	#09-10	Farmstead Shelterbelt	$922.00	09
Troy Wehking	#09-11	Farmstead Shelterbelt	$1,157.00	09

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 Environmental Fair: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve donating $500.00 to the 2009 Environmental Fair which will be held at the Lyon County Fairgrounds.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Review & Comment on EAW for Hog Expansion: Howard informed the Board regarding the comments deadline being April 22, 2009.

2009 Resolutions: The 2009 Resolutions will be discussed at the May Board Meeting.

Seasonal Help: Howard informed the Board that there were 2 applications for the Murray SWCD seasonal help position. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve hiring Kevin Ragen and give to Murray County personnel committee for final approval.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Dragging Horse Arena: The Board discussed dragging the horse arena as the trade off for fair booth rent. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to continuing dragging the horse arena.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Gravel for IP Building: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to purchase a couple loads of gravel for the driveway of the IP building.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve paying 6 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $17,096.82 and 5 SWPJPO bills amounting to $7,202.18.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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 Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date