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Members Present:
Roger Steinman-Chairman
Paul Posthuma-Vice Chairman
Gary Brinks-Secretary
Arland Moger-Treasurer

Member Absent:
Shannon Cohrs-P.R.&I.

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

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

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve the April 8, 2008 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 Arland to approve payment of Supervisorôs vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for April, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Forward to Supervisors: Heron Lake Watershed District Minutes

Well Records: 18 Well and Boring Records and 7 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository.

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported that the pay study has come back. The building for the law enforcement is on hold. They are waiting to hear about the stimulus money. There is a meeting being held today regarding a regional dispatch center which would be located in Murray County. The Commissioners are starting to work on the 2010 Budgets. Bob attended the wellness meeting and they asked if the SWCD would be willing to till the garden again in the fall.

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to have the Murray SWCD till the community garden for the fallof 2009, and to review future requests for tilling the community garden on an annual bases
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report:
Engineering: 3 waterways have been constructed, one terrace job completed, one wetland restoration completed and one terrace project was staked.
EQIP: There are 18 EQIP applications to date. The scoring period ends on May 22, 2009. Obligation will be made in June with 23.3 million dollars for Minnesota. On July 1, 2009 all money must be obligated.
CRP/CREP: Applications for CP38 are still being taken.
1026/spot-checks: The 2009 status review is almost completed. Brian has been assisting Redwood County with their wetland work load.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): There are 4 WHIP applications with $93,000 for the area. The deadline for the WHIP applications is the same as EQIP.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): CSP is coming. St. Paul received their training on May 5 -6, 2009.
RC&D: Community Garden project has been funded. There was a garden meeting on May 13, 2009.
WRP/RIM: To date there are 15 applications.
New Staff: The Slayton FO will house a WAE this summer. Her same is Abygail Williams. She will be starting on June 1, 2009.
Weed Management Workshop: There will be a Weed Management Workshop on June 10, 2009.
Meeting/Trainings: Farmer meetings April 14-16, WRP training 4/16/09, RC&D meeting 4/22/09, Weed Management training/WRP 4/23/09, Community Garden meeting 4/29/09, DC meeting 4/30/09, Appeals training 5/5/09, Redwood 5/12/09, EQIP training 5/13/09, Heron Lake meeting 5/21/09, weed management workshop 6/10/09.
EEP/Civil Rights: Asian Pacific Islander Month

A motion was made by Gary seconded by Arland to have the Murray SWCD provide bottled water and cookies for the Weed Management Workshop on June 10, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 Resolutions: The Board discussed Resolutions for 2009. A motion was made by Arland seconded by Paul to submit a resolution regarding representation on the Technical Evaluation Panel for WCA. As the rules reads now, only agency and regulatory personnel are assigned to the TEP and the board feels there should be representation from the farm groups and private sector included as part of the TEP.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

SWPTSA Agreement: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary authorizing Arland to sign the new SWPTSA Agreement on behalf of the Murray SWCD at the June 16, 2009 TSA meeting.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2010 Budget: The Board discussed the 2010 Budget. The 2010 budget will be proposed with all employees being classified as having an Employment Status of a Regular Full-Time Employee.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to approve State Cost-Share Contract:

Roger Steinman	09-12	Terraces	$4,441.80	FY09

and take $558.20 out of Murray SWCD special projects account to bring total cost-share to $5,000.00.
Affirmative-Paul, Arland, Gary
Abstain: Roger
Motion carried.

RCRCA Cost-Share: A motion was made by Paul seconded by Gary to approve RCRCA Cost-Share application

Elverne Ziemke	CP319-09-04	3 Alternative Rock Intakes	$675.00

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

HLWD Cost-Share: A motion was made by Gary seconded by Arland to approve HLWD Cost-Share application for:

Roger Steinman	2 Rock Intakes	$500.00

and take $250.00 out of the Murray SWCD Blind Intake account to bring the total cost-share to 750.00.
Affirmative-Paul, Gary Arland
Abstain-Roger
Motion carried.

2009 Poster & Mural Contest Winners: The winners of the 2009 Murray SWCD Poster & Mural Contest were:

1st Place Poster	Brittany Lund (Murray County Central)
2nd Place Poster	Jessica Arnt (St Paulôs Lutheran)
1st Place Mural	Bennett Appel & Madison Dibble (Fulda Public)
2nd Place Mural	Jocelyn Schreier & Kandra Kirlin (Fulda Public)

Update on Beaver Creek Project: Howard gave the Board an update on the water retention project in the NE ¼ of section 26, Chanaranbie Township.

Land Roller Hitch: The top hole on the adaptor hitch insert is wearing on the Land Roller Hitch. Craig will check on a regular hitch for the Land Roller.

FYI: MASWCD Supervisor & Employee orientation on July 14-15, 2009 in St. Cloud.

Bills: A motion was made by Gary seconded by Arland to pay 17 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $14,124.74 and 9 SWPTSA bills amounting to $12,944.43.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary seconded by Arland to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date