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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

Craig Christensen-District Technician
Brian Christiansen-District Conservationist
Bob Moline-County Commissioner

The Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Arland seconded by Paul to approve the May 14, 2009 minutes.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Well Records: 2 Well and Boring Records and 3 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

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

Forward to Supervisors: Heron Lake Watershed District Minutes

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported that the county has received the wind tower money for the 2008 season. The county will not be receiving any state funding for the 2009 budget. 2010 budget talks will be starting in the next few weeks. Murray County Hospital revenue is being shown in the black. The commissioners approved the Water Retention Project in section 26 of Chanarambie Township, with one stipulation that the engineering firm look at utilizing a county tile to outlet the runoff water into instead of allowing overland flow. Area II will be touring the county to see if they can identify more sites for water retention projects. Better communication is needed between the county and the FSA Office to determine if spoils from an open ditch cleanout would affect a producer that has CRP filter strips. Bob was at a meeting that discussed demographics, where more people are starting to move back to rural areas. Discussed the District sponsoring a Rain Garden Workshop, more information will be gathered and a decision will be made later to hold such a workshop.

District Conservationist Report:
Engineering: One WHIP wetland restoration and one waterway completed.
EQIP: Nine applications funded for $92,000 with possibly three more to be funded. Had a total of 24 applications. Completed residue checks.
CRP/CREP: Received the 2009 status reviews from FSA . CP38 acres are done.
1026/spot-checks: Assisting Redwood County with 1026ôs and wetland work load. 2009 status reviews are completed.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): Have three applications funded; anticipate two more applications to be funded.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): CSP audit will start this month. Training was last week.
RC&D: Community Garden has been planted. Certified as completed to receive RC&D funds.
WRP/RIM: Sent in 8 Phase II WRP/RIM applications.
New Staff: Abygail Williams is in the office for the summer.
Workshops: Weed Management Workshop held June 10, 2009. Grazing workshop 7/8/09.
Meeting/Trainings: Heron Lake meeting 5/21/09. Beaver Creek meeting 5/27/09. Redwood Falls 6/8/09. Weed Management Workshop 6/9/09. Area V Meeting 6/18/09.
EEP/Civil Rights:

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.

RCRCA JPA -Addendum: Motion by Arland seconded by Paul to approve the SWCDôs Representative or Alternate to the RCRCA Board of Directors, approval to sign the Joint Powers Agreement/Addendum on behalf of the Murray SWCD at the June 15, 2009 RCRCA Board Meeting.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

F.Y. 2007 State Cost-Share Close Out: The Board reviewed the letter from Board Conservationist, David Sill, regarding the 2007 C-S Closeout, and noted the two issues that needs to be addressed in future C-S Contracts. 1.) 80% of watershed has adequate treatment for practice, needs to be assessed and documented in the contract; 2.) Seeding/planting of invasive non-native species on cost-share practices needs justification in the project file.

SWCD/WLI 2009 #2 Agreement: The State of Minnesota would like to enter into another Working Lands Initiative Grant Agreement with the Murray SWCD to be the fiscal agent for receiving the WLI funds for the Jay Miller easement project. Motion by Paul seconded by Gary, authorizing the chairman to sign the Murray SWCD/WLI 2009 #2 Grant Agreement.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.
Area V MASWCD Meeting: Motion by Paul seconded by Arland to approve supervisors and staff attending the Area V MASWCD Meeting on June 18,2009 in Pipestone, MN.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

State Cost-Share: Motion by Arland seconded by Paul to approve cost-share payment for the following State Cost-Share Contracts:

Kenneth Miller	#08_02	Waterway	$4,320.00
Howard Hamilton	#08-10	Waterway	$2,539.00
Phil Kramer	#08-13	Shelterbelt	$1,381.00
Kriene Kramer	#09-02	Shelterbelt	$ 757.00
Kriene Kramer	#09-03	Shelterbelt	$ 900.00
Kriene Kramer	#09-04	Shelterbelt	$1,142.00
Kurt Talsma	#09-05	Shelterbelt	$ 406.00
Lynn Wichmann	#09-06	Shelterbelt	$ 874.00
Robert Masselink	#09-07	Shelterbelt	$1,148.00
Sandy Mixell	#09-08	Shelterbelt	$ 998.00
Ben Lewis	#09-09	Shelterbelt	$ 459.00
Kevin Edmundson	#09-10	Shelterbelt	$ 922.00
Troy Wehking	#09-11	Shelterbelt	$1,157.00

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

FY 2010 SWPTSA and Murray SWCD Agreement: Motion by Arland seconded by Gary authorizing the Chairman to sign the FY 2010 agreement between the SWPTSA and the Murray SWCD for being the Host District and Fiscal Agent for the SWPTSA.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

USFW Service Cost-Share: Motion by Paul seconded by Arland to approve USWF Service 25% cost-share reimbursement payment in the amount of $2,150.00 for the Jean Kruegers Wetland Restoration project.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

CWL Cost-Share: Motion by Gary seconded by Paul to approve cost-share payment for the following CWL alternative tile intake contracts and forward them to Redwood SWCD for payment:

George Erbes	CWL #44-08	3 intakes	$900.00
Gordon Vosberg	CWL #42-08	2 intakes	$282.00

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

SWCD's Alternative Tile Intake C-S Funds: Motion by Paul seconded by Arland to deny cost-share reimbursement to Jim Buschena for installing 3 alternative tile intakes through the Heron Lake WD cost-share program, as there is no record of him applying for the 25% cost-share from the Murray SWCD, which makes the project ineligible for assistance as the project is already completed.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

Rain Garden Reimbursement: Motion by Arland seconded by Gary to approve reimbursing Murray County $497.00 for ½ the cost of the native plants that were planted at the rain garden at the Human Resource Building.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried

CREP Wetland Restoration Project: The Board was updated on the progress of Steinman's CREP Wetland Restoration project and why it's taking so long to get design plans from BWSR Engineer due to the shallowness of a large diameter county tile. No action was taken.

2009 Poster & Mural Contest Winners: The Board was informed of the poster and mural winners for Area V. All winners came out of the Pipestone SWCD.

FY 2010 Ground Water Agreement; Motion made by Arland seconded by Paul authorizing the Chairman signing the FY 2010 Ground Water Level Monitoring Program Agreement.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

Resolutions: Motion by Arland seconded by Gary to submit a Resolution to the Area V MASWCD for consideration regarding the WCA TEP to include non agency and/or stakeholders to the WCA TEP.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

Food for thought: The Board reviewed a hand out prepared by BWSR regarding Budget, the Future, Thinking Aheadé ., being prepared. No action taken.

Letter of Support: Motion by Paul seconded by Arland authorizing the Chairman to sign a Letter of Support for the Heron Lake Watershed District for a Grant/Loan Continuation Request to fund the Alternative Rock Intake Program and provide a total of $3,600.00 in cash during the three year life span of the program.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion Carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Gary seconded by Arland to pay 28 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $19,371.66 and 7 SWPTSA bills amounting to $11,863.33.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul seconded by Arland to adjourn the meeting at 3:30 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date