SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Members Present:
Roger Steinman-Chairman
Paul Posthuma-Vice Chairman
Gary Brinks-Secretary
Arland Moger-Treasurer
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 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to approve the June 11, 2009 minutes.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Well Records: 3 Well and Boring Records and 4 Well and Boring Sealing Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

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

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported that the county will be starting 2010 budget talks in the next few weeks. The State of Minnesota has frozen the wages for the next 2 years. There is a lot happening this weekend including the Draft Horse Show on Saturday and Sunday.

District Conservationist Report:
Engineering: A Dam construction is in progress with the fencing and watering system installed.
EQIP: To date there are 17 EQIP agreements funded for a total of $125,110.00. There are 5 applications waiting for funding. Applications are still being taken for EQIP.
CRP/CREP: Murray County was approved for some more CP-38 acres. There will be a general sign-up sometime in the next 12 months.
1026/spot-checks: One status review needs to be entered on line. Brian is working on wetland issues for Redwood County. He will be spending 1 day a week in Redwood.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): Two agreements have been funded.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): Brian and Allisa are waiting for training on the Conservation Stewardship program.
RC&D: The community garden project is completed. A group from South Africa toured the garden. The grazing workshop was held on on July 8, 2009 with 35 people attending.
WRP/RIM: There was no Phase II sign-up applications funded.
Mauer Soil Testing: Neil Stoller is looking at research project for nematodes in soybeans. He would like 3 fields at least 5 miles apart to test for nematodes.
Meeting/training: Redwood 06/16/09, 3rd quarter audit 6/18/09, Community Garden Tour 7/1/09, CSP audit 7/6/09, Lamberton field day 7/7/09, Grazing Workshop 7/08/09, Organic Field Day 7/09/09, CRP Teleconference 7/22/09, Wetland Plant ID Training 7/28/09, DC meeting 7/29/09, Strip Till Field Day 8/11/09.
EEO/Civil Rights: All Cultural Appreciation Month

District Capacity Award: The Board reviewed the District Capacity Award form. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve and sign the District Capacity Award with the Murray SWCD receiving the Excellent Award.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

August Board Meeting: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to change the August Board meeting to August 17, 2009 due to conflicts with the Murray County Fair being the same time.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Fair Booth: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to purchase 2 - $25.00 gift certificates from Jimôs Market for drawing items at the fair.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Farm Fest: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisors and Employees to work at the Farm Fest booth in August.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to approve payment of State Cost-Share:

Don Hahn	09-01	Farmstead Shelterbelt	$1,688.50	FY09

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $8.574.95 and 7 SWPTSA bills amounting to $18,191.58.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Posthuma to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date