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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
John Giese-County Commissioner

The Meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the July 9, 2009 minutes.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Well Records: 1 Well and Boring Record was reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

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

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

District Conservation Report:
Engineering: A Dam restoration was completed.
CRP/CREP: NRCS had CRP training on July 22, 2009. There are some changes to the wetland practices and new wetland practices. The changes are more acres can be enrolled in to CRP with the CP27 and CP28 farmed wetland and buffer practices. The new wetlands eligible for CRP are wetlands that are used for aqua culture and wetlands used as filters for runoff. The filter practice might fit filter strips with ag waste systems.
1026/Spot-Checks: Brian has completed his tour with Redwood. He will only be assisting Redwood as needed.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): Three contracts funded for a total of $6,118.00. There may be still some WHIP money available.
Conservation Security Program (CSP): Under the old security program all contracts have been paid for 2009. The new Conservation Stewardship Program has been rolled out. NRCS held informational meetings on August 13, 2009. There were 10 producers attending the meetings. The sign-up period is until the end of September. An application needs to be signed, producer checklist filled out, and crop rotation worksheet filled before September 30 ,2009 for the first ranking period. Brian and Allisa will be sitting down with producers sometime mid September to evaluate their management system with the screening tool. The screening tool will be available mid September.
RC&D: The dry hydrants are finally in. There were 4 installed.
WRP/RIM: No applications funded in Phase II.
Audit: The Audit for CSP, EQIP, and WHIP is completed.
Rent/Computer meeting: Gary will meet with Howard on August 17, 2009 to discuss computers and rent.
Meeting/training: CRP training on 8/22/09, DC/Tech meeting 07/29/09.
EEO/Civil rights: Womenôs Equality Month

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to assist the NRCS staff as needed with the new Conservation Stewardship Program.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

County Commissioner Report: John Giese reported on the Murray County Fair. The fair was a big success except for the dance on Saturday night which was poorly attended. There will be work on some of the buildings at the fairgrounds. The Rain Garden at the Human Health service is starting to look really good. The budgets were being looked at last week with all department heads budgeting for a 0% increase. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the Murray County Fair. If anyone has ideas for next year let one of the County Commissioners know.

SWMACDE Meeting: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Moger to approve Employees attending the SWMACDE meeting in Marshall on August 26, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

FY2010 Grant with BWSR: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to have Chairman sign the FY2010 Grant agreement with BWSR for $39,511.00, which includes Easement Services-$7,495.00, General Services-$21,584.00, and State Cost-Share-$10,432.00.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Color Copier: The Toshiba Copier is obsolete and Best Business Products will no longer offer a maintenance agreement on the machine. Howard is obtaining quotes for a new color copier. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to have Howard check with other companies to see if they still have Toshiba Copiers that they sell and service.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the following payment:

Phyllis Lincoln Farms, Inc	Waterway	FY08	$2.836.80

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to cancel the Heron Lake Watershed District #019 for Arland Moger alternative rock intake contract.
Affirmative-Posthuma, Brinks
Opposed-None
Abstain-Moger
Motion carried.

DNR Permit Application: The board reviewed the DNR Permit application #2010-0089 from Shetek Township and Murray County Highway Department for a new bridge with box culvert.

FYI Working Lands Initiative: The Murray SWCD will be receiving a new Working Lands Initiative #3 for a Wetland Banking project.

BWSR Academy: The Board of Water and Soil Resource will be holding an academy on November 2-4, 2009 at Cragunôs Conference in Brainerd, MN. It will be brought back to the Board when more information is received on cost of academy.

Office Rent: Howard met with Gary Watson on Monday. The Murray SWCD can no longer reimburse NRCS for office rent. The Murray SWCD needs to have their own contract for rent with the landowner. NRCS will pick up the Lan/wan for this year. At the present time the Murray SWCD is paying $13.00 per square foot for office space. The SWCD will need to negotiate with Daryl the cost of rent.

2010 Tree prices: The board reviewed the prices for trees, planting and mats. The prices will be kept the same for 2010.

Murray SWCD 2010 Budget: Howard was gone when the budget was presented to the County Commissioners. The Murray SWCD budget was reduced from what was proposed with Shelly on a 40 hour work week. A discussion followed. There needs to be justification in order to put Shelly back on full time. The County wants the budget with no increases. A motion was made by Arland to recommend to the County that Shelly be put on full time and if they wonôt fund it then the SWCD will use their funds for one year and reapply the following year with County. The motion dies for lack of second.
The Budget will be revisited at the October Board Meeting.

Other Business: Arland brought up an idea to look into getting temporary impoundment of Ditch system for slowing down problems in River as an application for the 3/8 percent constitutional amendment.

Bills: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Posthuma to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $3,638.13 and SWPTSA bills amounting to $5,953.73.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

John Giese drew 2 names for the Murray SWCD Fair giveaway. The winners of $25.00 gift certificate from Jimôs Market were Dave Swanson and Ricci Patch.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date