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
John Giese-County Commissioner
Allisa Wendland-Soil Conservation Technician

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

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve the August 18, 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 Sealing Record was reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository

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

Forward to Supervisors: The Heron Lake Watershed District Minutes and Resolutions for 2009 were given to the Supervisors.

District Conservation Report:
Engineering: Allisa sent engineering spot check information to the A.O. Paul Bridgland will be here on Friday September 11, 2009 for the review.
EQIP: EQIP payments can be certified until September 15, 2009. EQIP payments will be made sometime after October 1, 2009.
GRP: We have had another successful round of GRP with 7 applications. Six of the seven applications have been funded.
Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): Randy Schindle; DNR Private Lands Specialist was in the area on September 9, 2009 to review a native prairie restoration where tree invasion has become a problem.
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The sign-up for CSP started on August 10, 2009 and runs through September 30. The payments are expected to be around the $15.00/acre with 5 year contracts. The CMT tool for ranking applications will be available in September. To date there are 7 CSP applications.
RC&D: The RC&D meeting was held on September 9, 2009.
WRP/RIM: There are no WRP/RIM applications funded for Phase II. As of date there is one offer for a project. The landowners have until September 19, 2009 to accept or deny the offer.
MOU: The MOUôs were reviewed by the Board. The SWCD will now lease space separately from NRCS.
Meeting/Training: CSP training 8/5/09-8/6/09, CSP meetings 8/13/09, Hydric Soils Training 8/17/09-8/21/09, CSP meeting 9/10/09.
EEO/Civil Rights: HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

County Commissioner Report: John Giese reported on End of Line Park. The park will be open on Sundays through September. The County Commissioners finalized the Employee Policy Manual. There will be work on some of the buildings at the fairgrounds after the Boutique and Hospice Rummage Sale.

Land Roller, Drill, Seeder/Packer Report: The Board reviewed the 2009 SWCD Equipment Rental Reports. The Crimper has a 3 point hitch which is hard to move around from place to place. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to give Craig permission to revamp the crimper hitch so it can be transported easier.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 Tree Report: Craig presented the Board with the 2009 Tree Report.

MOU's: The Board reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding with other agencies.

2010 State Cost-Share Rate: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to set the District share of the 2010 State Cost-Share Rate at 50% with a $2,500.00 cap, and have NRCS being the Technical Sign-off for the Engineering practices and Craig Christensen as Technical sign off on tree plans for the State Cost-Share contracts.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

RCRCA Agreement/Addendum: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to approve Addendum No. 2 to the RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement, revising Section 7, subdivision 1 to extend the effective period of the said joint powers agreement to June 30, 2011, further authorizing Shannon Cohrs SWCD Representative to sign Addendum No. 2 at the September 21, 2009 RCRCA Board of Directors Meeting.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

NRCS Reimbursable Office Rent Agreement: A motion was made Moger seconded by Brinks to approve chairman signing the FY09 Reimbursable Office Rent Agreement with NRCS, for portion of the cost of the space, including related services and utilities, occupied by District personnel.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

FY 2010 NPEA Base Grant Agreement: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve Chairman signing the FY 2010 NPEA Base Agreement between the Murray SWCD as the fiscal agent for the Southwest Prairie TSA and BWSR in the amount of $128,750.00.
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 application:

LaDonna Miller	09-13	FY09 -$266.73	FY10-$1,923.27	Waterway

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

HLWD Alternative Tile Cost-Share: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to allocate $1,000.00 out of special projects funds and put into the blind intake fund.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.
A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve HLWD Cost-Share application:
Jim Bose HLWD-$279.00 Murray SWCD-$139.65 2 Alternative Tile Intakes
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried

Office Space Rental Agreement: The Board reviewed a draft copy of the office space rental agreement between the Murray SWCD and the Landlord for the next 10 months.. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to approve the District Manager signing the Office Space Rental Agreement for 987 sq. ft. of office space, for a total cost of $10,692.50 @ $1,069.25 per month.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 Environmental Fair Donation: A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Moger to approve donating $500.00 towards the 2009 Environmental Fair and take the funds out of special projects.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Potential Practices for Redwood/Cottonwood Rivers Basin RFP: The Board discussed the potential list of BMP practices and the numbers for each that could be installed in the Redwood/Cottonwood Rivers Basin when funding becomes available through the Clean Water Legacy funds. Howard was instructed to write a letter to the township boards that are located in the Redwood/Cottonwood Basins and ask for their assistance to come up with numbers for the BMP practice list and if need be to attend their township board meeting to further explain what we are looking for.

WLI Cost-Share: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to sign the WLI cost-share voucher for partial payment to Jay Miller NB #09-01 Working Lands Initiative Cost-Share for site preparation in establishing a native prairie grass seeding in the amount of $3,478.18.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Tree Project for Ed Herrig: Ed Herrig wants to add on to his wildlife plot by planting Freedom Honey Suckle Shrubs. His selection of shrubs is ineligible for the U.S.D.A. WHIP program. He would like to get cost-share assistance from the SWCD for purchasing and planting the shrubs. The board decided to deny his request for assistance as a wildlife planting is not eligible cost-share practice under state cost-share rules.

Lincoln SWCD Open House: FYI-Lincoln SWCD 65 years Open House will be held on September 29, 2009 from 11:00-6:00 p.m. in Ivanhoe.

BWSR Academy: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve Employees attending the BWSR Academy at Cragens on November 2-4, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 Farm Bill Assistance Meeting: A motion was made by Posthuma, seconded by Moger to approve Craig and Howard attending the 2009 Farm Bill Assistance & Working Lands Initiative Meeting on September 14, 2009 in Willmar.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

BWSR Rusle II Training: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve staff attending BWSR Rusle II training in Redwood Falls on September 24, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $5,420.60 and SWPTSA bills amounting to $698.32.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on October 8, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

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

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date