SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping bring YOU clean water"

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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
Bob Moline-County Commissioner
Allisa Wendland-Soil Conservation Technician
Dick Holmberg-Accountant

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

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to approve the September 10, 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 Cohrs seconded by Moger to approve payment of Supervisorôs vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for September, 2009.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray 2008 Audit Report: Dick Holmberg passed out the Audited Financial Report for the Murray Soil and Water Conservation District for the year ended December 31, 2008. Dick reviewed the final report with the Supervisors.

County Commissioner Report: Bob Moline reported that Gary Dierks will be retiring on December 31, 2009. They will be advertising for his position. The levy was set by the Commissioners for 1.09%, with Bob voting no because he wanted to see a 0% increase. The Murray County Health Insurance will increase 11.6% in 2010. There will be a levy for ambulance service. A charge of $35.00 per section and $10.00 per person in the city will be given.

District Conservationist Report: Allisa and Brian have started staking waterways for 2 different landowners. As soon as more crop comes off they will have a couple of basin projects to stake. A compost facility should get constructed this fall. A WRP restoration is started.
EQIP: Brian and Allisa can resume making EQIP payments. NRCS may be looking at having a local workgroup meeting for 2010 EQIP in November.
CRP/CREP: A anticipated general sign up in 2010
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The sign-up period for CSP ended September 30, 2009. There are 45 applications for 47,635 acres of cropland and 581 acres of pasture.
WRP/RIM: No word on the next sign-up phase.
Community Garden: Would the SWCD be willing to till the garden this fall?
Meeting/Training: Wellness Team Meeting 9/16/09, Environmental Fair 9/22/09, Area NRCS meeting 9/23/09, Cover Crop Training 10/1/09, LSOHC meeting 10/6/09, Ecological Science spot check 10/23/09
EEO/Civil Rights: National Disability and Hispanic Heritage Month

Community Garden: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to have the District till the Community Garden this fall.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

CWL follow up: Howard sent out letters on September 15, 2009 to the townships informing them of new funding available through the Clean Water Fund. He gave them a follow up call on October 1, 2009. To date no township has invited him to their meeting to discuss the CWF with their boards. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to notify all the other townships in the county regarding the CWF.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

MASWCD State Convention: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve Supervisors and Staff attending the MASWCD State Convention in Duluth on December 6-8, 2009 and to invite the Murray SWCD outstanding conservationist.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Shelly will contact the Outstanding Conservationist to see if they will be attending.

Working Lands Initiative Agreement #3: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Brinks to have chairman sign the DNR Working Lands Initiative Agreement #3.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2009 revised Resolution Ballot: The Supervisors signed the revised 2009 Resolution Ballot.

2008 Final Financial Report for State-Cost Share Program: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to sign the 2008 Final Financial Report for the State Cost-Share program.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Copier Quotes: Howard presented the board with copier quotes from 3 businesses. A motion was made by Moger to accept the bid for a Sharp MX-2600. The motion dies for lack of second. A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Cohrs to accept the bid for a Canon imageRunner C3080.
Affirmative-Brinks, Cohrs, Posthuma
Opposed-Moger
Motion carried.

FYI WCA no loss determination: Howard informed the board of a WCA no loss determination for Shetek Township for a road ditch clean out project.

FYI –Legacy Grant Program: Howard informed the board of a request for proposal for DNRôs Conservation Partners Legacy grant program. There is 3.4 million dollars available for eligible projects.

FYI-Clean Water Fund Grant Program: Howard informed the board of a request for proposal for BWSRôs competitive clean water fund grant program. There is 2.6 million dollars available of CWF with RFPôs due to BWSR by December 1, 2009.

MOA for West Fork Des Moines River: The board reviewed a proposed MOA for the West Fork Des Moines River Watershed TMDL.

HLWD Cost-Share: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve 25% c-s payment from Murray SWCD rock intake account to Jim Bose in the amount of $139.65 based on total cost of $558.59 with $279.29or 50% being paid from the Heron Lake Watershed District.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

WLI Funds: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve paying Jay Miller NB # 09-01 for spraying the remainder of the WLI project in the amount of $201.82.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made to Brinks seconded by Moger to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of $18,634.15 for October and 3 in the amount of $409.99 from September and SWPTSA bills in the amount of $22,420.13 for October, and 3 in the amount of $5,883.65 from September.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on November 12, 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 4:00 p.m.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Gary Brinks, Secretary of District Supervisors Date