

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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### **Staff**

Howard Konkol District  
Manager

Shelly Lewis  
District Secretary

Craig Christensen  
District Technician

### **Members Present:**

Paul Posthuma-Chairman  
Arland Moger-Secretary  
Roger Steinman-P.R.&I.

### **Members Absent:**

Gary Brinks-Vice Chairman  
Shannon Cohrs-Treasurer

### **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 1:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve the October 14, 2010 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to approve Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for October, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob reported the Murray County Commissioners passed the wind ordinance. The County Board has not decided on raises for non-union employees to date. A new doctor started at Murray County clinic on November 1, 2010. A new orthopedic surgeon will be starting in January 2011. The Commissioners will be working on budgets next week. There have been a lot of ditch problems.

**District Conservationist Report:**

ENGINEERING: A compost facility and a roof have been completed. They are waiting for tile installation on a waterway. A terrace project is ready for construction.

EQIP: The scoring period for EQIP will be announced in the next week.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): The funds for WHIP are anticipated for 2011. There is no announcement of scoring periods or dollars.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The CSP3 scoring period will be announced in the next week. January 7, 2011 is the CSP3 ranking period deadline. The funds for CSP1 and CSP2 have been received in St. Paul so payments can start to be made soon.

CRP: The general sign-up contracts will be written through contribution agreements.

RC&D: Payments for the grazing workshop are coming soon. There are grazing grants available for 2011 through GLCI.

WRP/RIM: A spread sheet is being developed on share point to show the progress of WRP easements.

Meeting/Training: DC teleconference 11/3, Foreign animal disease emergency training 11/4, Biomass field day 11/16, MASWCD meeting 11/18, DC teleconference 12/1, DC Meeting 12/2, SWCD convention 12/6-12/7.

EEO/Civil Rights: Native American History Month

**Culti -Packer:** The quotes for a new culti-packer will be tabled until December Board Meeting.

**2011 MACDE & SWMACDE Membership:** A motion was made by Moger to approve paying 2011 MACDE and SWMACDE membership. Motion dies for lack of second.

**Rain Gauge Monitors:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve purchasing 15 \$20.00 Jim's Market certificates for the Rain Gauge Monitors.

Affirmative-Moger, Steinman

Abstain-Posthuma

Motion carried.

**2010 Flood Recovery Cost-Share:** Due to the September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 flood, special Flood Recovery Cost-Share was allocated to the Murray SWCD. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to set the 2010 Flood Recovery Cost-Share rate to 75% with a maximum of \$3,500.00, for the rehabilitation or repair of conservation practices that were damaged by the flood To be eligible for flood recovery cost-share all practices and eligible components shall be identified in the state cost-share manual (Part V, page 71A, 71b). The cost-share practice must meet USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and specifications.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Winston Peterson's CREP Project:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to support DNR's request for using Winston Peterson's CREP easement for a Moist Soil Management Project as long as it is permissible with the Mn. Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FYI:** Informed the Board of a new program called MN Walk In Access Program that affects 21 SWCD's in SW-WC Minnesota. The State will pay landowners \$10.00/acre for allowing hunting access on their RIM, CREP, CRP type land. The program is a volunteer program. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to participate in the program.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Conserving Use Program:** The request for payment of the Conserving Use Program will be tabled until the December Board meeting.

**Rental Rate for Straw Crimping:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to charge \$50.00 per tach hour to have the SWCD do the straw crimping for the DNR Lake Maria project.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to charge \$75.00/day plus tax for crimper rental to landowners.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**2011 Poster Contest:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to participate in the 2011 poster contest and allow Shelly to purchase items for students.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**2008 Native Buffer Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to have chairman sign the 2008 Native Buffer Cost-Share Final Report.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Jim Malters Thank You for taking pictures:** Tabled until December meeting.

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**AgStar Grant:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to apply for a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 through AgStar for a demo plot for finding a suitable replacement tree for replacing the Green Ash trees that may be affected by the Emerald Ash Bore in the future and if the project cost exceeds \$2,500.00 to supplement with Murray SWCD's special projects money.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to pay 14 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$4,636.38 for November and 1 in the amount of \$46.00 from October and 6 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$789.93 for November.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on December 9, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Approve by Arland Moger, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date