

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Members Present:

Gary Brinks-Chairman
Shannon Cohrs-Secretary
Roger Steinman-Treasurer
Paul Posthuma-P.R.&I.

Member Absent:

Arland Moger-Vice Chairman

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 Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes with the correction of adding the outcome of the employee evaluations to the minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Posthuma to approve Supervisorø vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for January, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Well Records: The board reviewed 20 Well & Boring Sealing Records and 3 Well and Boring Records. They were filed in the District Depository.

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported on attending a Water Meeting in Brookings. The meeting was dealing with tiling. Bob attended the County Water Meeting on January 27, 2011. The sheriff's addition will be going out for bids. New radios have been ordered for the county. The snow removal has been a problem. The County will be spending some extra money to widen the roads out. On March 1 a new doctor will be coming to Slayton. The County received a tree grant in the amount of \$11,250.00 for County Parks. The RC&D gave \$750.00 for the campsite grant application.

District Conservationist Report:

ENGINEERING: There are some projects held over from last fall. The projects will get completed in the spring.

EQIP: The sign-up/ranking period for 2011 ends March 4, 2011. Minnesota will be receiving around 20 million. There have been changes in nutrient management requirements.

1026/spot-checks: Brian has received a couple 569s from FSA.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): There are limited dollars this year for WHIP. Applications are being accepted with scoring periods to be announced soon.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The deadline for having 2011 CMT completed is March 9, 2011. The deadline for 2010 payments is April 1, 2011. The obligation of 2011 applications will begin March 11, 2011.

RC&D:

RIM/WRP: A Flood plain sign-up is going on until March 11, 2011. The easement rates look good. The general RIM-WRP sign-up is March 1, 2011. The scoring periods will be held in June and July. The RIM side has 13 Million.

Meeting/Training: 2/15/11 WRP Training, 2/16/11 WEPS and Nutrient Management Training, 2/22/11 NEPA Training, 2/23/11 RCRCA meeting, 3/1/11 Wetland Training.

EEO/Civil Rights: Black History Month

Funding Assistance for Lake Sarah 31: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Steinman to contribute \$5,000.00 by taking \$2,000.00 out of Murray SWCD Beaver Creek account and \$3,000.00 out of Murray SWCD special project account for funding assistance for Lake Sarah 31 Flood Road Retention project contingent on putting a water retention riser up.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Contract</u>		<u>Amount</u>	<u>FY</u>
Mark Beek	10-05	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$1,450.60	10
Mark Beek	10-5	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$483.40	11
Daryl Johnson	11-01	Farmstead Shelterbelt	\$584.00	11

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MASWCD Area V Meeting: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve attendance at the MASWCD Area V meeting in Marshall on February 17, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

2011 MN Walk-In: The Murray SWCD received 2011 MN Walk-In Technical Assistance Request for Information. There are 21 counties in the target area with funding to employee staff. There will be reimbursement of \$21.63/hour for work done. The State is paying \$10.00/acre with a max of \$13.00/acre to let people hunt on your land. Motion by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to fill out the 2011 MN Walk-In request for information and request 700 hours to be spent on marketing and enrolling landowners into the program.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion Carried.

FYI: The City of Chandler Wellhead Protection Plan was received by the SWCD. If there are any comments they need to be sent by February 28, 2011.

Security of ADP Room: The Murray SWCD & TSA staff will need to sign a log-in sheet for going in and out of the ADP Room due to security issues since the SWCD staff are non-federal employees.

SWCD 2011 Annual Plan: The SWCD 2011 Annual Plan was reviewed by the Supervisors. A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Steinman to approve the Murray SWCD 2011 Annual Plan with some changes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to pay 5 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$335.69 for February and 2 in the amount of \$78.15 from January and 9 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$16,853.61 for February and 2 in the amount of \$314.36 from January.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on March 10, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Cohrs to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Approve by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date