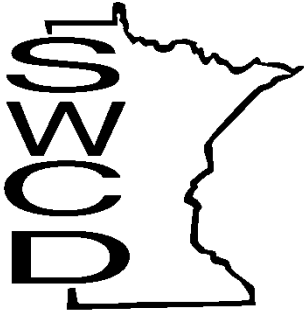


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Paul Posthuma-Chairman
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Arland Moger-Secretary
Shannon Cohrs-Treasurer
Roger Steinman-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Howard Konkol-District Manager
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Cheryl Heard-Soil Conservationist
Bob Moline- County Commissioner
Tabor Hoek- BWSR
Wendy Krueger- DNR

The Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to approve the April 6, 2010 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 Steinman to approve Supervisorø vouchers, Murray SWCD, and SWPTSA salaries for April, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Well Records: 5 Well and Boring Records were reviewed by the Board and filed in the District Depository.

County Commissioner Report: Bob reported on the hospital which will be getting a new doctor on September 1, 2010. The hospital is interviewing 2 other doctors. The old human service building has been moved off the foundation but the building is still at the site waiting to be moved. The new addition for the sheriff is being looked at. The budget talks will be starting in June for 2011 budgets. The county received a \$872,000 dollar grant for radio systems in the ambulance and fire departments.

District Conservatoinist Report: *Engineering:* One terrace project to be completed this spring. Two water way projects have been completed.

EQIP: There are 24 applications for EQIP with 10 obligated for a total of \$184,380.00. All 2010 EQIP funds have been obligated.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP): One WHIP application was funded. There are more WHIP funds available so another one can get funded.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): There were 24 applications for CSP funded. The second sign-up will end June 11, 2010. There are 32 new CSP applications and 18 applications from the 1st sign-up that were not funded.

RC&D: The MARC&D has given \$900.00 for the grazing workshop to be held this summer at Ed Lotterman's pasture on the south side of the Valley Road. There is also a grant application to present at the Coteau RC&D meeting on May 26, 2010.

WRP/RIM: The sign-up for WRP/RIM ends on May 14, 2010. There are a total of 3 applications submitted. The scoring process is very similar to last year. The scoring process has been streamlined for applications scored under 75 points.

Weed Management Workshop: A weed management workshop is being planned for June 9, 2010. The workshop will be held at Duane Carlson's place on Current Lake and Guy Buekhoff's CRP in Lake Sarah section 2.

Meeting/Training: Community Garden Meeting 4/14/2010, Jennifer (Wetland Biologist) was down on 4/15/2010, Redwood 4/21/2010, GPS training 4/22-4/23/2010, Redwood 4/26/2010, Redwood 4/29/2010, Redwood met with Gary & State Con 4/5/2010, High tunnel field day in Lamberton 5/6/2010, Field visit by Gary and State Con 5/7/2010, Gengler WRP survey meeting 5/10/2010, Redwood mitigation 5/12/2010, Redwood and Asian culture workshop 5/13/2010, RC&D meeting 5/26/2010, Redwood office appraisal 6/4-6/11/2011, Weed management workshop 6/9/2010.

EEO/Civil Rights: Asian Pacific Islander Month

Farm Bill Assistance: Tabor Hoek and Wendy Krueger discussed the Farm Bill Assistance Grant which is Dennis Opdahl's position. The new FBA grant would run from July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011. The cost to the Murray SWCD would be \$6,750.00, which is 30% of the ½ time budget for the position. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve funding a ½ time FBA position in the amount of \$6,750.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Office Visit by NRCS State Conservatoinist: Howard informed the Board that the new NRCS State Conservationist was down to the Murray SWCD office on May 7, 2010. He visited with the Murray SWCD staff for about an hour.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve State Cost-Share application from:

Mark Beech	10-03	Farmstead Shelterbelt	FY10	\$1,043.50
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Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Steinman to amend LaDonna Miller's State Cost-Share Contract #09-13 (waterway) for a new project completion date of 9/15/2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

RCRCA Cost-Share: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve bills for alternative rock intakes submitted by Elverne Ziemke and forward to RCRCA for cost-share payment of \$675.00

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None Motion carried.

2010 Resolutions: The Board discussed ideas for a 2010 Resolutions. Howard will work on a resolution regarding the Technical Service Provider (TSP) agreement to allow for reimbursement for costs incurred when landowners are not funded or pull out prior to construction of their conservation practice.

SWMASWCD Area V Meeting: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve Supervisors and Employees attending the SWMASWCD Area V meeting in Canby on June 17, 2010.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

MASWCD Leadership Alumni Workshop: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to approve attendance and overnight stay at the MASWCD Leadership Alumni Workshop on May 25-26, 2010 in Minneapolis.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

Calendars & Fair giveaway items: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to purchase 2011 calendars to be put in the Murray SWCD newsletter and allow the staff to decide on giveaway items for the fair and keep the cost as close to last year's expenses.

Affirmative-Unanimous
 Opposed-None
 Motion carried.

Conserving Use Acres: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve the conserving use acres in the amount of \$1,200.00 for Roger Steinman.

Affirmative-Moger, Cohrs, Brinks

Abstain-Steinman

Motion carried.

WCA Fee for appeals: The Board discussed accessing WCA fees for appeals back to the SWCD. The Board decided they did not want to set any fee.

Horse arena: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Brinks to have the Murray SWCD drag the horse arena in exchange for fair booth rent with Howard contacting the Parks department to see if they want to assist.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Brinks to pay Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$36,029.10 for May and 3 in the amount of \$1,092.52 from April and SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$12,353.67 for May, and 2 in the amount of \$243.13 from April.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on June 10, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Brinks to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Approve by Arland Moger, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date