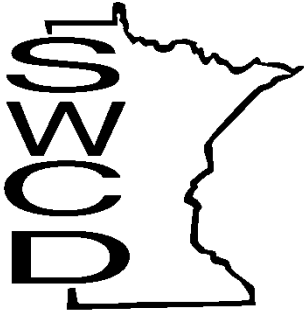


# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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#### District Technician

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### **Members Present:**

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

### **Others Present:**

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 Posthuma to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for March, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** The sheriff's addition has been approved for 1.36 million with a February 2012 completion date. The dispatch remodel will start on June 1. Bob attended a meeting on April 21 in Lake Wilson regarding the water coming out of the lake and going to the north part of town. A dam in Chanarambie township was approved for \$50,000 with the county funding \$25,000.

**District Conservationist Report:**

**ENGINEERING:** There are some projects held over from last fall. The projects will get completed in the spring, which include a waterway and terrace.

**EQIP:** Murray has 10 EQIP applications to date with a total obligation of \$194,373.

**1026/spot-checks:** There were 19 annual status reviews for Slayton.

**Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP):** There are no 2011 WHIP applications.

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):** Brian and Allisa are in the process of completing field verifications with 36 applications preapproved. The initial preapproved applications must have the field verification completed by May 6, 2011.

**RC&D:** The next RC&D meeting will be held on April 27, 2011 in Slayton.

**RIM/WRP:** The scoring period deadline is the end of April. Dallas Mahoney (WRP Tech) is working on scoring our WRP applications. News on Flood Plain WRP applications that were accepted is coming soon.

**Manure Management Workshop:** Brian is working on a manure management workshop with extension to be held at Paul Erickson's farm.

**Budget:** No Furlough. The budget is proposed to be signed this week.

**Meeting/Training:** HEL compliance training 3/14/11, RCRCA meeting 3/16/11, Prairie/grazing workshop 3/24/11, RC&D meeting 3/30/11, NRCS employees meeting 4/5/11, RC&D meeting 4/27/11, Performance 5/11/11.

**EEO/Civil Rights:**

**Community Garden:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to approve the Murray SWCD tilling strips for the Community Garden.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bids for Kewanee Packer:** The Board opened bids for the Kewanee Packer. There were 3 bids received in the amounts of \$910.00, \$765.00, and \$500.00. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Cohrs to accept the high bid of \$910.00 for the Kewanee packer.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**State Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve state cost-share for Steve Zenk Shelterbelt FY11 #11-02 \$1,946.00  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve state cost-share for

Elverne Ziemke Grade Stabilization FY11 #11-03 \$2,500.00  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Flood Recovery Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve flood recovery cost-share for Elverne Ziemke Grade Stabilization FY11 #11-01 \$3,500.00  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Ag Star Grant:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to reinstate Shelly ½ day a week or every other Friday to work on the Ag Star Grant received for research on Emerald Ash Borer and take \$1,750.00 out of tree reserve and \$1,750.00 out of building reserve to cover Shelly's payroll.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**FYI:** The Murray SWCD needs to have an Audit for FY10.

**Farm Bill Assistant Position:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to sign the agreement for Phase XI Farm Bill Assistance Grant.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Minnesota State Cattlemen's Tour Vendor Booth:** The board discussed participating in a booth for the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Tour in Worthington along with Nobles, Rock, Pipestone, and Jackson SWCDs. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Steinman to approve participating in the vendor booth by providing a worker and pay share of money for booth.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Walk-in Access Program Grant:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to accept the money for grant agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to pay 9 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$18,168.75 for April and 2 in the amount of \$138.00 from March and 7 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$9,348.01 for April and 2 in the amount of \$6,346.84 from March.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on May12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Cohrs to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Approve by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date