

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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## Staff

### District Administrator

**Shelly Lewis**

### Program Manager

**Craig Christensen**

### Resource Specialist

**Devin Ryan**

## Members Present:

Paul Posthuma- Chair  
Gary Brinks-Vice Chair  
Anthony Conrad-Secretary  
Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

## Member Absent:

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator  
Craig Christensen-Program Manager  
Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist  
Allisa Wendland-Soil Conservationist

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

**Additions to Agenda:** The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to approve adding the following:

Discuss Local Work Group Meeting

Approve Resolution to support Cottonwood 1W1P

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Minutes of March 24, 2022:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD March 24, 2022, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

**DC Report:** Allisa Wendland

District Conservationist Report – Murray County  
April 14, 2022

EQIP Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- RCPP, Beginning Farmer, CAP (Conservation Activity Plan), Pollinator
- o 5 Contracts, \$266,XXX, had over 90 applications

Continue to take new applications, either looked at in the next funding cycle or the next FY

WRP/WRE/ACEP- nothing new

EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

- Flooding and Erosion areas that threaten life
- No new news

CSP

- Continue to take new applications
- 209 applications for 2021 General
- 9 screened High Priority to be assessed.

CRP

- Continuous sign-up is available
  - o Contact FSA/Megan/NRCS
  - CREP – Contact Megan
  - SWCD have any interest in pursuing the ability to earn reimbursement for working on CRP plans?
- FY22 would just be a training and earning JAA year. See available letter and guidance from MASWCD.

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests – down to about a month’s response
- Wetlands – no new tile
- Farmed Wetland (FW) – existing drainage, can replace at same size, same depth only, no new drainage
- PC/NW – Prior Converted/Not Wetland

LOCAL WORK GROUP – Shelly plans to discuss

- Need to set a date
- Each county will still hold their own meeting

Summer Workshops

Jason Miller called today- as a part of his MDA grant, he is to reach out and offer his practices for public viewing

Upcoming events

- o Cheryl is at a Team Lead Meeting in St Cloud.

**Salaries:** A motion by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for March 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

**Ag Certification Update:** The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update for March 2022.

**Cost-Share Application:** The Board discussed the application from Michael Berreau for Water and Sediment Basins. Craig was out and looked at the site. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to deny the Cost-Share application from Michael Berreau for Water and Control Sediment Basins due to the Waterways that are present are in good shape and doing their job.

Affirmative-Henkels, Brinks, Conrad

Abstain-Posthuma

Motion carried.

**2022 SWCDE Administrative Session:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve Lewis attending the 2022 SWCD administrative session at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN on June 29-30, 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Laptop purchase:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve purchasing 2 HP Zbook Fury 15 G8 Laptops and programs.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Camera for IP Shed:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to purchase a camera to be installed outside of the IP Shed.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Cottonwood Watershed 1W1P:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve a resolution to support a Cottonwood Watershed 1W1P.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion Carried.

**Local Work Group Meeting:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Brinks to hold the Local Work Group Meeting on May 12, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at USDA Service Center.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**District Administrator Update:** Lewis updated the Board on the following

Managing the Human Resource April 6-7 in St. Cloud

Working on eLink for quarter end

TSA Managers meeting on April 11 in Marshall

BWSR doing a reconciliation on FY19 Capacity Grant

Reporting & Requested payment for Farm Bill Position

Annual Report for newspaper

April 26-Meeting with County Commissioners to request SWCD allocation for January-March 2022

TSA Special Meeting via WebEx on April 25

**Program Manager Update:** Christensen updated the Board on the following

Tree Program: Trees come in on April 19 with pick up day April 22

1W1P- attended meeting

Drone Test: passed the Drone Test

Windmill Project: Notice of decision was sent out

WCA Request- worked on several

Flagged out setbacks for WCA customer

Worked on getting equipment ready for season

Waiting for estimates on a cost-share waterway project

**RCRCA Kick-Off Dredge Redwood:** A motion was made by Brinks seconded by Henkels to approve attending the RCRCA Kick-off Celebration of the dredging of Lake Redwood on April 22, 2022 at the Westside Park picnic shelter-Redwood Falls.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Resource Specialist:** Devin Ryan started on April 13, 2022

**Bills:** A motion by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from March 25, 2022- April 14, 2022, in the amount of \$6,874.76.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 12, 2022

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Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date