

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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### **Staff**

#### District Manager

Howard Konkol

#### District Secretary

Shelly Lewis

#### District Technician

Craig Christensen

### **Members Present:**

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

### **Members Absent:**

Shannon Cohrs-Secretary

### **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 1:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve the May 12, 2011 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 Posthuma to approve Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for May, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Well Records:** The Board reviewed 3 well records.

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob attended the Area II meeting in Marshall on June 9, 2011. Area II is looking at having their meeting the same day as the RCRCA meeting to save on per diem/mileage. The sheriff office remodeling has started. Bob attended a District Meeting at Key Largo with AMC attending the meeting and talked about the Government shut down. The County budget talks will begin at the end of July.

**District Conservationist Report:**

**ENGINEERING:**

**EQIP:** The residue checks have been started.

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

**Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP):**

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):** There are 9 new applications obligated for Murray. The field verifications must be completed by June 16.

**RC&D:** The RC&D meeting will be held on June 29, 2011.

**RIM/WRP:** Murray has 1 WRP/RIM flood plain funded. There is no information on regular WRP/RIM applications funding status.

**Meeting/Training:** 5/19/11 tribal training, 5/26/11 tribal training, 5/25/11 RC&D meeting, 6/1/11 DC teleconference, 6/2/11 Gary helped with residue checks, 6/8/11 DC meeting, 6/16/11 tribal law training, 6/27-7/1/11 annual leave.

**WAE:** Brian is trying to get summer help. There are 300 WAE hours available.

**2011 Resolutions:** The Board discussed 2011 Resolutions.

**Area V Meeting:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve Supervisors and Employees attending the Area V meeting in Luverne on June 16, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**2011 Walk-In Program:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to sign the 2011 Walk-In program grant for \$4,210.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Revised Phase XI Farm Bill Assistance Grant:** The Board reviewed the revised Phase XI Farm Bill Assistance Grant for Dennis Opdahl's position. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to approve Chairman signing the revised phase XI Farm Bill Assistance Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**CWF Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to approve CWF Cost-Share application from Curtis Jenson for 1 Rock Intake and forward to Redwood for approval.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Flood Recovery Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve Flood Recover Cost-Share application:

Robin & Paul Hacker	#FR11-02	Streambank Rip Rap Project	\$3500.00
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Board discussed a flood recovery cost-share application from Keith Carlson for a private ditch cleanout. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to deny the application due to the fact: The Ditch Clean Out is a maintenance issue for the removal of over grown vegetation in the ditch channel, which is not a conservation practice that we can cost-share on. Only small areas of debris removal (corn stalks) would have been eligible for this cost-share.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**State Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to approve payment to the following:

Mark Beek	#10-05	Farmstead Shelterbelt	FY10	\$ 1,841.00
Daryl Johnson	#10-06	Farmstead Shelterbelt	FY10	\$ 584.00

Slippage from contract #10-05 in the amount of \$93.00 will be re-encumbered on cost-share contract #11-02.

Steve Zenk	#11-02	Farmstead Shelterbelt	FY10	\$ 275.60
			FY11	\$1,670.40

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Hansen Wetland Banking:** The board was informed that the WCA Notice of Decision for continuation of Hansen's Wetland Banking Project application was approved by the Local Government Unit.

**Joint Implementation of WCA & Swampbuster:** The Board discussed the contribution agreement between SWCDs and NRCS for joint implementation WCA and certain Swampbuster provisions of the federal farm bill. The contribution agreement could be up to 3 years for approximately \$20,000 annually.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to reply back to NRCS that the SWCD would be interested in processing the 1026's but not interested in doing the certified wetland determinations, unless both are required for a contribution agreement then the SWCD will do both for a 1 year contract.

Affirmative-Moger, Steinman, Posthuma

Abstain-Brinks

Motion carried.

**2012 Calendars:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Steinman to purchase (900) 2012 calendars for putting in the December newsletter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Fair Booth Rent:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded Moger to rent a booth at the Murray County Fair and purchase items to be handed out at our fair booth.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Ground Water Level Agreement:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to sign the 2012 Ground Water Level Monitoring Well Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FYI:** The board reviewed the MASWCD tree program evaluation & native/non-invasive plants policies that the SWCD needs to follow.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to pay 11 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$7,640.14 for June and 4 in the amount of \$135.48 from May and 3 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$1,582.07 for June and 1 in the amount of \$100.97 from May.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on July 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the USDA Service Center, Slayton, Minnesota.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Approve by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date