

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Murray SWCD

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#### District Manager

Howard Konkol

#### District Secretary

Shelly Lewis

#### District Technician

Craig Christensen

### **Members Present:**

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

### **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 Moger seconded by Steinman to approve the June 9, 2011 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 Supervisor's vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for June, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:** Bob attended the Area II meeting and RCRC meeting in Marshall on July 14, 2011. Bob reported on the Draft Horse Show that was held on July 9-10, 2011. The County Commissioners will be working on budgets the last week in July. Bob handed out pictures of a stabilization repair west of Marshall. There was a lot of damage from the storm that passed through Marshall. Bob said there were a lot of ditch issues going on right now.

**District Conservationist Report:**

**ENGINEERING:** A terrace was completed. A terrace waterway project is designed and ready for construction. There are some dams waiting for the contractor to move in.

**EQIP:** The residue checks have been completed. Murray County picked up one more EQIP contract for a total of 11 contracts.

**1026/spot-checks:** The annual status reviews are completed in Murray County.

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

**Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP):** There are 51 total contracts for Murray County with the possibility of more funding.

**CRP:** NRCS will begin writing CRP plans soon. There will be training on CRP next week also contribution agreements with SWCDs.

**RC&D:** The RC&D meeting was June 25. The RC&D has money left and is looking for projects.

**RIM/WRP:** Murray has 1 WRP/RIM flood plain funded. The WRP documents are now available.

NRCS can verify the acres are correct and have the participants sign the agreement to purchase.

**Meeting/Training:** 7/12/11 Mike N ecological science review, 7/14/11 wetland training, 7/19/11 Redwood LWG meeting, 7/20/11 CRP training, 7/28/11 Lyon County pasture tour, 7/26/11 LWG Murray, 8/2/11 Farmfest, 8/4/11 wetland training.

**WAE:** Laura Jenson working in at the NRCS office in Murray as a WAE.

**EEO/Civil rights:** All culture appreciation month

**Women/Hispanic Notification:** There is a law suit going on because of farmers who alleged discrimination by USDA based on being female and/or Hispanic in making farm loans during 1981-2000. Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. the conference room at the USDA Service Center will be reserved if anyone wants to come.

**IRS Mileage Rate:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve the mileage rate increase to 55.5 cents from July 1-December 31, 2011 in accordance with IRS mileage rate increase.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Fiscal Year 2012 SWPTSA & SWCD Agreement:** A motion was made by Moger seconded Posthuma to sign the FY2012 agreement between the SWPTSA and Murray SWCD as being host district and fiscal agent for the SWPTSA.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**SWCD 2012 Budget:** The 2012 budget talks with the County Commissioners will be July 27-29, 2011. Howard reviewed the SWCD's 2012 Budget with the Supervisors. He reduced the Murray SWCD 2012 budget by \$2,450.00 and will be asking \$165,780.00 from the County which covers the Murray SWCD salaries & benefits, insurance, and rent. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Cohrs to approve Supervisors attending the Budget meeting with the County Commissioners on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m..

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Local Work Group Meeting:** A motion was made by Moger seconded by Posthuma to approve Supervisors attending the Conservation Programs Local Work Group Meeting on July 26, 2011 at 10:00 in the conference room at the USDA Service Center.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Technical Approval Authority:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Moger to approve signing the updated NRCS Technical Approval Authority for the Manager and Technician.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**BWSR Academy:** The BWSR Training Academy will be held on October 25-27 at Breezy Point.

**SWCD Governance 101:** The SWCD Governance 101 will be held September 12-13 in Alexandria.

**Contribution Agreement:** A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Cohrs to sign the Contribution Agreement with NRCS for entering CRP contracts into ToolKit.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Farmfest:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Steinman to approve a Supervisor and Employee working at Farmfest on August 2-4.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Walk-In Access Program Update:** The Murray SWCD sent out 140 letters to people with information on the Walk-In Access Program. There have been 17 people who have stopped in the office or called and 14 people have signed an application to enroll approximately 1430 acres into the Walk-In Access Program.

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**MASWCD Awards:** There will be no District Capacity sheet this year. The Board discussed outstanding conservationist award for 2011. They will decide who will be the outstanding conservationist for Murray County at the August board meeting.

**Public Hearing CD #65:** The public hearing for CD #65, Hansen Wetland Banking Project, is postponed until September 6, 2011, due to the Minnesota government shutdown.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Cohrs seconded by Moger to pay 7 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$755.21 for July and 1 in the amount of \$75.00 from June and 8 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$8,794.35 for July and 8 in the amount of \$14,315.49 from June.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Murray SWCD will be held on August 11, 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 Brinks to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Approve by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date