

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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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  
Karen Hurd-Treasurer  
Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

## Member Absent:

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator  
Craig Christensen-Program Manager  
Devin Ryan-Resource Specialist  
Cheryl Heard-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Brinks to approve adding the following:  
Discuss Murray SWCD being Fiscal Agent for the Des Moines River 1W1P  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

## Minutes of June 9, 2022: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD June 9, 2022, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

**DC Report:** Cheryl Heard

Cheryl will be working with Shelly and Craig the on the NRCS Cooperative Agreement.

EQIP: There are 5 applications funded to date.

RCPP- Two applications are funded.

CRP- There are 115 plans. The NRCS is working on site visits.

CSP- NRCS is working on CSP renewals. There were 2 funded in the general sign up.

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

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

**FY23 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant:** Motion by Henkels, second by Brinks to ratify FY23 CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Cost-Share Application:** Motion by Henkels, second by Hurd to approve the following cost-share application in the amount of \$28,975.70:

#21-01 Pond (378) State C-S FY21 \$7,670.81 Capacity C-S FY20 \$21,304.89

NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FY23 SWCD Budget and funding request:** Lewis submitted a letter of request for funding along with FY23 Budget to Heidi Winter.

**IRS Mileage Rate:** Motion by Brinks, second by Hurd to approve the IRS mileage rate increase from July 1, 2022- December 31, 2022 in the amount of 62.5/mile.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Murray County Fair Booth:** The Board signed up to work at the Murray County Fair Booth.

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

Attended Administrative training on June 28-30, 2022 at Craguns.

Attended SWMACDE meeting on July 19, 2022, via web.

Environmental Fair will be held in 2023  
Working on year end for the Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area

**Program Manager Update:** Christensen updated the Board on the following  
Tree Program: Devin & Craig have completed planting trees and laying mats  
Updated on 1W1P  
SWCD Equipment has been busy  
Waiting for estimates on a cost-share waterway project  
Working on CREP projects  
Worked with County on calibrating the drill

**Resource Specialist:** Ryan updated the Board on the following:  
Working on WCA issues  
Attended a planning & zoning meeting  
Looking at tile requests  
Been working on some design work for waterways & basins

**Des Moines River 1W1P Fiscal Agent:** The board discussed the Murray SWCD being the Fiscal Agent for the Des Moines River 1W1P. There needs to be more detailed information regarding the workload before a decision will be made.

**Bills:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from June 11, 2022-July 22, 2022, in the amount of \$2,380.65.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 11, 2022

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Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date