

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Shelly Lewis

District Technician

Craig Christensen

Members Present:

Gary Brinks-Chairman
Arland Moger-Vice Chairman
Roger Steinman-Treasurer

Member Absent:

Shannon Cohrs-Secretary
Paul Posthuma-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Howard Konkol-District Manager
Shelly Lewis-District Secretary
Craig Christensen-District Technician
Brian Christiansen –District Conservationist

The Meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve the November 10, 2011 meeting 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 Moger to approve Supervisor’s vouchers, Murray SWCD salaries, and SWPTSA salaries for November, 2011.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report:

ENGINEERING: Grazing components, pipeline, fence, watering systems are being completed.

EQIP: The 2012 applications for EQIP are being accepted. The ranking period deadline is the end of January.

1026/spot-checks: The 1026 work load is heavy.

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP):

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP): The payments are being made on the CSP program. NRCS is accepting 2012 applications now.

Meetings/Training: 11/17/11 EQIP Training, 12/6/2011 CSP training, 12/12-13/2011 Wetland training

EEO/Civil rights: Women and Hispanic notification.

Building Reserve Account: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to transfer \$4,000.00 out of the Building Reserve Account and put in the Conserving Use Acres Account.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

State Cost-Share: A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to amend the cost-share reimbursement rate from 50% to 75% for the Flood Recovery Cost-Share, FY09 State Cost-Share, FY10 State Cost-Share, and FY11 State Cost-Share, with the SWCD board having the discretion to limit the amount of reimbursement cost-share on engineering projects. Cost-share on shelterbelt tree plantings will be 75% not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY12

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to set FY12 State Cost-Share reimbursement rate at 50% not to exceed \$3,000.00 per project.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

RIM Riparian Buffers Program: Dennis updated the Board on the 2012 RIM Riparian Buffers Program. He handed out maps showing catchment areas for the Supervisors review. We need to pick out 3 priority catchment areas and submit an electronic application on BWSR's web site for funding. The application deadline is January 13, 2012. Supervisors authorized staff to pick the 3 priority catchment areas and submit the application to BWSR.

Murray-NRCS Wetland Contribution Agreement : The SWCD staff attended training on November 18, 2011 on implementation of the NRCS off-site wetland determination methods. The requirements needed for SWCD staff to perform these off-site wetland determination will be; attend a 6 hour training session on wetland documentation procedures and participate in a quality review of their first 5 determinations. Howard is the only staff qualified to do the determination at this time. A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to have Craig and Shelly attend the 1 week Basic Wetland

Delineation Course this coming summer to get themselves qualified to do these NRCS wetland contribution agreement determinations.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Heron Lake Watershed District: A request for a letter of support for a Clean Water Partnership Grant application for inkind contribution for landowner assistance and office expenses was received from the Heron Lake Watershed District. A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to approve sending a letter of support to the HLWD for \$2,675.00 of inkind contribution over a 3 year period.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Employee Evaluations: A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to have the SWCD Personnel Committee meet on December 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. for completing employee evaluations.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Steinman seconded by Moger to pay 7 Murray SWCD bills in the amount of \$1,727.29 for December and 3 in the amount of \$623.74 from November and 4 SWPTSA bills in the amount of \$598.98 for December and 1 in the amount of \$101.00 from November.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to take \$1,000.00 out of the equipment account to pay for repair to land roller and future repairs to be taken out of the respective account.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2012.

A motion was made by Moger seconded by Steinman to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Approve by Shannon Cohrs, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date