

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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Paul Posthuma
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Treasurer

Karen Hurd
District V

PR & I

Mona Henkels
District IV

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Danielle Kuball

Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman
Jason Miller- Vice Chairman
Anthony Conrad-Secretary
Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

Members Absent:

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Allisa Wendland-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 Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the agenda as presented.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of April 16, 2025: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of April 16, 2025.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Miller second by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for April 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa reported on the following:

Personnel

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230 – EEO-Civil Rights

EQUIP

- FY25 Applications- 115
- 5 Applications Preapproved
- 3 in a holding pattern due to IRA funds
- 2 finishing the preapproval process
- 2 that have flipped into contracts
- Still having preapprovals happening

WRP/WRE/ACEP

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EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

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CSP

- 159 Application Fy25
- 5 applications in preapproved status
- 1 that through to a contract
- Still having preapprovals happening

CRP

- Starting to work status reviews for those expiring in 2027
- o Finding quite a bit of covers not being maintained

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests –10mos or so
- ☐ Lost all of Marshall Staff to deferred resignation program

Upcoming events

Trainings

Brome Conversion- Madison, MN

Leave

May 16, 23 and 30th

Murray SWCD Cost-Share: A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Miller to approve the following contract:

Andy Pick 340-Cover Crops FY25-Soil Health Grant \$57,753.00 #25-01

Technical-NRCS

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the following for funding through the Des Moines River Watershed:

Shannon Wolske 327-Conservation Cover Des Moines River 1W1P \$2,001.75
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Resolutions: The Board discussed resolutions. There are no new resolutions at this time.

SWCD Governance 101: The Board was informed of the upcoming SWCD Governance 101 in St. Cloud on September 10-11, 2025.

June 12, 2025, SWCD Board Meeting: The Board discussed changing the date of the June 12, 2025 SWCD Board Meeting due to the District Administrator being gone on that day. The date of the next board meeting to be determined later.

Murray County Fair booth: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to pay for the fair booth for the SWCD at the Murray County Fair and have Lewis purchase items for giveaway at the fair.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Area V meeting: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve attendance at the Area V meeting on June 26, 2025 in Windom.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following:
Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, & Des Moines River 1W1P:

- End of Month, eLINK posting
- April 17-Des Moines River 1W1P meeting
- HR Training in St. Cloud April 9-10, 2025
- Submitted SWCD annual report to the newspaper.
- Attended County Commissioner meeting on May 6 to ask for SWCD 1st quarter allocation

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

- Attended Missouri 1W1P meeting
- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P
- Working on RIM program
- Working on Drills
- Working on Tree Orders

Resource Specialist:

- TEP academy in St. Cloud
- Cover crop training in Marshall
- Tree day
- Kremer ag bank received comments from BWSR, not looking like a good site for an ag bank
- Ditch clean outs
- Shoreline projects
- Tile requests

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from April 17, 2025-May 8, 2025, in the amount of \$19,664.63.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date