



SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"

Murray SWCD

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Karen Hurd
District V

PR & I

Paul Posthuma
District I

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Danielle Kuball

Members Present:

Jason Miller- Chairman
Anthony Conrad-Vice Chairman
Mona Henkels-Secretary
Paul Posthuma-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 Posthuma to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of April 9, 2026: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of April 9, 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Conrad to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for April 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa Wendland

Personnel

- Joe Kaseforth's last day with NRCS is May 26th.
- Very little new hires anticipated in NRCS

EQIP thus far in FY26

- 2 Contracts
- 8 in preapproval status
- Pasture and Cropland
- Still having preapprovals happening

WRP/WRE/ACEP

EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

CSP

- 2 applications in preapproval status
- Still having preapprovals happening

CRP

- 40 reenrollments and/or new contracts

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests -12mos

Upcoming events

Training

Leave May 18-22

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for April 2026.

New Hire: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve hiring Joseph Kaseforth for the Resource Specialist position and put him at range 8 step 8 of the Murray SWCD pay scale.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minnwest Bank: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to take Danielle Kuball off the Minnwest Bank accounts.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY23 Capacity Grant: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the amendment for contract number #25-05 Audrey Miller-waterway to increase payout cost from \$18,200.03 to \$24,148.85 due to additional funding for more tile, move tile and increase in the tile price.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Henkels to approve the amendment for contract 25-07 Rick Johnson-waterway to increase payout cost from 16,986.75 to \$20,876.75 due to increase in the tile price.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant-RCPP Amendment: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the amendment for #51-2-1 to decrease payout price from \$46,820.55 to \$31,213.70.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant-RCPP: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the following vouchers:

51-1-2	No Till	FY26 soil health practices	\$2,434.25 (paid in full 1 yr contract)
51-1-6	No Till	FY26 soil health practices	\$5,489.40 (yr 1 of 3yr contract)
51-1-8	Strip Till	FY26 soil health practices	\$4,683.00 (yr1 of 3yr contract)
51-1-10	No Till	FY26 soil health practices	\$7,341.25 (year 1 of 3yr contract)

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD contract position (Ag Professional): A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to pay the Ag Professional for services from January 1- March 31, 2026, in the amount of \$2,656.25.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Contract position (Farm Mentor): A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to pay the Farm Mentor for services from January 1- March 31, 2026

Memorandum of Understanding: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to approve the Memorandum of Understanding-Building Local Non-Governmental Conservation Capacity.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Contract for Ag Professional: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve and sign the contract for Wade Kidman being the Ag Professional for the Murray SWCD with the funding coming from the Technical Service Area Staffing Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FYI Murray SWCD Supervisors: The Murray SWCD supervisors were informed of the filing period that opens on May 19 and closes June 2.

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

- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P Technical Mtg-April 8
- Tree day April 24
- County Commissioner Meeting April 28
- End of the month - Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, Des Moines River 1W1P
- Posting time in eLINK for grants for TSA & SWCD
- Paying bills for Des Moines River, TSA, & SWCD
- Entering soil health practices in eLINK

Program Manager Update:

- Des Moines River 1W1P technical meeting-April 8
- Sorted trees-had tree pick up day on April 24
- Des Moines Joint Power meeting
- County Commissioners meeting -April 28
- Working on rental equipment
- Looked at some WCA sites at Lake Shetek
- Working on easments

Resource Specialist Update:

- Tree day April 24- did a tree planting
- WCA violations
- Environmental fair planning
- Application for solar panels
- Soil health contracts & plans

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- Finished up vouchers
- Tightening up loose ends

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from April 9, 2026- May 14, 2026, in the amount of \$40,104.89.

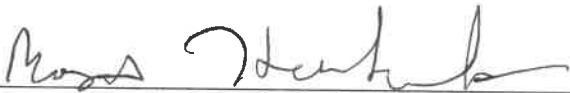
Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2026, 1:30 p.m.



Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

7/9/26

Date