

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
Zach Ruppert- 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 Posthuma to approve the agenda with the addition of adding resolutions.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of March 12, 2026: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of March 12, 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for March 2026.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report:
Zac Ruppert:
Working on EQIP preapprovals=10 total to date
Working on CSP ranking

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

FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant-March: A motion by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant-March in the amount of \$120,000.00.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2026 MACDE Administrative Conference: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve Lewis attending the 2026 MACDE Administrative Conference in Walker, MN on June 17-18 with an extra overnight stay on June 16, 2026.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Murray County Fair Booth: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to approve purchasing the booth for the Murray County Fair on August 12-15, 2026.
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.

Des Moines River 1W1P: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the following and send to Des Moines River 1W1P for funding:
25-CRP-MUR-004 CRP incentive contract \$10,000
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

FY25 Soil Health Grant: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the following contracts:
26-01 Austin Schoolmeester Cover Crops FY25Soil Health Grant \$23,130.00

26-02 Austin Schoolmeester No-Till FY25 Soil Health Grant \$13,492.50
 26-03 Wolf Farms No-Till FY25 Soil Health Grant \$7,353.50

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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Amendments: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to amend the following:

51-1-4 acres from 249.76 to 244.46 equaling \$44,002.80

51-1-5 acres from 249.76 to 244.46 equaling \$17,112.20

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY26 Soil Health Practices-March Grant-RCPP: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad

to approve the following:

51-2-1 No-Till FY26 Soil Health practices grant 445.91 acres 3 years \$46,820.55

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51-2-2 Cover Crop FY26 Soil Health practices grant 445.91 acres 3 years \$80,263.80

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Cottonwood Watershed: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the following contracts and forward to Cottonwood Watershed 1W1P for funding:

25-CWWM-MUR-003 Mike Erbes No-Till-2yrs 320 acres@35/ac \$22,400.00

25-CWWM-MUR-003 Mike Erbes Cover Crops-2yrs 320 acres@60/ac \$38,400.00

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resolutions: The Board discussed resolutions which need to be approved by the May meeting so they can forward to the Area V meeting.

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

- Attended legislative days March 17-18
- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P March 19
- TSA meeting on March 30
- End of the month/end of quarter - Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, Des Moines River 1W1P
- Posting time in eLINK for grants for TSA & SWCD
- Paying bills for Des Moines River, TSA, & SWCD
- Work plan for Soil Health Practices-March grant
- Entering soil health practices in eLINK

Program Manager Update:

- DNR Exc. meeting
- Attended RCPP meeting
- Des Moines executive meeting
- DNR Tech meeting
- Working on rental equipment
- Working on Tree plans
- Working on a RIM application
- Working on a CREP dam repair

Resource Specialist Update:

- Legislative Days
- RCPP eligibility meeting
- Environmental fair planning
- Producer meetings
- Soil health contracts & plans
- Soil health small group (livestock focused)
- Tech note 31 training
- Soil health economic event with farmers

Bills: A motion by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from March 13, 2026- April 9, 2026, in the amount of \$2,380.12.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date