

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District II

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Devin Ryan

Members Present:

Anthony Conrad-Chair
Mona Henkels-Vice Chair
Paul Posthuma- Secretary
Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Jason Miller- P.R. & I

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 1:35 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda with adding the following:

Amendment for cost-share contract #22-02

Payment for cost-share contract #22-02

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of October 12, 2023: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD October 12, 2023, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Miller to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for October 2023.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report: Heard reported on the following:

Dylon Bartles is coming back to Rock County

Aaron Crowley will be the DC at the Nobles office

1026's-are 11-12 months behind

CSP-working on payments

EQIP-January 19, 2024, application deadline

Ag Certification Update: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

FY2024 State of MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Buffer Implementation Grant: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the FY2024 State of MN Board of Water and Soil Resources Buffer Implementation Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Building Rent for 2024: The Board discussed the Murray SWCD Building and Storage rent for 2024. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to keep the rent the same but if landowner is not willing to then give a 2% increase.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

BWSR Academy: Lewis and Christensen gave the Board an update on the BWSR Academy they attended on October 24-26, 2023, at Craguns.

Area V meeting: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Miller to approve attendance at the SWMASWCD Area V meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023, in Marshall, MN.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share Amendment: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the amendment of Paul Erickson's cost-share #22-02 from the original amount of \$18,079.88 to the amount of \$21,492.17 due to the layout and amount of material necessary to construct the project.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity Grant Cost-Share payment: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to approve the following cost-share payment:
Paul Erickson #22-02 WSCOB FY22 Capacity Cost-Share \$21,492.18 TSA Technical
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

- End of the Month
- Met with County Commissioners on October 17 to request 3rd quarter allocation.
- TSA information for Auditor
- 1W1P meeting on October 19
- Working on capacity cost-share to get the grants used that are expiring.
- Posting in eLINK
- BWSR Academy
- Changing QuickBooks setup to track grants.

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

- 1W1P meetings
- BWSR will be highlighting a Murray SWCD project in their January Newsletter
The project is a CREP restoration project (took drone pictures and wrote the article for the newsletter)
- Working on Easements
- BWSR will be sending money out for Soil Health which will come in 2 phases.
- The Drills are busy being rented out.
- Working on Tree Plans

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

- 6 projects were constructed this fall.
- Catching up on WCA
- Attended the Cottonwood 1W1P meeting.
- Wetland violation was restored on September 13
- Taking the County Commissioners out on November 16 to look at Murray SWCD projects.
- Environmental fair wrap up meeting. Next year fair will be held at the Murray County Fair Grounds.
- Working on a Lake Shetek Shoreline project

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Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from October 15, 2023-November 9, 2023, in the amount of \$24,227.14.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023

Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date