

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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## Supervisors

### Chair

**Paul Posthuma**  
District I

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**Jason Miller**  
District II

### Secretary

**Anthony Conrad**  
District III

### 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

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

## Members Absent:

Jason Miller- Vice Chairman

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Danielle Kuball-Resource Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the agenda with the following addition:

Discuss extending the FY23 Capacity Grant

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Minutes of September 12, 2025:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by

Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of September 12, 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

**Salaries:** Motion by Henkels second by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for September 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

**2024 SWCD audit:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the 2024 Murray SWCD audit.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**DC Report:** No Report

**Ag Certification:** The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for September 2025.

**NACD FY26 Conservation Investment:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to give \$775.00 for the FY26 NACD Conservation Investment.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Paid Family Medical Leave:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve Shelter Point Life Insurance Company for the Paid Family Medical Leave at a proposed rate of 0.59%.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Memorandums of Understanding:** The Board reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the following Memorandums of Understanding:

1. Joint Powers Agreement with RCRC
2. Agreement with SWPTSA & Murray SWCD house the SWPTSA & Contract for Services for Financial Coordinator/Administrative Assistant
4. Office Lease Agreement and Storage Space Lease for Blake Heronimus thru December 31, 2024
5. Cooperative Agreement between SWPTSA for use of the District's ATV-indefinite period of time
6. Agreement with U.S. Corp of Engineers for planning and carrying out projects-indefinite period of time
7. Joint Powers Agreement with Murray County Commissioners for Administering the Wetland Conservation Act-indefinite period of time
8. Mutual Agreement between the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the District to achieve common natural resources goals and objectives-indefinite period of time

9. Agreement with DNR Waters for Ground Water Level Monitoring
10. Agreement with Murray County on IP Storage Building thru 12/31/2029
11. West Fork Des Moines River Memorandum of Agreement
12. Rock River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement
13. NRCS USDA Acknowledgment of Section 1619 Compliance (Data Privacy)
14. Cooperative Working Agreement & Operational Agreement with the NRCS
15. Agreement between counties for Des Moines River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan
16. Agreement between counties for Missouri River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan
17. Grant Proceed Disbursal Agreement with Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Tree, Drill, Packer Reports:** The Board reviewed the 2025 Tree, Drill, and Packer Reports.

**FY23 Capacity Grant:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve asking for an extension of the FY23 Capacity Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Meeting change for November:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve changing the meeting to November 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

- End of the month/end of the Quarter- Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, Des Moines River 1W1P
- Posting time in eLINK for grants for TSA administration
- Working with the Auditor on FY2024 Murray SWCD Audit.
- TSA Audit
- Working on Minnesota paid family & medical leave

**Meetings:**

- September 18-Area V Meeting
- September 19-Des Moines River 1w1P executive
- September 22-Waterplan meeting (approved Mary Eisfeld for Capacity Match grant)
- September 24-25-Managers meeting in St. Cloud (over 50% of the managers from Minnesota attended)

**Program Manager Update:**

- Working on RIM & CREP Easements
- Starting RIM inspections and working on the data base getting them updated
- Fixing equipment (clutch on drill, changed oil in tractor)
- One new CREP Easement for one million

**Resource Specialist:**

- Environmental Fair
- Emerald Ash Borer Grants
- Area V meeting
- Working on 13 projects
- Went out with Mike to look at a Waterway project
- WCA tile forms
- JAA for Cover Crops
- Radio Ad

**Bills:** A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from September 13, 2025- October 9, 2025, in the amount of \$965.42.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 21, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

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Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date