

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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Karen Hurd
District V

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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
Karen Hurd-Treasurer
Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

Members Absent:

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Danielle Kuball-Resource Specialist
Allisa Wendland-District Conservationist

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 Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda as presented.
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of July 10, 2025: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of July 10, 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 July 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:

- NRCS is wrapping up FY25 Contracts
- 6-EQIP Contracts (2.5M obligated with 2900 acres)
- 8-CSP Contracts (1.1M obligated with 4000 acres)

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for July 2025. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Ag Certification payment to Mitchell Kruger.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P recommendation on Technical Assistance Update: The 1W1P is recommending that all future cost-share projects engineered by NRCS without associated federal funding be given to the TSA for technical assistance since the NRCS staff is not able to provide the documentation required. Lewis informed the SWCD Board that BWSR is working on a solution for the technical assistance.

Agreement between SWCD & DNR for Well Readings: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the agreement between SWCD and DNR for reading 8 observation wells.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY2026 Soil Health Practices Grant Program Grant Agreement: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hurd to approve the FY2026 Soil Health Practices Grant Program Grant Agreement in the amount of 180,000. When the SWCD spends that amount they can apply for up to 120,000 per month more.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

County Commissioner Meeting: Lewis and Christensen attended the County Commissioner Meeting on August 5, 2025, to give an update and request their 2nd quarter allocation.

FY2026 Murray SWCD Budget: The Board reviewed the FY2026 Murray SWCD Budget. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the FY2026 Murray SWCD Budget as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

MASWCD Convention December 1-3: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve Supervisors and Staff attending the MASWCD Convention on December 1-3, 2025, in Bloomington.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

September Board Meeting: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Miller to change the September board meeting to Friday, September 12, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

SWCD Conservation Contracts: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to cancel 24-01 (Dustin Schuld-Diversion) FY25 Conservation Contracts grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

#24-02 Dustin Schuld	Diversion & Waterway	\$16,493.32	FY25
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Conservation Contracts	NRCS-Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Miller to approve the following contract (\$6,159.45):

#25-04 Darcie Spartz	Waterway	FY25	\$5,383.48	FY23 Capacity \$775.99
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NRCS-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY25 Soil Health Grant:

A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to approve the following contracts:

#25-03 Roger Talsma	Cover Crop	FY25	\$1,575.00	SWCD-Technical
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#25-06 Brian Luchtenberg	Cover Crop	FY25	\$3,735.00	SWCD-Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY23 SWCD Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the following contract:

#25-07 Rick Johnson Waterway FY23 Capacity C-S \$16,986.75 NRCS-Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the following contract and forward to the Des Moines River 1W1P for funding.

25-DMRW-MUR-040 Andy Pick Water & Sediment Control Bains

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray County Fair: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve purchasing 4-\$35.00 gift certificates at Almach's Market for the drawing at the Murray County Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Cover Crop Field: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve attending the Cover Crop Field School on August 19th in Windom, MN.

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, end of the quarter, eLINK posting
- Work plan in eLINK for FY26 Soil Health Grant
- Working with Auditor on FY2024 Murray SWCD Audit
- July 17-Des Moines River 1W1P meeting
- August 5-County Commissioner Meeting
- August 21-Des Moines River 1W1P executive meeting
- August 26-27 HR 2.0 training in St. Cloud

Program Manager Update: Absent

Resource Specialist:

- Russel Hedrick Field Day (Cottonwood)
- Wind Bread training
- Environmental Fair Meeting

- WCA-possible violation on Lake Shetek
- Engineering training in Redwood Falls
- Contracts
- Poster Design for Des Moines River Watershed (Retractable Banner)
- Submitted JAA to Dave Voigt

Bills: A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from July 11, 2025-August 8, 2025, in the amount of \$896.63.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date