

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



Murray SWCD

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Karen Hurd
District V

PR & I
Anthony Conrad
District III

Staff

District Administrator
Shelly Lewis

Program Manager
Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist
Danielle Kuball

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Danielle Kuball-Resource Specialist

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 Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the agenda with the addition of discussing a credit card for the District.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of October 10, 2024: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of October 10, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Conrad to approve Supervisor’s vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for October,2024.

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Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report: No Report

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

COLA & Insurance Contribution for 2025: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hurd to follow the county for a 5% COLA and 10% increase in insurance contribution for 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

BWSR Academy Update: Lewis, Christensen, & Kuball updated the Board on the BWSR academy and sessions that were attended.

2025 Building & Storage Rent: Lewis will contact the landowner to discuss 2025 building & storage rent and bring back to the December SWCD board meeting.

NACD Conservation Investment: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to pay \$775.00 to NACD Conservation Investment for 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P cost share: A motion by Conrad seconded by Miller to approve contract #23-DMRW-MUR-019 (Brent Miller-Cover Crops) voucher and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Brad Halbur Basins voucher and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Miller to approve Kidman Dairy #23DMRW-MUR-021 Cover Crops Voucher and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve Robbie Kidman #23-DMRW-MUR-020 Cover Crops Voucher and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Rain Gauge Monitors: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Miller to purchase 9- \$30.00 gift certificates to Almich's Market in Slayton for the Rain Gauge Monitors. No grant funds will be used for the purchase.

Affirmative-Henkels, Hurd, Miller, Conrad

Abstain-Posthuma

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD newsletter: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to do a Murray SWCD newsletter.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD credit card: The board discussed the benefits of having a credit card for the District vs a debit card. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Karen to switch to credit cards for the employees and have the credit card statement brought to the SWCD board meeting every month for review.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minnwest Bank Account: The Board signed new signature sheets at Minnwest bank with Devin Ryan being removed from the account and Danielle Kuball added to the Murray SWCD checking account.

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

- October End of Month for SWCD and SWPTSA, & Des Moines River 1W1P
- Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on October 17, 2024
- Working on cost-share grants, vouchers, applications
- Des Moines River 1W1P Audit
- SWPTSA Audit
- County Commissioner meeting on October 22, 2024
- BWSR Academy October 28-31, 2024

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

- Working on cost-share folders and vouchers

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- Working on 4 easements for the RIM/CREP program
- Putting projects in MS4
- Attended the Cottonwood 1W1P & Des Moines River 1W1P

Resource Specialist:

- Attended a TEP meeting
- Been going out with NRCS for waterway projects
- Working with cost-share vouchers
- Doing cover crop applications
- Reviewing WCA drainage requests

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD bills from October 11, 2024-November 14, 2024, in the amount of \$5,002.79.


Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: December 12, 2024



12/12/24

Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date