SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Murray SWCD

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Supervisors

Chair

Anthony Conrad
District III

Vice Chair

Mona Henkels District IV

Secretary
Paul Posthuma

District I

<u>Treasurer</u> **Karen Hurd** District V

PR & I Jason Miller

District II

Staff

<u>District Administrator</u> **Shelly Lewis**

<u>Program Manager</u> Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist
Devin Ryan

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Anthony Conrad-Chair

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 1:33 p.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.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>Minutes of December 6, 2022:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD December 6, 2022, minutes.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

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

<u>Salaries:</u> Motion by Hurd second by Henkels to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for December 2022.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:

CSP- CSP renewals funded

EQIP-new CIC management type practices-30 applications for Murray County

Open Positions for NRCS: Administrative Assistant in Marshall, Nobles Pheasant Forever position in Worthington

<u>2023 Officers:</u> A motion made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the following officers for 2023:

Chairman-Anthony Conrad

Vice Chairman- Mona Henkels

Secretary-Paul Posthuma

Treasurer- Karen Hurd

P.R.&I.- Jason Miller

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Oath of Office: The oath of office was given and signed by Paul Posthuma.

<u>Capacity Cost-Share:</u> A motion made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the following cost-

share payment:

Paul Erickson #20-05 WSCOB FY20 Capacity C-S \$7,016.79 NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

IRS Mileage Rate: A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the IRS mileage rate for 2023 at 65.5 cents/mile.

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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

2023 COLA: A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve a 2.5% COLA for SWCD employees.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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<u>Employee Evaluations:</u> The personnel committee met before the Board meeting to review employee evaluations. Lewis and Christensen had good reviews. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to give a step increase to Lewis and Christensen for 2023.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>2023 MASWCD & SWMASWCD Dues:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve payment of 2023 MASWCD & SWMASWCD dues.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for December 2022.

<u>2023 Capitalization threshold & depreciation:</u> A motion by Henkels seconded by Miller to set the Murray SWCD 2023 capitalization threshold at \$5,000.00 and use straight line depreciation.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to designate Minnwest bank at the districts 2023 Depository.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Financial Report for FY19 Capacity:</u> A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the financial report for FY19 Capacity Grant.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Long Lake Conservation Camp: A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the scholarship to attend the Long Lake Conservation Camp and pay \$150.00 for mileage.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Committee Assignments for 2023:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the

following 2023 Committee Assignments:

Local Comprehensive Water Plan- Paul, Jason (alternate)

Heron Lake Watershed-Mona, Shelly (alternate)

SW Prairie Joint Powers Organization-Paul, (alternate-Jason)

Personnel Committee-Karen and Mona (alternates: Jason, Paul)

RCRCA-Paul, (alternate-Mona)

Budget Committee-Paul, Karen (Alternate)

Missouri River1W1P- Karen, Paul (Alternate)

Des Moines River 1W1P- Karen, Mona (Alternate)

Cottonwood 1W1P- Anthony, Jason (Alternate)

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>District Administrator Update:</u> Lewis updated the Board on the following

Attended 4 Disciplines of Execution on December 11

MASWCD Convention December 12-14

December 13-attended Interviewing & Hiring and Employee retention.

December 14-attended the MASWCD business meeting & outstanding conservationist luncheon

December 20- attended Cottonwood SWCD's board meeting to go over TSA audit

Working on TSA grants, tracking, and eLink

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

RIM grassland application

New RIM 1W1P

Working on tree plans

Went to soil health training

Prairie plan meeting with DNR

Des Moines River 1W1P meetings

Resource Specialist: Ryan updated the Board on the following:

Looking at tile requests

Been working on designing projects

Finished WCA end of year report

<u>Bills:</u> A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from December 7,

2022-January 12, 2023, in the amount of \$22,479.04.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2023

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Approved by Paul Posthuma, Secretary of District Supervisors	Date	