

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



**Murray SWCD**

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## Supervisors

### Chair

**Paul Posthuma**

District I

### Vice Chair

**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:

Jason Miller- Vice Chairman

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

## Members Absent:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

## Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Danielle Kuball-Resource Specialist

Allisa Wendland-District Conservationist

Zac Ruppert-Soil 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 Conrad to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Minutes of August 8, 2025:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to  
approve the Murray SWCD minutes of August 8, 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

**DC Report:**

- NRCS is wrapping up the fiscal year.
- 1-CRP modification is being worked on
- CSP payments start middle of October.
- Construction season will be starting soon.

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

**Chair purchase:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve a desk chair for the District Administrator in the amount of \$400.00-500.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**SWMASWCD Area V meeting:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve attendance at the SWMASWCD Area V meeting on September 18, 2025, at the St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Marshall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Paid Family Medical Leave:** The Board discussed the paid family & medical leave that goes into effect in January 2026. Lewis will check into some insurance options and bring to the next board meeting.

**BWSR Academy:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve Employees attending the BWSR Academy on October 21-23, 2025, in Brainerd.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FY 23 Murray SWCD Capacity Cost-Share:** A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Henkels to approve the following contracts:

Audrey Miller	FY23 Capacity Cost-Share	#25-05	\$18,202.03	Waterway
	NRCS-Technical			

Paul Munson	FY23 Capacity Cost-Share	#25-08	\$6,285.47	Waterway
	NRCS-Technical			

Affirmative Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the following contract and use Murray SWCD funds received from rental equipment to pay rest of contract.

Mary Eisfeld	FY23 Capacity Cost-Share	#25-10	\$28,321.88	Waterway
	NRCS-Technical			

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FY25 Murray SWCD Soil Health Grant:** A motion was made Conrad seconded by Henkels to approve the following contract.

Wolf Farms	#25-09 Cover Crops	\$9,450.00	FY25 Soil Health Grant	SWCD Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the following contract.

#51-1-1	Cover Crops	\$59,128.65	FY26 soil health practices	SWCD Technical
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Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

**Des Moines River CRP Incentives:** A motion was made by Miller seconded by Conrad to approve the following contracts and forward to the Des Moines River 1W1P for funding:

25-CRP-MUR-001	CRP Incentive	\$10,000.00
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25-CRP-MUR-002	CRP Incentive	\$7,327.50
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25-CRP-MUR-03	CRP Incentive	\$10,000.00
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# Murray SWCD Minutes September 12 | 2025

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**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 has been approved
- Working with Auditor on FY2024 Murray SWCD Audit
- Getting read for the TSA Audit

**Program Manager Update:** Absent

**Resource Specialist:**

- Plant ID Training-Montevideo
- Shelter belt training-Marshall
- Environmental Fair Meeting
- DNR well training
- SWCD Governance in St. Cloud
- 7-Contracts
- Deed changes for CREP & RIM
- RCPP
- Posters for DMRW
- Working on a grant for community tree planting

**Bills:** A motion by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from August 9, 2025- September 12, 2025, in the amount of \$4,344.57.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 9, 2025, 1:30 p.m.

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Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date