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Murray SWCD

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Supervisors

<u>Chair</u> Paul Posthuma District I

<u>Vice Chair</u> Jason Miller District II

<u>Secretary</u> Anthony Conrad District III

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

<u>PR & I</u> Mona Henkels District IV

Staff

<u>District Administrator</u> Shelly Lewis

<u>Program Manager</u> Craig Christensen

<u>Resource Specialist</u> Danielle Kuball

Members Present:

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

Others Present: Shelly Lewis-District Administrator Craig Christensen-Program Manager Danielle Kuball-Resource Specialist Allisa Wendland-District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

<u>Additions to Agenda:</u> The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>Minutes of December 12, 2024</u>: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of December 12, 2024. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Hurd second by Conrad to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for December, 2024. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None. Motion carried. **DC Report:** Allisa reported on the following: Personnel - steady 230 - EEO-Civil Rights EQIP • SU-1 application deadline of 9/6/24 • 105 applications • 32 met high in the workload prioritization tool • Deadline 1/10/25 CSP • 10 renewal contracts accepted • 1.0 Mil • 6.837ac • FY25 Classic evaluations will be starting soon CRP \circ On hold RCPP • Not funded for FY25 thru MDA/ Danielle Evers WETLAND N/HEL Compliance \Box steady

Oath of Office: The oath of office was read and signed by Miller, Henkels, & Hurd.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Posthuma to have the officers move up one position as follows except Hurd who will stay at Treasurer: Paul Posthuma-Chairman Jason Miller-Vice Chairman Anthony Conrad-Secretary Karen Hurd-Treasurer Mona Henkels-P.R.&I. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

2025 IRS Mileage Rate: A motions was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve following the IRS mileage rate of .70cents per mile. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried. 2025 Capitalization & Straight-line depreciation: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Conrad to set the 2025 Murray SWCD capitalization at \$5,000.00 and use straight line depreciation. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>2025 Murray SWCD depository:</u> A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Conrad to have Minnwest Bank in Slayton be the 2025 Murray SWCD depository.

Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>2025 SWCD Committees:</u> A motion was made by Miller seconded by Henkels to have the following committees for 2025:

- 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- Mona, Jason (Alternate)

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>Ag Certification</u>: The Board reviewed the ag certification for December 2024. A motion was made by Conrad seconded by Hurd to approve the contract & payment authorization for James Buschena. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None

Motion carried.

<u>Murray SWCD Website:</u> The Murray SWCD has a new website. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve paying \$130.00 per year for the Murray SWCD website. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

2025 SWMASWCD Dues: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Miller to pay the 2025

SWMASWCD dues of \$400.00. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried. 2025 MASWCDE Dues: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to pay the 2025 MASWCD dues in the amount of \$6,876.92. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

<u>2025 TSA Local Share:</u> A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to pay the 2025 TSA local share amount of \$3,545.50.

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 quarter
 - End of Year- W-2s, 1099s
 - Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on December 19
 - eLink reporting

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

- Arc Pro training in Mankato
- Working on 4 easements for the RIM/CREP program
- Attended a WCA TEP meeting
- Putting projects in MS4
- Attended the Des Moines River 1W1P
- Working on Time Tracking spreadsheet for 2025

Resource Specialist:

- Attended WCA TEP meeting
- Working with cost-share vouchers & contracts
- Attended Arc Map Pro training in Mankato
- Have transitioned to Arc Map Pro
- Reviewing WCA drainage requests
- Working on entering contracts into MS4 for the Des Moines River 1W1P
- WCA reporting

Bills: A motion by Henkels seconded by Conrad to approve the Murray SWCD bills from December 13, 2024-January 9, 2025, in the amount of \$25,818.97. Affirmative-Unanimous Opposed-None Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 13, 2025

Approved by Anthony Conrad, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date