

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Murray SWCD

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Karen Hurd
District V

PR & I

Paul Posthuma
District I

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Joe Kaseforth

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Mona Henkels-Secretary

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Joe Kaseforth-Resource Specialist
Allisa Wendland- District Conservationist
Zach Ruppert-Soil Con Tech
Dennis Welgraven-County Commissioner
Sharon Giese-County Coordinator
Nathan Wurpts- Murray County Facilities Manager

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 Conrad to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Rick Elbert-Cover Crops funding from Des Moines 1W1P

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Minutes of July 9, 2026: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of July 9, 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Hurd second by Posthuma to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for July- 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report:

Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC)- NRCS

Restructuring was announced June 17, 2026, this will affect higher organizational level employment of the agency and not the field office.

FY27 EQIP and CSP sign up 1 application cut off period is September 11, 2026

2026 deferral letters have been sent out asking applicants of FY26 EQIP and CSP if they want to try for FY27 funding or cancel their application.

Building

- Repainting of the entire main level of the building has begun.

EQIP thus far in FY26

- 4 Contracts

- 3 in preapproval status

- Pasture and Cropland and Farmstead

- All 7 will assist in resource concerns on 371.2ac and will bring in 1.2M into

Murray County.

WRP/WRE/ACEP

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EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

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CSP

- 4 contracts-1.2M to Murray County and provide resource concerns management on 4,208 ac.

CRP

- 40 reenrollments and/or new contracts

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests -14mos, approximately 42 outstanding requests for

Murray

Upcoming events

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Training:

Management & Facilitation Training at Camp Ripley Sept 10, 2026

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for July 2026.

Murray SWCD September Meeting: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to change the Murray SWCD meeting date from September 10, 2026 to September 18, 2026 due to a training with NRCS on September 10, 2026 at Camp Ripley.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Storage Shed: County Commissioner-Dennis Welgraven, County Coordinator-Sharon Giese, and Murray County Facilities Manager-Nathan Wurpts joined the SWCD meeting to update the Board on the Storage Shed that Murray SWCD has their equipment in. The Sheriff's department needs a place to go since their building was sold and the best option was the storage shed that Murray SWCD uses. The reasoning is the impound lot is located by that building along with the cameras. The Murray SWCD will be moving their equipment to the Recycling Center Building. The Cooperative Agreement between the Murray County Conservation District and Murray County is being looked at by the Attorney as it was not clear on information regarding the building. All the Murray SWCD equipment has been moved to the recycling building as of August 12, 2026. There will be a new cooperative agreement drafted by the county and brought to the next SWCD board meeting on September 18, 2026.

The Murray SWCD discussed the building and future needs of the district. Craig will do some checking on other buildings and land that might be available. It will be discussed at the next Murray SWCD meeting.

RCRCA: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Conrad to return the money that was incorrectly appropriated to RCRCA for a project that was completed in the amount of \$14,171.01. The funds will not be taken out of any grants.

Affirmative-Miller, Hurd, Conrad

Abstain-Posthuma

IRS Mileage Rate change: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the IRS mileage rate for business purposes at .76/mile.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Data Practices Training: A motion by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve Lewis attending Data Practices Training on August 19, 2026, in St Cloud with an overnight stay on August 18, 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Fair Drawing: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve purchasing 4-\$35.00 gift cards at Almich's Market for the drawing at the Murray County Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

September Murray SWCD meeting: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to change the SWCD Board meeting to Friday, September 18, 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Lead Better Meetings. Build Stronger Relationships. Get Better Results: A motion by Miller seconded by Hurd to approve Lewis attending the Lead Better Meetings. Build Stronger Relationships. Get Better Results training with NRCS on September 10, 2026, at Camp Ripley in Little Falls with an overnight stay on September 9, 2026. If Lewis is unable to attend Kaseforth will attend the training.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Redwood 1W1P: A motion by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve contract #26-RRW-MUR-002 for Cover Crops in the amount of \$19,200.00 and forward to Redwood 1W1P for funding.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P: A motion by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve contract #23-DMRW-MUR-048 for Cover Crops in the amount of \$25,205.76 and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for funding.

Affirmative-Miller, Hurd, Conrad

Opposed-Posthuma

Motion carried.

A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve contract 25-DMRW-MUR-002 for 3 basins in the amount of \$25,558.73 and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for funding.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve contract 25-DMRW-MUR-052 for cover crops in the amount of \$1,474.40 and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for funding.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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Cottonwood 1W1P: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve 25-CWMM-MUR-006 for No-Till in the amount of \$3,980.40 and cover crops for \$13,922.40 and forward to Cottonwood 1W1P for funding.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Soil Health Delivery Grant: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the following:

Mike Edwards No-Till \$10,316.60 (1yr) FY25 Soil Health Delivery SWCD technical

Devin VantHof No-Till \$13,658.75 FY26 Soil Health Delivery SWCD Technical

Flying T LLC cover crops \$4,511.40 (1yr) FY25 Soil Health Delivery SWCD Technical

Howard Masselink cover crops \$1,680.00 (1yr) FY25 Soil Health Delivery SWCD Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY23 Capacity Grant: A motion by Miller seconded by Hurd to approve the cost amendment of #25-07 Rick Johnson from \$20,875.75 to \$22,391.46 due to increase cost of dirt work, cost per foot and mobilization cost.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the following payment:

Rick Johnson \$22,391.46 (FY23 Capacity Grant-\$14,216.38, Murray SWCD Local funds \$8,175.08)

Waterway NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

FY25 Murray SWCD Soil Health Delivery Grant: A motion by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve payment to the following:

Austin Schoolmeester #26-02 No-Till (3yrs) \$13,492.50 SWCD Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Coast Share cancellation: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve the cancelation of the following:

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Paul Munson #25-08 Waterway \$6,285.47 FY23 Capacity Grant
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P executive meeting July 16
- End of the month - Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, Des Moines River 1W1P
- Posting time in eLINK for grants for TSA & SWCD
- Paying bills for Des Moines River, TSA, & SWCD
- Murray SWCD 2025 audit

Program Manager Update:

- Des Moines River 1W1P technical meeting-July 16
- Moving equipment out of building
- Working on Buffers
- Working on RIM agreements

Resource Specialist Update:

- Worked at Farm Fest
- Des Moines 1W1P Meeting July 16
- Environmental fair planning
- Farm Mentor meeting with Doug Bos & Wade Kidman
- Soil health contracts & plans
- Cost-share vouchers
- Peter Noting will be Murray SWCD outstanding conservationist
- WCA site visit violation

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from July 10, 2026-August 13, 2026, in the amount of \$43,456.88.

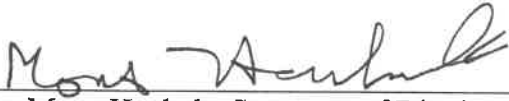
Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None

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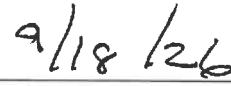
Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 18, 2026, 1:30 p.m.



Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors



Date