

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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District V

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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

Members Absent:

Anthony Conrad-P.R.&I.

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator
Craig Christensen-Program Manager
Allisa Wendland- District Conservationist

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 Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Minutes of September 12, 2024: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of September 12, 2024. Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

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Salaries: Motion by Posthuma second by Miller to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for September, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa

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Personnel

- New Soil Conservationist Slayton/Worthington Field Office- Zach Ruppert

230 – EEO-Civil Rights

EQIP thus far in FY24

- Applications that were in the system for the 1st cutoff period- 96

WRP/WRE/ACEP

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EWP - Emergency Watershed Protection Program

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CSP

- Evaluating the 2020 year contracts for a renewal opportunity- 16 renewal applications
- 2025 year applications are currently at 169 and the 1st cutoff date is Nov 15, 2024

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

Sweep Account for Murray SWCD: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve changing the Murray SWCD account to a Sweep account so it can earn interest and be covered by the FDIC insurance without pledges on the account.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Capacity & State Cost-Share review: The Board reviewed the letter from Doug Goodrich (BWSR) regarding the Capacity & State Cost-Share. The review was on 2022 Capacity Grant, 2022 State Cost-Share grant, & 2023 State Cost-Share grant. The contracts were approved within the boundaries of the grant. There were some projects that lacked some information. The staff met with Doug after reviewing to go over some of the contracts that were lacking some information.

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Resolution to adopt Cottonwood Plan: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Hurd to approve the Resolution to Submit, Adopt and Implement Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Memorandums of Understanding: The Board reviewed the Memorandums of Understanding. A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the following Memorandums of Understanding:

1. Joint Powers Agreement with RCRCA thru 6/30/2023
2. Agreement with SWPTSA & Murray SWCD house the SWPTSA & Contract for Services for Financial Coordinator/Administrative Assistant
4. Office Lease Agreement and Storage Space Lease for Blake Heronimus thru December 31, 2024
5. Cooperative Agreement between SWPTSA for use of the District's ATV-indefinite period of time
6. Agreement with U.S. Corp of Engineers for planning and carrying out projects-indefinite period of time
7. Joint Powers Agreement with Murray County Commissioners for Administering the Wetland Conservation Act-indefinite period of time
8. Mutual Agreement between the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and the District to achieve common natural resources goals and objectives-indefinite period of time
9. Agreement with DNR Waters for Ground Water Level Monitoring
10. Agreement with Murray County on IP Storage Building thru 12/31/2029
11. West Fork Des Moines River Memorandum of Agreement
12. Rock River Watershed Memorandum of Agreement
13. NRCS USDA Acknowledgment of Section 1619 Compliance (Data Privacy)
14. Cooperative Working Agreement & Operational Agreement with the NRCS
15. Agreement between counties for Des Moines River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan
16. Agreement between counties for Missouri River Watershed, One Watershed, One Plan

RCRCA Annual Legislative Gathering: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Miller to approve attendance at the RCRCA Annual Legislative Gathering on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at the Springfield Area Comm. Center.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Tree, Drill, & Packer Reports: The Board reviewed the Tree, Drill, & Packer Reports for 2024. The SWCD packer was used on 360 acres and the drills were used on 751 acres.

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

- September End of Month for SWCD and SWPTSA, End of the quarter for SWCD & TSA
- Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on September 20, 2024
- SWPTSA meeting on September 9, 2024 (TSA has 172 projects on the books of those 79 are under or ready for construction.

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- Working on cost-share grants, vouchers, applications
- BWSR- Cost-Share verification
- Area V meeting-September 9 (congrats to Mona-Area V Vice Chairman)
- Danielle passed the WCA test

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

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

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD bills from September 13, 2024-October 10, 2024, in the amount of \$11,631.18.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Next Meeting: November 14, 2024

Jason Miller

11/14/24

Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date