

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

"Helping People Help the Land"



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District IV

Staff

District Administrator

Shelly Lewis

Program Manager

Craig Christensen

Resource Specialist

Danielle Kuball

Members Present:

Paul Posthuma-Chairman

Karen Hurd-Treasurer

Mona Henkels-P.R.&I.

Members Absent:

Jason Miller- Vice Chairman

Anthony Conrad-Secretary

Others Present:

Shelly Lewis-District Administrator

Craig Christensen-Program Manager

Allisa Wendland-District Conservationist

Zach Ruppert-Soil Conservationist

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: The chairman asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the agenda as presented.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of March 13, 2025: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of March 13, 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

Salaries: Motion by Henkels second by Hurd to approve Supervisor's vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for March 2025.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None.

Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa reported on the following:

Zach Ruppert is back in the office after being let go by the government.

There are more EQIP approvals.

NRCS is working on CSP preapprovals.

CRP status reviews are coming up.

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certifications report. A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the second payment to Jim Buschena.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Environmental Fair: The Board discussed busing for Murray County Central School to the Environmental Fair in Marshall. A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve paying for the busing for Murray County Central School to attend to the Environmental Fair in Marshall.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Resolutions: The Board discussed resolutions. The Board will think about it and bring any new ones back to the May board meeting for approval.

Des Moines River 1W1P Cost-Share: A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the following for funding through the Des Moines River Watershed:

Russel Gundermann: Diversion and Water and Sediment Control Basins in Des Moines River TWP Section 14 designed by TSA for \$91,905.30 with 85% cost share of \$78,119.51.

Michael Reese: Water and Sediment Control Basin in Cameron TWP Section 30 designed by NRCS for \$6,710.00 with 85% cost share of \$5,703.50.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Murray SWCD Cost-Share: The Board discussed a possible application for cover crops. The signed application will be brought to the June SWCD board meeting for approval.

District Administrator Update: Lewis updated the Board on the following:
Murray SWCD, SWPTSA, & Des Moines River 1W1P:

- End of Month, end of quarter, eLINK posting
- March 20-Des Moines 1W1P executive meeting (helped new admin in Windom with quick books
- March 25-went to Windom to help new admin with quick books
- March 27-28 (Spring manager meeting)
- March 31 -TSA meeting

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

- Attended Missouri 1W1P meeting
- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P
- Working on RIM program
- Working on Drills
- Working on Tree Orders

Resource Specialist:

- 5 Cover Crop online Webinars
- Cottonwood Watershed Meetings
- RIM in SW MN training in Marshall
- Des Moines River Meetings
- Nutrient Management Training in Marshall
- Made a new Drainage Form (Per recommendation from Devin)
- Shoreline restoration meeting with Brooke Judd from Jackson County (has experience with the ecological side of shoreline plantings)
 - Two sites – One on Hadley Lake one on Lake Sarah (not sure if we can cost-share yet)
- Planning meeting for Russel Hendricks
 - Presenter for soil health practices and high yields
 - Coming to La qui Parle, Cottonwood, and Pipestone Counties on July 16th, 17th, and 18th
- TEP Academy in St. Cloud

Bills: A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the Murray SWCD bills from March 14, 2025-April 16, 2025, in the amount of \$7,824.95.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 8, 2025