

# SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

“Helping People Help the Land”



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## Supervisors

Chair

**Jason Miller**  
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**Anthony Conrad**  
District III

Secretary

**Mona Henkels**  
District IV

Treasurer

**Karen Hurd**  
District V

PR & I

**Paul Posthuma**  
District I

## Staff

District Administrator

**Shelly Lewis**

Program Manager

**Craig Christensen**

Resource Specialist

**Danielle Kuball**

## Members Present:

Jason Miller- Chairman  
Anthony Conrad-Vice Chairman  
Mona Henkels-Secretary  
Karen Hurd-Treasurer  
Paul Posthuma-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 Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the agenda with the addition of reviewing Murray SWCD IP Storage Shed  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Minutes of February 12, 2026:** A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of February 12, 2026.  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

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

**Salaries:** Motion by Hurd second by Henkels to approve Supervisor’s vouchers and Murray SWCD salaries for February 2026.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None.  
Motion carried.

**DC Report:**

Allisa Wendland

District Conservationist Report

March 12, 2026

230 – EEO-Civil Rights- March is Women’s History Month

EQIP thus far in FY24

- Ranking and scoring applications (22) until March 20th and then switching to contracting CSP

- Managing applications (75) until April 24th and then switching to contracting CRP

  - o Continuous CRP- March 20, 2026, is the first batching period

  - o General CRP- March 9- April 17, 2026

  - o Grasslands- TBD

RPP- Regenerative Pilot Program

A category in current programs EQIP and CSP

Minimum Requirements

- whole-farm assessment
- Use at least one primary regenerative management practice
- soil health testing in the first and last year of the contract

WETLAND N/HEL Compliance

- Backlog of tiling requests –1 year

**Ag Certification:** The Board reviewed the Ag Certification report for February 2026.

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

51-1-8	Strip Till	133.80 ac (3years)	\$35.00/ac	\$14,049.00	SWCD Technical
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FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the following:

51-1-10	No Till	209.75 ac (3years)	\$35.00/ac	\$22,023.75	SWCD Technical
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FY26 Soil Health Practices Grant-RCPP

A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the following with \$7,458.35 coming out of the remaining balance in the FY26 Soil Health Practice Grant-RCPP and \$30,296.65 out of SWCD Local Share. After applying and receiving the \$120,000.00 for more FY26 Soil Health Practice the amount will be taken out of 120,000.00 instead of SWCD local share.

51-1-9 Cover Crops 209.75 ac (3years) \$60.00/ac \$37,755.00 SWCD Technical  
FY26 Soil Health Practice Grant-RCPP \$7,458.35, SWCD Local Fund \$30,296.65  
Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**FY26 Soil Health Delivery Grant:** A motion by Hurd seconded by Henkels to approve the FY26 Soil Health Delivery Grant in the amount of \$60,000.00.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**2026 Environmental Fair Donation:** A motion was made by Hurd seconded by Conrad to approve donating \$2,000.00 to the 2026 Environmental Fair.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**Annual Report in Newspaper:** A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Henkels to put a ½ page Murray SWCD annual report for 2025 in the newspaper.

Affirmative-Unanimous  
Opposed-None  
Motion carried.

**FYI Murray SWCD Supervisors:** The Murray SWCD supervisors were informed of the filing period that opens on May 19 and closes June 2.

**IP Storage Shed:** The Board reviewed the cooperative agreement between the Murray SWCD and Murray County for the IP Storage shed.

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

- 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
- Work plans for FY26 Buffer Grant (\$25,000.00) and FY26 Soil Health Grant (\$60,000.00)
- Upgraded to QuickBooks enterprise from pro-2023

**Program Manager Update:**

- County Commissioner meeting
- March 10-TSA Managers meeting
- Attended the legislative webinar
- Des Moines executive meeting
- RCPP Training

- Buffer Meeting
- Working on Tree plans
- Working on CREP

**Resource Specialist Update:**

- RCPP-possibly only 2 months of funds left
- Soil Health small group event on March 31, 2026 (invitations sent out)
- New radio advertisement
- RCPP Training
- Working on WCA drainage forms
- Attended Lamberton HWY 14 tour
- Area V meeting-in charge of the next one
- Buffer training

**Bills:** A motion by Henkels seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from February 12, 2026- March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$6,628.13.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** April 9, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

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Approved by Mona Henkels, Secretary of District Supervisors

Date