

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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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

Anthony Conrad-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.

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

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

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

Minutes of November 14, 2024: A motion was made by Henkels seconded by Posthuma to approve the Murray SWCD minutes of November 14, 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous

Opposed-None

Motion carried.

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

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

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Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None.
Motion carried.

DC Report: Allisa reported on the following:

NRCS is finalizing 11 CSP renewal applications. The renewal applications consist of 75% cover crops, reduced tillage, no till, strip till, nutrient/pest management.

NRCS will start working in EQIP ranking and scoring of the 200 applications.

Ag Certification: The Board reviewed the Ag Certification update.

MASWCD Convention: Henkels, Lewis, & Kuball updated the board on the 2024 Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD) convention which was held in Bloomington on December 2-4, 2024.

Employee Evaluations: The personnel committee met with the employees to go over evaluations for 2024. All employees had good evaluations. A motion was made Henkels seconded by Hurd to move Christensen to range 10 step 13 and Lewis to range 10 step 13 in the Murray SWCD pay scale.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

2025 Building Rent & Storage: A motion was made by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to keep the rent the same as 2024.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Capacity Cost-Share: A motion was made by Miller seconded by Conrad to approve payment to the following cost-share contract:

Janice Kepka #22-01 Waterway FY23 Capacity C-S \$3,373.12 NRCS Technical

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

Des Moines River 1W1P cost share: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Conrad to approve contract #23-DMRW-MUR-028 (Water & Sediment Control Basins) and 23-DMRW-MUR-027 (Waterway) vouchers and forward to Des Moines River 1W1P for payment.

Affirmative-Unanimous
Opposed-None
Motion carried.

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

- November End of Month for SWCD and SWPTSA, & Des Moines River 1W1P
- Working on cost-share grants, vouchers, applications
- SWPTSA Audit
- Attended training in Windom on cost-share contracts & vouchers
- Attended Des Moines River 1W1P meeting on November 24
- Attended the MASWCD Convention

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

- Working on cost-share folders and vouchers
- Working on 4 easements for the RIM/CREP program
- Attended a WCA Webinar on line
- Attended FSA Fac Meeting
- Putting projects in MS4
- Attended the Des Moines River 1W1P
- Attending Arc Pro training in Mankato on December 16

Resource Specialist:

- Working on WCA (possible violation_
- Working with cost-share vouchers & contracts
- Reviewing Arc Pro videos for Arc Pro training in Mankato on December 16
- Attended a meeting facilitation training in Mankato
- Attended the MASWCD Convention
- Reviewing WCA drainage requests

Bills: A motion by Posthuma seconded by Hurd to approve the Murray SWCD bills from November 15, 2024-December 12, 2024, in the amount of \$3,422.25.

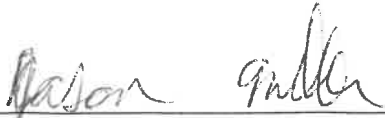
Affirmative-Unanimous


Opposed-None

Motion carried.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 9, 2025


Approved by Jason Miller, Secretary of District Supervisors


Date