

**MINUTES OF GARRETT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MEETING**

May 16, 2017  
District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Chairman George Bishoff. Other supervisors in attendance were Smokey Stanton, and Kris Enlow. Also in attendance were Shaun Sanders and Carrie Colebank.

The minutes of the April 18, 2017 minutes were approved as distributed.

The following report of state funds for the month of April was presented and approved:

Balance – April 1, 2017 .....	\$ 4,031.07
Receipts – April 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017.....	<u>4,225.00</u>
	\$ 8,256.07
Expenditures – April 1, 2017 – April 30, 2017.....	<u>3,666.73</u>
Balance – April 30, 2017.....	<b>\$ 4,589.34</b>

The detailed report of expenditures for all accounts for the period of April 18, 2017 to May 16, 2017 and the Income Versus Expenditures report for the period of January 1, 2017 to May 16, 2017 distributed.

Shaun presented the District Activities report for the period of 4/19/17 to 5/16/17 and read a written report that Chad had prepared. Chad's report included updates on Farm Bill contract obligations and project statuses, the NRCS Operation and Business Planning meeting held at the WISP and information concerning proposed organizational changes to USDA. (Copies attached.)

The MASCD meeting was discussed. Shaun requested if any of the board members had a topic or issue they wanted to put on the agenda for MASCD. None was offered.

Shaun and Carrie presented the FY2018 MDA Budget Request. It was noted that this is the first time the request covers a full fiscal year and also that the format has changed. Some expense items have been moved to different budget categories making a direct comparison between previous years difficult. It was also pointed out that MDAs "maximum allowance for operating funds designated in 2016 and 2017" (\$6,000) does not cover mileage and per diem for 5 supervisors for 15 meetings, plus one MASCD meeting, or any office supplies or phone expenses for MDA employees working in the Garrett District. It was also noted that so far, the county has not billed the District for increased office space or another phone line for the additional MDA employee assigned to the Garrett SCD in May 2016.

Shaun reported that the annual PL-566 flood control dam inspections were conducted on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 and all were generally in good condition, with the exception of some groundhog holes. However, there is a problem in the stream channel below the outlet of No. 2 dam. MDE had instructed the landowner to remove a failed culvert. The landowner had excavated a 25+ ft

deep cut to remove a collapsed culvert from the stream channel. Because of this, a couple of large rocks/boulders have tumbled or slid into the stream channel causing water to back up on the discharge pipe and also has submerged the toe drain outlets. Concern was expressed about how well the approved design plans and specification for the new culvert installation was followed. It was pointed out that strict adherence to all elevations and conditions in the plan are critical and need to be followed for the new installation not to interfere with the function of the dam. It was also noted that the District would have to seek legal assistance to enforce the easement on the property if MDE does not strictly enforce all parts of the approved erosion and sediment control plan including the statement that "FIRM SUBGRADE – TO BE INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY ENGINEER". Shaun was directed to convey the districts concern to MDE enforcement division.

Shaun asked the board on how they wanted to advertise for the PL-566 Flood Control Dam mowing to be completed by July 28. Advertising since 2015 have been on the District's website, Facebook page, and front door. It was suggested to place an advertisement in the local paper for 2 weeks as well as the website, Facebook page and door.

Supervisors reviewed and selected the final winners for the coloring contest. The winners were: Class A – Kylie Kamp, Class B – Alison Maust, and Class C – Sophia Rankin. It was noted that a record number of 188 entries were received.

Supervisors reviewed 7 scholarship applications received for the District Scholarship. A motion was made by Smokey, seconded by Kris to select Ronald Schrock as the recipient.

Shaun presented a letter from the MACS office requesting that district signatures be updated for the Cover Crop Program. A motion to approve the updated signatures as presented was made by Kris, seconded by Smokey.

Shaun reported that Ashley Harvey was scheduled to start the BMP verification in the MDA data base, Conservation Tracker on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. According to MDA, field verification of reported BMPs in the data base is required by the TMDL/WIP program for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.