

Garrett Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting

October 18, 2022 7:03 PM

Participants

- Smokey Stanton, Board Chair
- Kristen Enlow, Board Vice Chair
- William Buckle, Board Member, Farm Bureau
- Chad Bucklew, District Conservationist
- Seth Metheny, District Manager
- Keith Potter, Western Area Coordinator
- Byron Petrauskas, Program Manager District Operations
- Chris Herbert, District Engineering Technician
- Chuck Hayes, District Technician
- Butch Helbig, Public

Meeting Topics

- [00:37 - 04:44] Introduction of Seth Metheny and Keith Potter
- [04:44 - 96:15] District Manager's Report
- Administrative Assistant position
- District spending policy for district operations
- Grading & Sediment Control Permit fee system
- [96:15 - 97:20] Chairman's Report
- Annual Work Plan
- [97:20 - 112:49] District Conservationist's Report
- Soil Conservation Technician position
- Sensitive Species concerns for forestry plans
- [112:49 - 119:02] Old Business
- FY23 Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund
- [119:02 - 121:23] New Business
- MASCD Dues
- [121:23 - 122:46] Chuck Hayes Service Award9
- [122:46 - 136:22] Public Comment

The meeting was called to order at 7:03

A motion to accept the minutes from September 20, 2022 passed unanimously.

District Manager's Report

- Administrative Assistant position
- An offer needs to be decided upon
- A contract needs to be approved
- Completing the hiring process quickly
- District operations spending and procurement
- Re-establish a district credit card
- District payment procedure policy
- Create accounts at local vendors
- District monthly spending itemized report
- Grading & Sediment Control Plans fee system
- Per MD. Agriculture Code Ann. § 8-311, the district will determine a reasonable fee system and submit to the local governing body
- Fee system will be based on annual district time and effort and nearby fee systems

Chairman's Report

- Annual Work Plan
- DM will start to develop a 2023 work plan

District Conservationist's Report

- Soil Conservation Technician
- The position is moving along but has not yet been posted
- Sensitive species concerns impacting forestry plans
- Northern long-eared bat status changed from threatened to endangered
- Full impact is yet to be determined

Old Business

- FY23 Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund
- Salary for the administrative assistant
- Motion to approve FY23 Chesapeake & Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund passes unanimously

New Business

- MASCD Dues
- The increased dues have not been approved in the district budget
- No action was taken; tabled until next month

Public Comment

- Chuck Hayes was presented an award for 30 Years of public service
- Butch Helbig commented about the Grading & Sediment Control Plans fee system
- Expressed a concern about fee discrepancies between small private development and large commercial development
- Inquired about what local governing body would review the proposed fee system
- The Garrett County Board of Commissioners would likely be the local governing body