

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

August 18, 2020

Teleconference Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Smokey Stanton. The Meeting was conducted via phone-in conference call. Other supervisors present on the call were Cameron Crawford, Kris Enlow and Bill Buckel. Chad Bucklew, Carrie Colebank, Heather Hutchinson and Roger Kitzmiller were also present via telephone.

Minutes for the July 21, 2020 Board Meeting were approved as distributed – Kris/Cameron (motion/second), vote: unanimous.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – July 1, 2020	\$ 2,826.21
Receipts – July 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020.....	<u>16,452.00</u>
	\$ 19,278.21
Expenditures – July 1, 2020 – July 31 2020.....	<u>689.51</u>
Balance – July 31, 2020	\$18,588.70

Detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of July 21, 2020 through August 18, 2020 were distributed. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted – Kris/Cameron, vote unanimous.

Information presented to the Board:

- Office Update: COVID-19. Office procedures and work schedules are basically unchanged.
- The Agricultural Resource Conservation Specialist (Planner) position for Garrett County has not yet been re-advertised.
- Applications for the Soil Conservation Associate III (Technician) position have been ranked for qualification; no interviews have been scheduled to fill the position.
- The Culvert Replacement project at #2 Dam is underway.
- Bid packages will be developed and advertised for replacing the Trash Rack and Gate Valve Stem at #2 Dam.
- The District Scholarship check will be mailed to this years recipient, Sara Carr
- The Drill Repair Guidance Document will be completed and will be presented at the September Board Meeting.
- Dams #2, #5 and #7 have reportedly been mowed – mowing will be verified prior to mailing payment.
- Cover Crop sign-up has ended: 31 applicants signed up to plant 2815 acres.
- Chad and Roger will represent the District on the Broadford Lake Advisory Committee.

Chad summarized the progress on Farm Bill contract obligations and noted that there are two remaining contracts to complete. He mentioned that there still isn't a start date set for the NRCS Soil Conservation Technician position. Based on other statewide positions hired on the same timeframe, there is a chance that the Technician might start in September. Chad also mentioned that Local Work Group meetings will need to be held by the end of October, but that training was planned in the next week. Chad expected to have more details on Local Work Group meetings at the September meeting.

The Board approved payment of \$2250 Annual Dues to MASCD and a \$625 donation to Maryland Public Television – Bill/Cameron, vote unanimous.

The Board approved engaging Boal & Associates, PC to complete an Annual Review of Accounts for the District. In the past, the fee for the review has been \$500 - \$550.

A call by the Chairman for further business brought no response and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.