

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

March 19, 2019  
District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Chairman George Bishoff. Other supervisors present were Kris Enlow, Katharine Dubansky and Smokey Stanton. Also in attendance were Cameron Crawford, William Buckle, Carrie Colebank, Chad Bucklew, and Shaun Sanders.

A motion to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes was made by Smokey, seconded by Kris.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – February 1, 2018 .....	\$5,391.12
Receipts – February 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018 .....	0.00
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	\$ 5,391.12
Expenditures – February 1, 2018 – February 28, 2018 .....	126.68
Balance – February 28, 2018 .....	<hr/>
	<b>\$ 5,264.44</b>

Chad presented the field office activities report for the period of 2/18/19 thru 3/19/19. He reported that Farm Bill program fund allocations had not yet been received in the NRCS Annapolis office to date. As a result, the office is not yet able to move forward in contracting applications that were preapproved a few months ago. Funds are expected soon. Chad reported that he had met Andrew Harvey at his property earlier this month, and that he was following up with contractors as well. Chad mentioned that he will be in contact with programs staff in Annapolis to see what can be done to address Mr. Harvey's contract. Chad mentioned that Daniel Kirby was onboard full time in the Garrett office as the new NRCS Soil Conservation Technician. There is nothing new to report on the Allegany Soil Conservationist vacancy. It is expected to be advertised soon. Chad also mentioned that almost 700 letters were being mailed to landowners in Garrett County who own 50 to 100 acres of woodland. Shannon Farrell, the Project Forester stationed in the Allegany office developed the letter that promotes the opportunities for woodland habitat development. Chad stated that part of the reason for the outreach is because NRCS is expected to have over \$1 million to address Golden Winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, and general forestry applications in FY 2019.

Discussion took place regarding the Districts county budget request. The board decided not to present their request at a public meeting of the county commissioners. However it was decided that it would be beneficial to follow up the district's budget request with a letter to Scott Weeks providing some explanation of the District's finances and funding accounts. It was requested that board members be given a chance to review the letter before sending to Scott.

Shaun reported he received a call from Bill Meagher stating that he wanted to finish his culvert replacement project as soon as possible this spring. Shaun reported he also received a copy of Mr. Meagher's response to MDE inspector Leonard Cage. In his reply he stated he ordered pipe, contacted Highland Engineering, and wanted to "wrap this up weather and conditions