

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

November 19, 2019

District Office

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chairman Smokey Stanton. Other supervisors present were Cameron Crawford, Katharine Dubansky and Bill Buckel. Also in attendance were Chad Bucklew and Roger Kitzmiller.

Minutes for the October 15, 2019 meeting were approved as distributed - Katharine/Cameron (motion/second), vote: unanimous.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – October 1, 2019 .....	\$ 3,197.01
Receipts – October 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019 .....	5,485.00
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	\$ 8,682.01
Expenditures – October 1, 2019 – October 31 2019 .....	2,953.67
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Balance – October 31, 2019 .....	\$ 5,728.34

The detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of October 15, 2019 through November 19, 2019 were distributed. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted – Bill/Katharine, vote: unanimous.

Information presented to the Board:

- The Agricultural Resource Conservation Specialist (Planner) position for Garrett County has not yet been re-advertised.
- Genus Center – Upon Andrew Wilkinson's approval, the Culvert Replacement Agreement has been approved by all parties; the E&S Plan has been approved.
- District Website Security – Presented option to upgrade security; Board felt that our current website option is adequate.
- Bulk Mailing – Carrie is getting quotes from other providers.
- Christmas Luncheon with Board and staff – Board approved funding for the luncheon – staff will make arrangements for the dinner.

Chad summarized the Activities Report. He mentioned that Rob McAfee was on paternity leave for the next several weeks, and that Brad Michael will be Acting ASTC for Field Operations. Chad also mentioned that NRCS was operating under a Continuing Resolution until later this week. At present, there seems to be no cause for concern regarding a potential federal shutdown. Chad mentioned that the CART planning software trainings were being rescheduled for January and February as details were still coming together for the release of CART. Chad also mentioned that Slater Hafer officially started as the Allegany NRCS Soil Conservationist last week.

Timber Harvest Erosion and Sediment Control Form – A new form, requiring landowners to permit DNR Forest Service staff access to a site, and requiring that three (3) days' notice be given to forest service staff before mobilizing equipment, was introduced. The Board is OK with requiring DNR access but objects to the 3-day notice clause. This form will be discussed at the State Soil Conservation Committee meeting tomorrow. Smokey will share the Boards' sentiments at that meeting, and also, will advocate for including section IV of our county form, which deals with operator responsibility.

Unfunded Cooperative Agreement –The Board will continue to review written material and will re-visit at the next meeting.

A call for other business brought no response and the chairman announced the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.