

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

November 20, 2018  
District Office

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman George Bishoff. Other supervisors in attendance were Smokey Stanton, Katharine Dubansky and Kris Enlow. Also in attendance were Cameron Crawford, Carrie Colebank, Chad Bucklew, and Shaun Sanders.

A motion to approve the October 16, 2018 minutes was made by Smokey, seconded by Kris.

The following report of state funds for the month of November 2018 was presented and approved:

Balance – October 1, 2018 .....	\$3,467.59
Receipts – October 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018 .....	4,526.00
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	\$ 7,993.59
Expenditures – October 1, 2018 – October 31, 2018 .....	121.87
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Balance – October 31, 2018.....	<b>\$ 7,871.72</b>

The detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of October 16 to November 20, 2018 and Income vs Expenditures for the period of July 1, 2018 thru November 20, 2018 were distributed.

Discussion took place concerning the feasibility of transferring the equipment account to an interest bearing account. Shaun and Carrie will check into it.

Shaun reported on 11/15/18 phone conversation with Craig Nielson. Craig reported that based on his discussion with MDE, they (MDE) consider the District a responsible party under their law since there are recorded easements and agreements identifying the District as being responsible for the maintenance of the dams. He also felt it was fairly clear and could only be changed by changing the agreements. Possibly, the District could seek a legislative remedy somehow. He said he will follow up with a letter.

Shaun reported that as far as he knew nothing has occurred between MDE and the property owner (Bill Meagher) in response to his Oct. 2, 2018 email to Scott Boylan (MDE Compliance Program) and Scott Bass (MDE Dam Safety Division) concerning Mr. Meagher's culvert removal project adjacent to No. 2 PL-566 dam. It was decided that the District should start incremental steps and documentation to encourage landowner to fix the problem. Shaun will contact Mr. Meagher directly and convey the District's concerns that he is adversely affecting the dam and reminding him of the District's easements on the property.

Shaun distributed copies of a NACD newsletter reporting about Districts taking on financial liability for maintenance of a project, such as a PL-566 project, but not securing the funding to perform the required maintenance. This is an issue with many SCDs across the country.