

MINUTES OF GARRETT SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISORS' MEETING

October 15, 2019

District Office

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Smokey Stanton. Other supervisors present were Kris Enlow, Cameron Crawford, Katharine Dubansky and Bill Buckel. Also in attendance were Chad Bucklew and Roger Kitzmiller. Josh Smith from the Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. (RC&D) was also present.

Josh Smith (RC&D) presented the RC&D 2018 Annual Report

Minutes for the September 17, 2019 meeting were approved with the following amendments: dates on the report of state funds should have read 2019 instead of 2018 - Cameron/Katharine (motion/second), vote: unanimous.

The following report of state funds was presented and approved:

Balance – September 1, 2019	\$ 5,227.69
Receipts – September 1, 2019 – September 30, 2019	0.00
<u>Expenditures – September 1, 2019 – September 30 2019</u>	<u>2,030.68</u>
Balance – September 30, 2019	\$ 3,197.01

The detailed reports of expenditures for all accounts for the period of September 17, 2019 through October 15, 2019 were distributed. The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted – Kris/Katharine, vote: unanimous.

Information presented to the Board:

- Roger accepted the position as the MDA District Manager for the Garrett SCD. The official start date was October 9, 2019.
- The Agricultural Resource Conservation Specialist (Planner) position for Garrett County has not yet been re-advertised.
- Dam Mowing – Mowing at all three dams has been completed.
- District Dinner: The dinner was held at Southern Rescue Squad Event Hall on September 19; feed-back concerning the dinner has been positive
- Hickory Soils Class: soils presentations were conducted on Oct. 3rd, 4th, and 15th; classes will conclude tomorrow, Oct. 16, 2019
- Appalachian Crossroads will discontinue assisting with bulk mailing at the end of this year. Carrie will pursue other possibilities to assist with bulk mailings.

Chad summarized the Activities report and presented the final Farm Bill contract summary for FY 19. Chad mentioned that a formal offer has been accepted for the Soil Conservationist position in Allegany, but that the start date was not yet determined. He also shared that the

application deadline for USDA programs would not likely occur before January 2020, at the earliest, due to publication of updated program rules. Chad also informed the Board that Patty Engler had retired as the Maryland State Resource Conservationist, and that Steve Strano would be acting in her absence. Chad also informed the Board that Jackie Byam would begin a 120-day detail to National Headquarters starting in November.

Genus Center Culvert Replacement Agreement: The agreement, with changes, was received from Oakland Commercial Properties' attorney on September 24, 2019. In general, all Board members were satisfied with the proposed agreement. The Board approved the proposed agreement, contingent upon approval by Andrew Wilkinson. Mr. Wilkinson will be asked to comment on the phrase "shall not unreasonably interfere" on item #12. - Bill/Cameron, vote: unanimous.

Timber Harvest Erosion and Sediment Control Form – Discussion took place over requiring a landowner to permit DNR Forest Service staff access to a site when the landowner has hired a licensed professional forester to write the plan and oversee the project. Bill will discuss with Melissa Nash. Topic was Tabled

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

Annual Review of Accounts – Un-Audited Financial Statement by Boal and Associates, dated June 30, 2019 was accepted as submitted – Katharine/Kris, vote: unanimous.

A call for other business brought no response and the chairman announced the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.