

Garrett Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

April 21, 2026

Garrett Soil Conservation District Board Room

Participants

- Kristen Enlow, Acting Chair
- Butch Helbig, Board Treasurer
- Patrick Sines, Board Member
- Kevin Corbin, Associate Board Member
- Seth Metheny, District Manager (DM)
- Chad Bucklew, District Conservationist (DC)
- Jeannie Frazee, Administrative Specialist
- Peg Shaw-McBee, Western Maryland RC&D, Guest

Certification of Quorum and Call to Order

Kristen Enlow, acting Board President, certified a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. All Board members were present except Nevin Sines. Peg Shaw-McBee from Western Maryland RC&D joined as a guest.

Approval/Correction of March 17, 2026 Minutes

Patrick Sines made a motion to accept the March 17, 2026 minutes. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Butch Helbig, Kristen Enlow, Seth Metheny, and Jeannie Frazee met on April 16 to go over the financials. Everything is within budgeted parameters.

There is \$76,161.46 left of the Sustain Our Future Grant.

Dorsey Guard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports. Patrick Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

District Manager's Report

Grant Expenses

The local Envirothon leaders requested apparel to be used for Envirothon students. Patrick Sines made a motion to approve the apparel purchase for the local Envirothon teams. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E&S 3rd Party Review

Seth contacted several firms to review large-scale commercial E&S plans for the District. Seth provided information about each firm to the Board.

Garrett County Fair

The cost for the Garrett County Fair Booth and Insurance will remain the same for this year. The fair is August 1-8 this year.

MASCD Annual Meeting

The MASCD Summer meeting is August 3-5.

District Conservationist's Report

The County Envirothon completion was today. There was one team from each, Northern and Southern high schools.

The Leasing commitment with the County for this location has been extended to the end of September 2027. Chad and Connie have looked at a few locations for a move. There were some duds. There are also multiple contenders. The Leasing Specialist is putting together advertising. The current two-year lease will give time for the search. The District will not be staying at this location past the two years. The County has no interest in renewing.

We've had the first round of EQIP preapprovals. The majority are Habitat and Forestry. There were no Grazing or Livestock applications approved in the first round in Garrett County.

New Business

Activity Report

There are 20 cooperators that the District is working with actively on projects. For E&S in March, there were 16 plans under review at the end of the month, 8 plans reviewed that need revisions, and 16 plans reviewed and approved.

SSCC – Quick Review

A summary of the rules for closing a meeting legally was given to each Board member. Seth and Jeannie both have the Open Meetings Act certification.

Guest Presentation – Western Maryland RC&D

Peg provided the Board with an outline of RC&D projects and funding. Western Maryland RC&D currently has 20 employees.

Old Business

FY27 Budget

On the proposed budget, Seth has changed the Tree Sale Expense lines on the Local budget to break it down into three sections. The Tree Sale garners most of the Local income for the District. This could avoid the need for a special budget meeting.

Next month's Board meeting has been changed to Monday, May 19.

Dorsey Guard gave a motion to adjourn the meeting. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.