

Garrett Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 21, 2026

Participants

- Kristen Enlow, Chairman
- Butch Helbig, Board Treasurer
- Nevin Sines, Board Member
- Dorsey Guard, Board Member (via online)
- Patrick Sines, Board Member (via online)
- Kevin Corbin, Associate Board Member
- Seth Metheny, District Manager (DM)
- Chad Bucklew, District Conservationist (DC)
- Jeannie Frazee, Administrative Specialist

Certification of Quorum and Call to Order

Kristen Enlow, Board President, certified a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Dorsey Guard and Patrick Sines are joining online.

Approval/Correction of June 16, 2026 Minutes

Butch Helbig made a motion to accept the June 16, 2026 minutes. Nevin Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Butch and Kristen met with Seth on Thursday, July 16, to go over the financials and agenda..

FY26 MDA General Fund June Statement

This is the last statement for FY26. Carryover for the fiscal year is \$1950.95. The prior carryover was \$15403.29, for a total of \$17354.24.

First United Holding Statement

This is the quarterly statement for the investment account.

Grant Expenditure Report

There is \$64,895.80 left. Some of that will be used for the 4-H camp projects that include improvements to remove excess water from the baseball field and campground and the planting of an orchard.

FY26 Income Statement & Financial Report

Dorsey Guard made a motion to accept the June 2026 Financial Reports. Patrick Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Kristen met with Seth and Butch for the Financial/Agenda meeting.

District Manager's Report

OAG Dam Responsibility

A Dam meeting was held on July 21 with the Assistant Attorney General Assigned to MDA. In attendance were Keith Potter, Byron Petrauskas, Dana, Kristen, and Seth.

It was discussed that there is little to gain for the District to continue with sponsorship. However, the Board had some concerns that the District could be held responsible for neglect of the dams if the District does not do due diligence to try to make sure the situation is resolved.

Dorsey Guard made a motion that Seth reach out to each of the County Commissioners individually and set up a meeting that will include the District, all three County Commissioners, a representative from Town of Oakland, and Justin Orndorf, the Director of Emergency Services, to discuss the upgrades that are being required and how the dams can be sponsored moving forward. All three commissioners need to be present. The motion passed unanimously.

E&S Administration

Seth suggested that the District use E&S funds to hire an E&S Administrator, and to also purchase QuickBooks, which would automate some tasks. There are enough funds through E&S to pay for an administrator part time. The job would be 24 to 32 hours per week on a busy month.

Dorsey Guard made a motion that the District purchase Quickbooks online. Patrick Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

District Conservationist's Report

An additional application was funded through the Farm Bill, bringing the total for the FY to 14.

The lease ad period is closed. There was one interested party. They are still in negotiations. Chad and Connie did a visit, after which they submitted a tentative bid. If it doesn't work out, the process will start over.

New Business

FY27 MDA General Fund MOU and FY27 MDA CBTF MOU

The District has received the MOU's for the MDA General Fund and the CBTF.

Tree Sale Prices

Patrick Sines made a motion to raise the tree prices to \$23 for all but the cherry trees and leave the cherry trees at \$26. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

MDA Secretary Visit

Secretary Atticks will be visiting July 30 and 31. On the list is Nevin's dairy as an example of the problems associated with financial instability in agriculture and the Sines Family Farm.

District Bylaws

Seth used an example of a more simplistic set of Bylaws from another District to create proposed Bylaws for the District. The Bylaws can be updated at any time. Dorsey Guard made a motion to accept the proposed Bylaws. Nevin Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Nevin Sines made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.