

Garrett Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting / August 18, 2026

Participants

- Kristen Enlow, Chairman
- Butch Helbig, Board Treasurer
- Nevin Sines, Board Member
- Dorsey Guard, Board Member
- Patrick Sines, Board Member
- 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 7:04 pm.

Approval/Correction of July 21, 2026 Minutes

Dorsey Guard made a motion to accept the July 21, 2026 minutes. Nevin Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Kristen and Butch met with Seth on August 11 to discuss the financials and agenda.

FY27 MDA General Fund July Statement

Expenses were per diems and mileage, office supplies, and field supplies.

Grant Expenditure Report

Materials for the diversion project and public accessible orchard at the 4H Camp need to be purchased.

Dorsey Guard made a motion to accept the financial statements. Patrick Sines seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Kristen attended the Treasurer's Report and Agenda meeting on Tuesday. She also attended Secretary Atticks Garrett County tour.

District Manager's Report

MDA Secretary's Visit Summary

Secretary Atticks and Assistant Secretary Schmidt were receptive and easy to talk with, listening to District concerns.

Staff and some board members attended the tour. The first stop of the tour was Sines Family Farm where District operations and MDA staff concerns were discussed. Then, the group went to Sines Dairy to discuss agricultural concerns that effect all producers in Garrett County.

MASCD Annual Meeting Summary

Low risk nutrient management plans will be good for 5 years now instead of 3. Soil tests for NMP will be good for 5 years instead of 3. Manure tests for NMP will be good for 3 years instead of 1 pending legislative approval.

The manure spreading ban has been moved from March 1 to February 15, which is not much of a benefit to Garrett pending legislative approval.

Fair Photo Contest Winners

The District held a photo contest this year for 4-H and FFA members in place of the Booth Displays. Winners were Audrey Hawkins, first place \$100, photo taken at Custer Farm; Wyatt Funkhauser, second place \$75, photo taken at Funkhauser Farm; and Bowden Warnick, third place \$50, photo taken at Kenny Green farm.

District Conservationist's Report

One of the projects that was started in 2026 has been funded. It is located in the Friendsville area. Site prep is done and concrete will be finished in a month and a half or so. Garrett has gotten pre-approval for another project, but \$4000 more is needed to fully fund the project. The total of the project is \$342,000. Garrett's total is just under \$1 million for 4 Ag Waste Facilities and \$1.2 million for all Garrett projects combined for the FY. That is up from previous years.

Chad has a call tomorrow about the lease. They are working with a potential lease.

New Business

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

July 1, mileage went up to \$0.76 per mile.

Old Business

MDA General Fund MOU and MDA Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund MOU

Seth went over the MDA General Fund and MDA Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund MOU's with the Board.

Patrick made a motion to approve the MDA General Fund MOU and the MDA Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund MOU. Butch Helbig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Both MOU's were signed by Board President, Kristen Enlow.

Comments

The District put out a drawing box at the District fair booth for a free fruit tree. Nevin Sines drew the winning entry. The winner was Mary Shingler.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.