

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2019

I. Call to order

Chairman Mark Myers called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at 9:35 a.m. on, **February 7, 2019**, at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV. **Rudy Williams** led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Chairman Mark Myers introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Mark Myers, Ed Utterback, Jean Conley, Jim McDonald, Art Mouser and Richard Abel. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Dustin Adkins (NRCS), Gene Saurborn (WVCA), Caleb Smith (WVCA), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA), Penny Hott (WVCA- video), Hillary Bright (District Attorney), Tim Ridley (NRCS), Eric Neast (Gannett Fleming-video), Chris Apperson (Triton Construction), and Greg Ferri (Triton Construction). **Excused:**

III. Approval of January Meeting Minutes

Rick Abel moved to approve the January 10, 2019 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of financial statements

- a) **Credit Card Receipts and Statements-** **Rick Abel moved to approve the January 2019 credit card statement and receipts. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.**
- b) **General/CDO financial statements-** none this month.
- c) **Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements-** none this month.

V. Visitors Comments – none.

VI. Cooperating Agencies

WV Division of Forestry- Rudy reported the loggers are running low on wood due to the wet weather.

Watershed Division

Upper Buffalo Watershed- Gene reported there is some trash on Big Run Dam and they're going to check into it.

There will be a meeting with the Marion County Commission for OM&R cost-share funds on, February 27, 2019.

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Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1 Rehab Contract and Project

-contract negotiations- may go into executive session to discuss continuing contract negotiations with legal council

-McNeer, Highland, McMunn, and Varner Invoice- \$11,350.00

Rick Abel made the motion to go into executive session. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Rick Abel moved to return to the regular meeting. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

Rick Abel moved to have District council gather technical information needed by the District. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Rick Abel moved to have District council contact the Surety company on the District's position. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Rick Abel moved to delegate authority to the Upper Decker's Watershed Committee to declare default. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Rick Anel moved to pay the McNeer, Highland, McMunn, and Varner invoice in the amount of \$11,350.00. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Gene reported the technicians are doing outlet channel surveys for the outlet channels that need done.

Greg Ferri with Triton Construction provided a site report- report attached

EWP and SSRP- Gene reported there is currently no EWP work. They are working on reestablishing the relationship with NRCS and EWP work.

Conservation Technician- Caleb reported there were two completions last month. He attended the dinner meeting.

The AgEP Committee will meet February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

AgEP-Gary Walls- water exclusions fence- \$1,004.00 Elizabeth Foley-water development- \$988.74

Art Mouser moved to approve the above listed completion payments. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

WVU Extension

-**Bill Shockey-** no report.

-**H.R. Scott-** no report.

-**Samantha Cogle-** no report.

NRCS- Dustin reported they are ranking all fund codes and will be completed by the end of the month. They had 6 high tunnel applications from Preston County (priority area).

FSA- report provided.

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Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report.

Marion County SWA- Jim reported they are hoping to negotiate a cardboard deal.

Preston County SWA- no report.

District Manager Update-rain barrels and rain barrel kits

Amy updated the board on the rain barrels and rain barrel kit situation. MCD will have to get their own order. Discussion was held.

Rick Abel moved to order 50 barrels and 50 rain barrel kits. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- Jeremy provided his report.

VII. Invoices

Mark Matheny Accountant January - \$434.78

Jean Conley moved to approve the invoice for Mark Matheny's accounting services in the amount of \$434.78. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

VIII. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Art Mouser-\$745.72

Jean Conley- \$270.95

Richard Abel- \$692.94

Ed Utterback-\$422.53

Mark Myers- \$

Jim McDonald- \$189.68

Jean Conley moved to pay the above listed travel and per diem claims. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

Appalachian Grazing Conference- Mike Renick (Marion Co), James Carr (Marion Co), Mike Morris (Mon Co), Chuck Hayes (Preston Co).

Mark Myers reported he discussed giving away two tickets on the radio.

Rick Abel made the motion to pay for up to 10 scholarships. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Women's Auxiliary- Mark reported the auxiliary has been giving away nine scholarships to students. Mark would like an MCD women's auxiliary. Discussion was held.

Art Mouser moved to create a women's auxiliary. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.

Women's Auxiliary Support- no discussion.

Amanda Pitzer Preston County Solid Waste Authority Representative Resignation Letter- no action.

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XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- no report.

Education- WVCEC meeting March 26, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Legislation/Policy- Ag Day at the Capitol went well.

Grasslands- the contest will be in April.

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- committee meeting, February 19, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Ag Enhancement- previously discussed. Committee meeting, February 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.

XVII. Correspondence- None.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Mark Myers** – reported he is going to buy trees from Elk’s sale. He’s had a busy month.
- **Ed Utterback** – reported something is chewing up their sap lines, they have almost a dozen calves, the chickens are wet, and they have quite a few lambs.
- **Art Mouser** – reported he spent a lot of time at UDC 1, went to the Quarterly Meeting in Flatwoods, he contributed butter to the legislative breakfast, he had a cataract removed, and he attended the Extension Dinner Meeting.
- **Jim McDonald** – reported he attended the Extension Dinner Meeting.
- **Jean Conley** – reported she didn’t do much for January.
- **Richard Abel** – reported he has done a lot of work for the scholarship program with the WVACD.


XX. Adjournment

Rick Abel moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2019 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: 
Mark Myers, Chairman


Date

UPPER DECKER'S CREEK

MCD MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 02/07/19.

- **MAINTAINING DEEP WELLS & DIVERSION PUMPING**
- **HAD (3) RISING POOL CONDITIONS SINCE LAST MEETING**
- **SUBMITALS**
- **HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN (Approved as noted)**
- **STRUCTURAL CONCRETE (Approved as noted)**
- **REINFORCED CONCRETE PRESSURE PIPE(SUBMITTED 02-05-19)**
- **RCC TEST SECTION (RETURN FOR CORRECTION) COMMENTS MINIMAL**
- **QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (SUBMITTED 02/01/19)**
- **MOORE TRENCH TO SPEND WEEK FINE TUNING DEEP WELLS**
- **EXPLORATORY CAMERA IN 8" TOE DRAIN (TUESDAY 02/12/19)**
- **INSTALLED RISER SUMP @ UPSTREAM LOCATION. WATER LEVEL RECORDED AT 12.1 O. -ALL TIME LOW. FLOODED AND BACK TO 9.2**
- **E&S INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED**
- **RECORDING WATER LEVELS MANUALLY & PIEZOMETER DATA LOGGERS.**



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TO Monongahela Conservation District

Farm
Service
Agency

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County Executive Director

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SUBJECT Preston County FSA Report

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USDA Farm Service Agency Announces Program Deadline Extensions
USDA's Farm Service Agency extended deadlines on many of its programs because of the government shutdown and the emergency nature of many of the programs. Below are updated deadlines:
**** For details on all program deadlines and extensions, view [FSA National Notice CM-807](#)*

Farm Programs

- Market Facilitation Program
 - *Deadline to apply extended to Feb. 14, 2019*
- Marketing Assistance Loans
 - *If loan matured in December 2018, settlement date extended to Feb. 14, 2019*
 - *Peanut loans or Loan Deficiency Payments - loan availability date now Feb. 28, 2019*
- Emergency Conservation Program
 - *Performance reporting due Feb. 14, 2019*
- Livestock Forage Disaster
 - *2018 application for payment due Feb. 28, 2019*
- Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program
 - *Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019*
- Livestock Indemnity Program
 - *Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019*
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
 - *Submitting 2019 application for coverage due Feb. 14, 2019*
 - *Notice of loss for 72-hour harvest and grazing (as applicable) due Feb. 14, 2019*
 - *Notice of loss for prevented planting and failed acres due Feb. 14, 2019*
 - *Applications for payment for 2018 covered losses due Feb. 14, 2019*
- Tree Assistance Program
 - *Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019*
- Acreage Reporting

- *January reporting deadlines extended to Feb. 14, 2019 for Apples, Honey, Maple Sap, and Peaches.*

For inquiries related to these programs or any not listed above, please contact your local [USDA Service Center](#).

Statement of Secretary Perdue on President Trump's Signing of the Farm Bill

(Washington, D.C., December 20, 2018) – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today celebrated President Trump's signing of the 2018 Farm Bill and issued the following statement:

“This is a great day for our farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers, as President Trump's signature on this bill is a Christmas present to American agriculture. Farmers take financial risks every year as a matter of doing business, so having a Farm Bill in place gives them peace of mind to make their decisions for the future. Since early talks on this Farm Bill began back in 2017, I've always believed it would be more evolutionary, rather than revolutionary, and that has borne out to be true.

“The bill bolsters farm safety net programs, protects federal crop insurance, and maintains strong rural development and research initiatives. The legislation reinvents the Margin Protection Program for dairy producers, providing a boost to coverage levels and a reduction in premiums after the program fell short in the 2014 Farm Bill. The bill also includes a new Animal Disease Prevention and Management program, providing annual funding for three animal health programs. This includes a new vaccine bank focused on foot-and-mouth disease and extended funding of the National Animal Health Laboratory Network to protect our borders and improve food safety.

“While we would have liked more progress on forest management reforms and work requirements for certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients, we look forward to using our authorities to make improvements in those areas. All told, this is a Farm Bill that should be welcomed by producers, and at USDA we will eagerly implement its provisions. At USDA, we were pleased to provide a tremendous amount of technical assistance to Congress as legislators wrote the bill. I thank the President for his leadership on this legislation, and commend the Senate and House Agriculture Committees for their many months of hard work.”

For more information, please contact your local FSA office:

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February 2019 WVCA Report

Request to Conservation Districts

The WVCA is encouraging Conservation Districts to review and update your District Policy Manuals. In addition to your policy manual you are encouraged to review your CD Employee Manual (if you have one) and your CD Plan of Work. If you are already doing these reviews, please disregard this request.

The district personnel plan is due to SCC in March, so please add to your February agenda for review and approval.

Engineering Expression of Interest

Review your current contract and if needed, prepare to advertise and go through interview/selection process if needed.

The WVCA is interested in working with the district to ensure they retain a firm that has strong civil engineering and is familiar with dams.

Because of questions raised about these agreements, it's important to make sure that the scope of work is clearly defined and an agreement between the district and engineering firm is signed.

Also, the district may want to consider whether it wants an engineering firm that also can perform environmental assessments.

Conservation Farm Tour

It is time for districts to be thinking about the farm families to be awarded. CDs should have their district winners by May 31.

Agricultural/Conservation Day at the Capitol

Brian would like to thank all the Conservation Districts and Supervisors for your help and support at the recent Ag/Conservation Day. We would also request that you continue to stay in contact with your representatives and support our Budget and Bills.

2019 WVACD Quarterly Meeting Dates/Locations:

April 22 & 23	Pipestem State Park
July 15 & 16	Highlands Event Center, Triadelphia
October 21 & 22	Flatwoods

AGEP:

January 31 - Deadline for CDs to submit program comments

Early February – Review and organize comments received, develop options based on comments, have AgEP staff meeting to review comments received

February - Comments reviewed and forms revised

Late February - Revisions sent to CDs/staff for review

Mid-March - CDs submit recommendations for upcoming FY practices

Late March - State AgEP committee meeting to finalize upcoming FY AgEP, including allocation formula

April - Presentation of upcoming FY AgEP to SCC

West Virginia Legislative Calendar

February 12, 2019 - Last day to introduce bills in the House

February 18, 2019 - Last day to introduce bills in the Senate

February 24, 2019 - Bills due out of committees

February 27, 2019 - Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin

March 19, 2019 - Last day of session

O&M Sponsor letters

Brian is in the midst of meeting with all current O&M sponsors to review and renew O&M agreements that comply with Attorney General's opinion. When meeting dates are set, Belinda will send a note to DMs notifying them of the time and location of the local district meeting. Supervisors are encouraged to attend these meetings.

SSRP Program

SSRP (Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program) is on hold pending passage of the budget and outcome of discussions with the National Guard relating to flood mitigation projects.

WVCA Project Section:

OM&R

- The total spent for OM&R for 2018 to date is \$752,036.68. Final numbers will be provided to the Districts by the Watershed Managers as final invoices are approved for 2018.
- Brian Farkas will be meeting with OM&R sponsors across the state. Some meetings have already taken place and others are planned. Area Directors will notify Districts as these meetings are scheduled.
- Five-year work plans including estimates have been developed for all districts.
- Supervisors are always welcome to attend inspections. Please contact the Watershed Manager in your area for an updated schedule.

Citizens Contact Reports

- Call Log Procedure – a call log procedure has been implemented to assure that calls are directed to the appropriate project section staff. Please call 304-872-4302 and your call will be directed as needed.
- Technicians are performing site visits and generating stream management plans in response to the calls that are received.

Dam Rehab

- Gannett Fleming is continuing to work on planning studies for Brush Creek 9 & 15 and New Creek 1 & 17 and perform the construction oversight for UDC1.