



Potomac Valley Conservation District

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Minutes of Meeting Special Board Meeting Teleconference April 12, 2019

The Potomac Valley Conservation District held a special Board meeting by teleconference on Friday, April 12, 2019, beginning at 1:00 pm.

SUPERVISORS: Charlotte Hoover, Ronald Miller, John Hicks, J.W. See, Kent Spencer, Brian Dayton, and Frank Weese

OTHERS: Ben Heavner, Andrea Mongold, Cindy Shreve, and Nadene Jewell

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

EMERGENCY REVEGETATION PROGRAM: Discussion was held on the Emergency Revegetation Program. The program was approved by the state conservation committee. The group reviewed the program guidelines. The cost share will be a flat rate of \$60 per acre and producers may apply for a maximum of 50 acres per farm. WVCA staff will conduct a site visit to document the affected acreage. Following the discussion, a motion was made by John Hicks and seconded by Ron Miller to approve the AgEP Emergency Revegetation program and PVCD participation in it. Motion carried.

SIGN-UP PERIOD: The proposed sign-up period for the AgEP emergency revegetation program will be April 15 – 30, 2019. Applicants must follow the seeding guidelines provided by WVU Extension and USDA / NRCS. A copy of both will be included in the application packet. The Board was in agreement with the proposed sign-up period. A motion was made by John Hicks and seconded by Kent Spencer to approve the sign-up period of April 15 – 30, 2019. Motion carried. All seeding under the approved applications must be completed by May 31, 2019.

LOR: The District will need to submit an LOR to WVCA for the AgEP emergency revegetation program funds, after the sign-up period is closed. Will not know the dollar amount until all visits are complete and approved acreage is finalized. A motion was made by John Hicks to approve an LOR for the AgEP emergency revegetation program and include the dollar amount after received from WVCA. Motion seconded by Kent Spencer. Motion carried.

APPLICATIONS: The Board was in favor of providing the AgEP emergency revegetation applications to the local USDA FSA and NRCS field offices. This will enable producers to have better access to the applications. Producers should submit applications as soon as possible, given the short time line. Do Not depend on the regular mail. Also remind those who sign-up NOT to purchase seed or complete any work until they are approved. All information due to WVCA by 5/3/19 – should have names of approved applications by the following week.

Several Board members indicated they have acreage affected by the weather and need reseeded. Ben indicated they will need to complete an application and he will contact Barbie Litton from the Eastern Panhandle CD to schedule site visits.

SEEDERS: Discussion was held regarding the need for additional seeders. PVCD has a LONG waiting list for the no-till seeders. Many farmers reluctant to use the Esch – more comfortable with the Haybuster. Discussion on seeders being offered for sale by Eastern Panhandle CD. They may be worn out and concern was expressed over the size, better to purchase new seeder. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Kent Spencer to delegate authority to Ron Miller and Equipment Committee to investigate and proceed with the purchase of a no-till seeder. Haybuster is preferred but will look at other models. Motion seconded by John Hicks. Motion carried.

VENTRAC MOWER: The advertisements were in newspapers for the sale of the Ventrac mower. Have received one bid to date. Bids due to PVCD by 4/17 at 4 pm.

TREE SALE: Tree pick up being held today, only three orders remain. Also had second pick up location in Petersburg. Another successful year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm by motion of Kent Spencer. Seconded by John Hicks. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 beginning at 7:30 pm at the USDA Service Center in Moorefield.

Chairperson

Secretary

Date