

MINUTES

Western Conservation District Board Meeting

June 27, 2019

In Attendance

Supervisors: Charles Lipscomb, Chairman; Oscar Harris, Vice-Chairman; Jim Withrow, Secretary; Don Stephens, Treasurer
Absent: Jeremy Grant; D.W. "Peachie" Arthur

Others: Dennis Brumfield, CPA, District Bookkeeper; Kim Fisher, Area Director; Sherry Pearson, DM; Brock McClung, Soil Technician, NRCS

Call to Order

Chairman Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the district office in Point Pleasant.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

Agenda accepted on a Harris/Stephens motion. Passed.
Minutes approved on a Stephens/Harris motion. Passed.

Financial Reports

General & CDO Funds - District CPA, Dennis Brumfield reviewed the financial reports. He discussed the restricted rent funds that are being set aside for future rent payments.

Co-Administered Funds - WCD Co-Administered Funds Report as prepared by WVCA.

On a Harris/Stephens motion Financial Reports were accepted and will be filed for audit. Passed.

Financial Transactions for June were approved as listed on a Harris/Withrow motion. Passed.

Certificates of Deposit- The general fund has two CD's with City National that are maturing on July 2. The new maturity date will be August 2020. We have 10 days to make any changes. The Board authorized the Chairman to check interest rates for the best renewal of the CD's.

Treasurer's Report - **Treasurer Stephens presented the payroll report with a correction. Harris motioned to accept the report as corrected and approve payroll of \$2,493.57, second by Stephens. Passed.**

Agency Reports

KIM FISHER, AREA DIRECTOR- Kim only had a couple things to mention the state fair sign ups need some volunteers. The WVACD quarterly meeting is coming up July 15 & 16th at Wheeling.

BROCK MCCLUNG, SOIL TECHNICIAN, REPRESENTING JACKIE BYARS, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST – NRCS: Brock handed out the application prepared by Jackie for a federal grant to hire a Nutrient Management Specialist. This 3 year position will be managed by Jackie and paid by the WCD with grant funds.

Correspondence

Chairman Lipscomb read aloud a copy of a letter sent by Andy Deichert, Acting State Conservationist, NRCS to Mayor Casebolt, City of Nitro regarding the City's request for assistance with Blakes Creek-Armour Creek Site 7 eligible for rehab. Supervisors were unaware that WCD was part of this watershed agreement.

A letter from James Thompson, WVU Soils Team regarding their trip to the Nationals.
A thank you letter from the LKRC&D for our continued support and information on project sharing.
A post card announcing the National Watershed Conference in Lexington, Kentucky this October.

Programs

O&M

Oscar reviewed Judith's written report. He also talked about the hemlock on site 5.

Emergency Watershed Protection Response Policy was emailed to supervisors for review. Comments made were that it was ok as is and no problem with funding.

MOU for 2019 O&M - This is a new agreement between the Hiring District and Work Crew District written by WVCA. **On a Harris/Stephens motion the MOU was approved as written. Passed.**

O&M 2019 – **The WVCA negotiated a price quote with Southern CD to due the mowing this year and work to the outlet channels on MC4 and MC 8. The total of \$26,975.40 was approved on a Harris/Stephens motion. Passed.**

Payment Approval to pay Southern CD \$1,000 for the early moving of Mill Creek Site 5. Judith Lyons has verified the work completed. **On a Harris/Stephens motion the board approved to make payment of \$1,000 to Southern CD. Passed.**

Agriculture Enhancement Program

Sherry reviewed the results for FY19. The FY19 program had a carry-over from FY18 of \$23,678.46 with \$81,000 funding for a total of \$104,678.46 The balance to carry over this year is \$3,461.96 and \$80,000 funding for a total of \$83,461.96 The \$30,000 allocated from the potato funds were not used.

LOR FY20 – An LOR was prepared requesting \$80,000 AgEP funding for FY20. On a Harris/Withrow motion the LOR for \$80,000 was approved. Motion passed.

The following payments were approved on a Stephens/Harris motion. Motion Passed.

LIME

Mark Martin	\$1,092
John McCarty	\$1,743
Kathryn Hill	\$ 336
Chad Russell	\$ 756
Scott Casto	\$ 609
Penny Thaxton	\$1,512

WATER SYSTEM

M Dale Stone	\$3,275
David Deweese	\$1,862.50
Robert Harless	\$1,750
Jonathan Pinson	\$1,050.00
Shane Loomis	\$1,892
Warner Roush	\$2,068

EXCLUSION FENCE

Nicole Dean	\$2,056.50
Pat Boggess	\$1,500
Roger Stone	\$2,925

DIVISION FENCE

Robert Harless	\$2,025
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Jonathan Pinson	\$1,050
<u>FROST SEED</u>	
Paul Sammons	\$ 740

EMERGENCY REVEGETATION PROGRAM

Sherry reviewed the final figures with 49 approved, 7 did not complete and 2 were cancelled by request of cooperator. A total of \$29,253 was approved with \$24,393 paid out. With WCD receiving \$31,400 the balance to return is \$7,007.

As a participant in the Emergency Revegetation Program, Chairman Lipscomb turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Harris and left the room. Vice Chairman Harris took over the meeting and reviewed the Emergency Revegetation Payments. **On a Stephens/Withrow motion the payments were approved. Passed. Harris asked to approve the two cancellations for David Smith. On a Withrow/Stephens motion the cancellations were approved. Passed.** Chairman Lipscomb returned to the meeting at this time.

EMERGENCY REVEGETATION PAYMENTS

Jeremy Grant	\$ 300
Charles Lipscomb	\$ 720
Greg Parsons	\$ 480
M. Dale Stone	\$ 480
Keith Casto	\$ 480
Rex Hatfield	\$ 780
Pat Boggess	\$3,360
Tim Mullins	\$ 420
Scot Muncy	\$ 300
Norma Pursley	\$ 360
Chris Deweese	\$1,380
Chris Deweese	\$1,620
Denver Casto	\$ 720
Steve Baker	\$ 900
Eugene Williamson	\$ 960
Debra Sayre	\$ 420
Craig Bird	\$ 210
Dustin Burkhammer	\$ 600
David McDaniel	\$ 480
Eddie Williams	\$1,020
William West	\$ 240
Lacey Parsons	\$ 405
Shane Loomis	\$ 720
Grandview Farms	\$ 480
Matt Taylor	\$ 840
Gene Randolph	\$ 240
Walnut Ridge	\$ 360
Jodi Roush	\$ 78
Rodney Smith	\$1,020
Gravley, William	\$ 840
Michael Facemyer	\$2,700
Jonathan Cummings	\$ 480

Requested Cancellation

David Smith	\$ 180
David Smith	\$ 240

Old Business

◆ District Conservation Farms

Donald Hussell's farm in Mason County was chosen to represent the district in the area level. The Area Judging Team will visit the farm on July 30th with a tentative time of 9:00 a.m. to meet at the WCD office. There will be three judges; WVCA, NRCS, WVACD.

New Business

- ◆ Rule 6303 Public Meeting – Don attended the meeting on June 5, at Flatwoods. Jennifer Skaggs went over every section and comments were made. Don felt everything was fine with no problems.
- ◆ State Fair Rack Cards – The rack cards were discussed with a decision made not to put supervisor's names on the cards and to add the lime spreader for rent. **On a Harris/Withrow motion the board agreed to purchase 300 rack cards at \$16/per 100. Passed.**
- ◆ Board Officers for FY20 – On a unanimous decision Harris moved to keep the present officers and continue for the second year, with Withrow second. Passed.
Officers FY20 – **Chairman, Lipscomb; Vice-Chairman Harris; Treasurer, Stephens; Secretary Withrow**
- ◆ NRCS Grant Application – The application information provided by Brock McClung for Jackie Byars was reviewed. A few issues were discussed about grant reporting, payroll, benefits coordinating for this position. **On a Withrow/Harris motion the board authorized Chairman Lipscomb with full power to act on and sign the grant application. Passed.**

Report of Supervisors

Don Stephens – Reported on that SB655 would not go in to effect until July 2020. This does not affect AgEP grant funds. Don is the Legislative representative for WCD. He will be attending the WVACD Quarterly Legislative Committee Meeting.

Jim Withrow –

Chairman Lipscomb selected Jim to be interviewed about food deserts in WV. He has contacted the professor at WVU and is setting up a time to be interviewed.

Chuck Lipscomb – Check attended the Great Kanawha RC&D meeting to fill in for Jeremy. They toured Fort Randolph at Krodell Park in Point Pleasant. They are having issues with attendance at meetings. They are applying for a grant with the Benedum Foundation.

Adjournment

The date of the next meeting was set for July 18th at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Point Pleasant. With no further business Chairman Lipscomb adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Approved by: _____

Sherry Pearson, DM

James Withrow, Secretary

Attachments