

SOUTHERN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AUGUST 15, 2019
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

The Southern Conservation District August 15, 2019 board meeting was held at their office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Randall Patton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Randy Prince opened the meeting in prayer. Virgel Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Supervisors Present

Virgel Caldwell	Curtis Murphy
Dennis Bailey	Randall Patton
Bill Harris	Randy Prince
Ray Lafferty	John Farrell

Supervisors Absent

John Breneman
Oscar Vecellio

Others Present

Dave Parkulo, SCD	Becky Floyd, WVCA
Jeremy Salyer, WVCA	Marty Walker, WVCA
Suzy Daubert, NRCS	Matthew Brewer, Visitor

Randall Patton moved to approve the July 18, 2019 board meeting minutes as mailed. Randy Prince Seconded. Motion carried.

Southern Conservation District Financial Reports

Randall Patton moved to approve the SCD July financial reports as prepared by Akers and Associates. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the SCD July accounts receivable report as prepared by Akers and Associates. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Southern Conservation District Crew Technician/Supervisor Report

Dave Parkulo reported on all work completed during the last month. He has started the rip-rap project at Grant Supermarket site in Princeton. He will start work on slip at the funeral home site following the Grant Supermarket site.

Dave reported he is working with Gene Saurborn on liming the flood control dams in Princeton as part of a pilot project.

He is working with Cassie Bowden on trail project for the VA. He will need to utilize CEC on this project. Virgel and Becky are working with him to get the EOI agreement signed.

Dave reported he attended a statewide meeting on August 12 concerning OM&R of dams around the state. During the meeting they discussed mowing dams twice. Dave stated Gene Saurborn said dams were not being mowed twice a year due to budget concerns. Jeremy advised Dave to present figures on the cost to mow the dams to Judy for review.

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Dave reported he has started planning for the September 7 field day at the Raleigh County Airport. Dennis Bailey said he spoke with Aimee Figgatt about the soil trailer and possibly scheduling it for the field day. Becky will follow up with Aimee on the cost and availability of the soil trailer.

Dave reported the district has purchase a pull behind sprayer to spot spray or for pasture spray upon request from landowners.

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report

Becky Floyd presented the July co-administered financial reports for board review. **Randall Patton moved to approve the July co-administered financial report as prepared by WVCA fiscal staff. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky presented the letter of request (LOR) to the WV Conservation requesting matching OM&R funds for Cranberry Creek Channel (City of Beckley Flood Control Structure) for FY20 totaling \$5,500.00. **Bill Harris moved to approve the LOR to WVCA for matching OM&R funds for Cranberry Creek Channel (City of Beckley Flood Control Structure). Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky read the letter of request from WVU Extension for donations towards the cost of the 2019 state Women in Agriculture Conference. **Dennis Bailey moved to donate \$200.00 to WVU Extension for the conference. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky presented the letter from the Wyoming County Solid Waste Authority recommending the district appoint Teresa Blackmon to fill the unexpired term on their board for Dvon Duncan. The unexpired term will end July 30, 2020. **Randall Patton moved to appoint Teresa Blackmon to fill the unexpired term on the Wyoming County SWA board for Dvon Duncan. Dennis Bailey seconded.** A discussion was held on the possibility of Ms. Blackmon also being interested in serving on the SCD board. The board requested Becky to send Ms. Blackmon the candidate information. **Motion carried.**

The group discussed the 2019 WVACD Member at Large Award. **Dennis Bailey moved to submit Dvon Duncan for this award. John Farrell seconded. Motion carried.**

WV Conservation Agency Conservation Specialist Report

Marty Walker reported she is still working on ranking for the FY20 applications. Pond cleanout and a lime application should be on the August 20 OM&R agenda for board approval if all the ranking information is complete.

Marty presented the following FY19 AgEP contracts for board approval:

Randy Prince	Lime	\$1,862.50
John Scott Jr.	Pond	\$290.00

Dennis Bailey moved to approve the two FY19 completed AgEP contracts for payment. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

Marty reviewed the AgEP FY19 balance and the budget for the FY20 applications. The funding allocation formula she is using for current contracts includes the FY20 funds totaling \$58,000.00 and the remaining FY19 AgEP funds totaling \$9,697.41.

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WV Association of Conservation Districts

Group discussed the September 26 grant writing workshop. No supervisors from the SCD will be attending due to schedules.

WV Conservation Agency

Jeremy Salyer gave an update on the area farm tour.

Becky will place the CDO budget expenditure report for FY19 funds on the August 20 OM&R agenda.

Jeremy discussed the track rack and toe drain OM&R work around the state. The state has been allocated funds to do this work around the state. The questions to be addressed by each board are:

1. Does the SCD want to do the work or the Agency run a statewide contract for the trash rack work and toe drain work? The toe drain work is very involved with DEP dam safety rules and regulations.
2. WVCA has specs on the design of the trash racks – contract out for the design?

Dave stated he feels the toe drain work is out of their range of work due to the problems that could arise and the safety rules and possible issues that may arise. Dave stated he feels the crew could install the trash racks.

Dennis Bailey moved to allow the WVCA to advertise through the state contract for toe drain work. John Farrell seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Bailey moved to allow the WVCA to advertise through the state contract for the design of the trash racks with the installation of the trash racks being done by the district crew. John Farrell seconded. Motion carried.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Suzy Daubert introduced herself to the board. Suzy discussed plans to advertise for the Princeton position. Suzy mentioned the possibility for working with the district in the future to hire a full-time employee in partnership with NRCS but as a district employee supervised by NRCS.

Matthew Brewer introduced himself to the board. He has worked with John Farrell on carbon credit projects and reforestation projects including growing essential oils and forest management.

Southern Conservation District Supervisor Reports

Virgel Caldwell asked the board to approve Bill Harris as the secretary on the SCD board replacing Dvon Duncan. **Dennis Bailey moved to appoint Bill Harris to serve as the SCD secretary for FY20. John Farrell seconded. Motion carried.**

Virgel reported Oscar Vecellio is at a meeting with local officials to discuss Robert C Byrd Drive flooding concerns and possible solutions.

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Virgel reported Oscar is working with NRCS on new flooring. The estimated cost for flooring and installation is \$18,000.00. Randall **Patton moved to approve the purchase and installation of new flooring in the USDA NRCS area. Bill Harris seconded. Motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Virgel Caldwell
Chairman

Bill Harris
Secretary

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