

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on November 18, 2019, commencing at 9:00 am at Tygarts Valley District Office in Philippi. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Tenney.

Supervisors Present: James Dean, Jim Nester, Doug Bush, Donald Adams, Joe Shaffer, Joe Gumm, Teresa Gerrard

Associate Supervisor Present: Breanna Morgan, John Sencindiver

WVCA Present: Candice Stone, Jeremy Salyer (via skype), Sigrid Teets

Extension Present: Jody Carpenter

TVCD Present: Dan Elliott, Terrie Hedrick

WVDOF Present: Rudy Williams

Mr. Shaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

November 18, 2019 Agenda; **Mr. Gumm moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**

October 28, 2019 Minutes; **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Bush; motion carried.**

Correspondence Received: Brickstreet, Extension Letter

Treasurer Report: Ms. Hedrick gave the board financial handouts. Mr. Stump has been paying on his bill monthly. Mr. Bennett's bill needs to be investigated see why it has not been paid. Mr. Turner's property still needs to be reseeded. It was requested that a letter be sent to the Philippi Southern States about replacing the bags of seed that did not germinate. **Mr. Nester moved to accept the Treasurer Report and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Mr. Elliott stated the crew is finishing up Potomac Valley. They are also still working on Wheeling Creek and it has been a little difficult due to recent change in weather. There is also work for cooperators that will be completed. Mr. Elliott said we need to look at getting a new Excavator. He said there are several jobs where we are going to need 2 excavators at some of the pending jobs. **Mr. Gumm moved to get 3 quotes on a new excavator with the trade in value of the old one and give the equipment committee authority to sign for the purchase; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried with Mr. Dean being opposed due to financial stability.**

District Manager Report: Ms. Stone reported that she mailed Post Cards reminder post cards for upcoming AgEP completion deadlines. She stated is preparing for the December Meeting/Christmas Party and attended Women in Ag Conference. Ms. Stone has also been preparing paperwork for AgEP Payments and updating the database.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Mr. Salyer reviewed his written report (copy attached). He reminded the board of Ag Days January 31st and to review the Policy and Employee handbook.

Ms. Teets stated the litter program completion was much better this time than last time. She said she attended Forestry and Grasslands Training. Ms. Teets will also be attending the State AgEP Committee Meeting on December 10th.

WVU Extension: Mr. Carpenter reported they are having their last meeting in the gardening series tomorrow in Randolph County. He also gave us the following dates for Eat & Reap Dinners:

January 14th – Barbour County Belington Fire Hall – Tom Basden – Soil Testing & Fertility

February 11th – Randolph County Camp Pioneer- Steve Boyles- Cattle Handling

March 10th- Tucker County- Animal Health

WesMonTy RC&D: Mr. Tenney reported they are still looking for a coordinator and there will be a meeting Thursday November 21st at the Tygarts Valley Office.

WVDOF: Mr. Williams reported the price of timber is down and they are short 2 service foresters.

Old Business:

OM&R

- **Employee Shirts** – Ms. Morgan checked into the shirts and Seneca Designs is the cheapest. She will be sending the quote and information out to all supervisors.

Committee Reports:

Building/Finance/Budget Committee:

Mr. Tenney is going to check on our QuickBooks program.

Equipment/Safety Committee:

Mr. Nester reported they had a safety meeting this morning on working on and around water.

Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee:

Mr. Nester asked about getting the metal signs for the Conservation Farm Winners.

Legislative Committee:

Mr. Gumm mentioned Ag Days on January 31st and the importance of supervisors attending.

Grassland/AgEP Committee:

- **Poultry Litter Payments**

- Jody Carpenter \$1,178.24
- James Dean \$847.59
- James Dean \$1,421.44
- Stephen Ward \$1,536.00
- Portia Dean \$825.00
- John Yoakum \$924.39

Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the poultry litter payments as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.

- **Lime Payments**

- Kevin Shaffer \$1,928.70
- Edward Goss \$1,275.38
- Bruce Loyd \$1,793.40
- Jody Carpenter \$1,180.05
- William Shomo \$456.00
- Stephen Winslow \$960.00
- Holly Barker \$693.00
- Nathan Bennett \$449.70

Mr. Dean moved to approve the lime payments as presented; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.

WVACD:

Mr. Nester said the Conservation Farm of the Year State Winner requested to have a statewide field day on his farm in May 2020.

Personnel Committee: None

New Business:

Barbour County Land Judging Team Sponsorship:

Mr. Gumm moved to give the Barbour County Soils Judging Team \$1,000.00 for their national trip; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.

Personnel Committee: None

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Tenney declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA District Manager/ASA 3