

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on May 18, 2020, commencing at 9:00 am via skype. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Tenney.

Supervisors Present: James Dean, Jim Nester, Joe Shaffer, Joe Gumm, Tom Short, Doug Bush

WVCA Present: Candice Stone, Jeremy Salyer, Cindy Shreve

TVCD Present: Dan Elliott, Terrie Hedrick

NRCS Present: Jared Nestor

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

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

April 27, 2020 Minutes; **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**

May 18, 2020 Agenda; **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Ms. Hedrick reported we only have about \$8,000.00 left in the account after bills and payroll. The building is bringing in \$48,000.00 over a ten month in period. We are paying ½ of that in bills and the other ½ is profit. It is requested that in these costs that repairs, and maintenance is showed. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Mr. Elliott reported there are 4 new hires today and they are completing the necessary paperwork. He also stated they are going to start working on the dams in Potomac and Wheeling over the next few weeks and the job in Parsons will be completed today. He received information that 2 guys wearing masks can ride together however only 1 person per hotel room which will add extra costs that were not originally anticipated. Mr. Elliott reminded the board during the summer payroll is around \$16,000.00 every 2 weeks. He is asking that we have a meeting with the other districts to address the extra hotel expenses that will be incurred.

District Manager Report: Ms. Stone reported she has been working on cost verification forms and scanning FY21 AgEP applications to the shared drive so they can be ranked as well as her normal day to day functions.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Mr. Salyer reviewed his written report (copy attached). He mentioned that there is a potential for staff to return to the office as of June 1st, but this will be determined as time goes on. He also reminded them their plan of work is due by June 1st.

Ms. Shreve reported that today is the deadline for the TVCD Conservation Specialist Position job opportunity. She said the Ben Heavener will be covering Randolph and Tucker County/ Sigrid will continue to cover Barbour, Upshur and Taylor Counties until the new person is hired. Mr. Martin joined the call at the board request to answering questions. He advised them to talk with the other districts before beginning work if they plan on requesting more money to help cover additional costs due to extra hotel rooms. He reminded them that any additional monies

would have to involve Mr. Saurborn and Mr. Farkas. Mr. Martin told them they would need to have an amount of potential costs before this meeting. He requested they send him several different times they could meet so he could schedule a meeting.

NRCS: Mr. Nestor reported they are still working but with minimal staff in the offices. They are also working to complete CSP renewals and EQIP and AMA ranking for the upcoming year. Mr. Nestor also said they have filled the vacancy in Randolph County.

WesMonTy RC&D: Mr. Tenney stated there was no meeting in April. He said Mr. Sencindiver is working on getting grants wrapped up from the previous year. They will be having elections for officers in July.

Old Business:

NRCS Renovations:

- Mr. Nestor said Morgantown liked the laminate flooring much better than the painted floor. They gave their okay to complete the office.

Committee Reports:

Building/Finance/Budget Committee:

- Meeting needs to be set up to have an annual building inspection.

Equipment/Safety Committee:

- Mr. Nester stated there will be a Safety Meeting with the crew on May 29th at 3pm.

Grassland/AgEP Committee:

- **FY20 AgEP Payments**
 - **Urban Agriculture**
 - Kalyn Roberts \$200.00
 - Suzan Osburn \$200.00
 - **Invasive Species**
 - John Yoakum \$27.36
 - **Water Exclusion Fence**
 - Travis Hays \$780.80
 - **Pasture Division Fence**
 - Stephen Winslow \$595.20
 - Dale Hays \$1,280.00
 - **Watering System**
 - Bradley Bennett \$3,000.00
 - **Heavy Use Area**
 - Bradley Bennett \$1,000.00

AgEP Payment Approvals- Mr. Dean moved to approve all AgEP payments as presented; seconded by Mr. Short; motion carried.

- **Poultry Litter Agreement Approvals:**

- Evan Workman 100 tons \$1,600.00
 - **Poultry Litter Payments**
 - Tim Knotts
 - **Mr. Nester moved to approve the Poultry Litter Agreements/Payments as presented; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**
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New Business:

Building Loan Line of Credit: Mr. Dean stated he spoke with the bank and they can do 3.25% interest rate on \$50,000.00 line of credit with the building as collateral. **Mr. Nester moved to approve the line credit using the building as collateral; seconded by Mr. Short; motion carried with Mr. Gumm and Mr. Dean being opposed.**

Taylor County Solid Waste Appointee: Michael Bolyard's appointment to the Solid Waste Board expires in June. **Mr. Shaffer moved to appointment Mr. Bolyard to another term for Taylor County Solid Waste Board; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

Mr. Tenney asked the board to think about moving our meeting date to the middle of the month. After much discussion the board made the decision to have the board meeting the 2nd Monday of each month. Next board meeting scheduled for June 8, 2020.

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