

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on *May 13, 2015* commencing at 9:03 a.m. at the district conference room in Philippi, WV. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Wolfe.

*Supervisors Present:* Robert Wolfe, Joe Gumm, Sheldon Findley, Rex Reeder, Joe Shaffer and John Sencindiver.

*Others Present:* Hillary Woofter – WVCA, Joyce Frey – TVCD, Jeremy Salyer – WVCA, Ben Collier- NRCS, Corey Lambert – TVCD, and Sigrid Teets –WesMonTy RC&D.

Findley led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introduction and/or Recognition of Visitors:** None

**Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:**

*May 13, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda:* **Reeder moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Gumm; motion carried.**

*April 27, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes:* **Reeder moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Gumm; motion carried.**

**Treasurer Report:** Frey reviewed the general funds the district currently has available. A full report will be given during the month of June.

Due to time constraints, Chairman Wolfe led the discussion regarding the ongoing Myles Lumber Case. A review of recent correspondence from the district's attorney at Steptoe and Johnson was held, and an attempt to call him was made. Unable to reach the attorney, Brian Farkas, Executive Director of the WVCA, was called and joined the meeting via speakerphone. Farkas informed the group that the Governor had not yet replied to a request for additional funds to make a settlement with Myles Lumber. Farkas suggested that TVCD request a 45, 60, or even 90 day deadline to secure the additional funds requested in the settlement offer. Concerns were raised over whether the language of the newly proposed easement was agreeable to the WVCA and NRCS. The new easement was to be forwarded to Farkas and Andy Deichert, NRCS WV Conservationist Engineer, for them to review. Additionally, the attorney would be requested to call Chairman Wolfe when he was available to review what was discussed. *With no further business to attend regarding the Myles case, the phone call with Farkas was ended.*

**District Report:** Lambert reported that only minor maintenance had been needed around the district office complex, included some lightbulbs being changed. The district work crew had been working every day, and jobs with upcoming deadlines were getting completed. The crew was currently working on unplugging the riser at Upper Deckers #2. He had been preparing to start work on the Gerrard job, and was still in the process of getting written permission to do stream work on the property. The Volvo truck had an oil leak. Frey added that a part for the AC on the NRCS side of the building had been ordered. Wolfe added that all district vehicles needed to be filled with fuel before leaving the office/shop premises.

**District Manager Report:** Woofter reviewed her written report. (Copy attached) Three farms agreed to participate in the Conservation Farm of the Year contest. A tentative date of May 21<sup>st</sup> was chosen for the district farm tour. Additionally, Teets, Wolfe, and Sencindiver agreed to help

judge posters for the district's poster contest on June 10<sup>th</sup> following the district board meeting.

**Dates (District Meetings/Work Sessions) to Remember:**

- I. WesMonTy RC&D Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am**
- II. Pollinator Workshop May 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm - TVCD Office**
- III. Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup> – OFFICE CLOSED**
- IV. Central Region FFA Landjudging Contest May 26<sup>th</sup> Upshur County –Woody's Farm**
- V. TVCD Special Board Meeting – Farkas Listening Session May 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – TVCD Office**
- VI. AgEP Deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**
- VII. Poster Contest Deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**
- VIII. TVCD Regular Board Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – TVCD Office**
- IX. WVU Ext. Regional Field Day June 27<sup>th</sup> – Roger Nestor's Farm**
- X. TVCD Regular Board Meeting June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – TVCD Office**

**Sencindiver moved to offer water and pizza, not to exceed \$150.00 in total, to the participants in the Central Region FFA Contest; seconded by Reeder; motion carried.**

**Report of Officers and Agencies:**

WVCA: Salyer reviewed Stickley's report (copy attached) regarding the annual O&M inspections and SPRP funding. Findley requested that Stickley be asked to provide TVCD with copies of the inspections, as well as an update on the Akers easement violation. Woofter reported what she knew from having attended the inspections, and reported that the City of Philippi had called her recently regarding their SPRP request. Woofter had informed the city office that funding was not available at this time, and that the city had elected to remove the debris themselves. Woofter would forward the information on the Stickley to be noted in the CCR. Salyer then reviewed his report. (Copy attached)

*Poling* reported that he had been very busy certifying AgEP practices between WFCD and TVCD. He had recently taken a soil sample in Taylor County and Barbour County. Reminded everyone that an AgEP Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

WVU Extension: None

NRCS: *Collier* reviewed his written report (copy attached).

FSA: None

WesMonTy RC&D: *Teets* reported that their next meeting would be held at Camp Pioneer in Randolph County, and that afterwards they planned to tour the potato farm in Huttonsville. Project reports on grants are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. The hay crimper arrived to the district office Monday. Additionally, she had been working with Frey on a carpenter bee/pollinator exhibit that would be on display at Adaland Mansion.

WVDOF: None

Others: None

**Correspondence Received:** WV CEC Meeting Announcement; WVU Soil Judging Team Results; Brickstreet Authorization for Everson.

**Old Business:**

Farmland Preservation: No update.

Approval of funds for SPRP/OM&R: No update.

WVU Ext. Internet Use: Frey commented that Peplowski had been working on switching their internet, but are held up waiting on permission to cancel their current account with the city.

Ongoing Myles Lumber Case: Please refer to page one.

Ongoing investigation with Mr. Powers Deputy Director- Commission on Special Investigations: Wolfe reported that the trial had been delayed until an undecided date in either June or July.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Building/Finance/Budget Committee:** No report

**Equipment/Safety Committee:** No report

**Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee:** No report

**Legislative Committee:** Gumm reported that he'd be attending a luncheon with the WV Attorney General that afternoon.

**Grassland/AEP Committee:** Reeder shared that their next meeting will be on July 17, 2015.

**Conservation Agreements:** Jason Cleavenger (Barbour) – **Gumm moved to accept the agreement as presented; seconded by Reeder; motion carried.**

**AgEP Applications:** None

**AgEP Cancellations:** Tim Mayle (Taylor) Water \$3000.00 – **Shaffer moved to accept the cancellation as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.** Woofert added that per the board's motion in February, the next ranked water development, belonging to Mike Cvechko in Barbour County would be approved and added to the open contract list.

**AgEP Payments:**

1. Jeremy Bennett (Upshur) Pollinator \$200.00
2. Thomas Cooper (Randolph) Invasives \$287.00
3. Paul Lantz (Barbour) Fertilizer \$660.00
4. James Myers (Randolph) Fertilizer \$1200.00
5. Tom Pritt (Randolph) Fertilizer \$400.00
6. Norman Rohr (Upshur) Fertilizer \$810.00
7. Brent Tucker (Barbour) Fertilizer \$560.00
8. Howard Phillips (Randolph) HUAP \$500.00

9. Chuck Foley (Taylor) HUAP \$500.00
10. Glen Wentz (Barbour) HUAP \$500.00

**Total: \$5,617.00**

**Reeder moved to pay the AgEP contracts as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.**

**Water Resource Committee:** Shaffer commented that he was disappointed to hear that Consol Energy had removed their funding for Barbour Water Project.

**WVACD Directors Report:** No report.

**Personnel Committee:**

*Findley moved to go into executive session per WV state code 6-9A-4a to discuss a personnel issue; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried. The board went in to executive session at 10:30 AM.*

*Shaffer moved to resume regular board meeting at 11:00 AM; motion carried.*

**Findley moved to pay Mahala on an hourly basis at \$8.15 per hour, under the condition that she average working around 40 hours per month unless additional work for larger projects was necessary; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.**

**New Business:**

- **Appointing supervisor to be authorized district check signature-** Shaffer moved that Gumm be added as an authorized signature on district checks; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.
- **Recommendation to WVACD for sponsorship to 6<sup>th</sup> NCGL Conference-** Sencindiver moved that Reeder be TVCD's recommendation to the WVACD to be sponsored to attend the conference; seconded by Findley; motion carried.
- **FY16 CDO Budget-** Findley moved to approved the budget as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.
- **FY16 TVCD Plan of Work-** Shaffer moved to approved the plan of work as presented; seconded by Findley; motion carried.
- **LORs totaling \$100,348 as detailed below**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Dated</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
FY15 CDO 3 <sup>rd</sup> Allotment	April 1, 2015	\$4,393.00
FY16 CDO 1 <sup>st</sup> Allotment	July 1, 2015	\$19,000.00
FY16 CDO 2 <sup>nd</sup> Allotment	October 1, 2015	\$6,634.00
FY16 CDO 3 <sup>rd</sup> Allotment	January 1, 2016	\$6,633.00
FY16 CDO 4 <sup>th</sup> Allotment	April 1, 2016	\$6,633.00
FY16 Supervisor 1 <sup>st</sup> Allotment	July 1, 2015	\$19,969.00
FY16 Supervisor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Allotment	October 1, 2015	\$14,264.00
FY16 Supervisor 3 <sup>rd</sup> Allotment	January 1, 2016	\$14,264.00

FY16 Supervisor 4 <sup>th</sup> Allotment	April 1, 2016	\$8,558.00
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**Gumm moved to approve the LORs as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.**

**Report of Individual Supervisors:**

*Gumm* – Had not yet spoken to the Huttonsville PSD as requested at the previous meeting. The National Watershed Coalition and NRCS toured the Elkwater Dam with himself and Tom Warner on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Gumm then excused himself from the meeting at 11:10 AM.*

*Shaffer* – Spoke to Flohr and commented that he is very happy with the work that the district crew had done. Had also spoken to John Garner about his SPRP not being eligible for work.

*Sencindiver* – Would try to attend the WVCEC meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Mt. Claire. A date for the train excursion this fall still needs to be decided. *An Education Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> following the AgEp Committee meeting at 9:00 AM.*

**Public Comment Period:** None

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Wolfe declared the meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM.

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Secretary

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As prepared by