

Little Kanawha Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting
September 12, 2017, 9:30 AM
Spencer Agricultural Service Center, Spencer, WV

Minutes

Attending were:

*** Supervisors Attending ♦ Supervisors by Conference Call**

Ivan Banks, Ritchie County
*Norma Collins, Calhoun County
*Roger Collins, Calhoun County
Delmas Carr, Wood County
*Dexter Graham, Wood County
*Mike Nichols, Ritchie County
*Sam Sheets, Roane County
Roger Shaver, Wirt County
Judy Saunders, Roane County
Roseann Adams, Wirt County

Others attending:

Jerry Waybright, Wood County Associate Supervisor
Mikayla Hayes, LKCD
Jason Crislip, NRCS
Jeff Thorn, FSA
Kaitlyn Murphy, WVCA
Jessica Nichols, WVCA
John David Johnson, WVU Extension – Jackson County
JJ Barrett, WVU Extension – Wood County

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Nichols called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. The pledge was led by Roger Collins and recited by all.

It was noted that there isn't a quorum for this meeting which will limit its scope of business for the day.

District Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting – Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

Approval of Financial Reported Items

- Audit – It was reported that Perry & Associates of Marietta, OH have accepted the offer of doing the Districts audit for the same cost as last year. No date has been set at this time to commence the audit.
- Investment of Funds - Dexter Graham talked about his meeting with United Bank. They are to be sending us additional information but it hasn't arrived to date. It will only be the NFHR funds that are to be invested.

Approval of Cooperators

Agreements – None

Terminations – None

Correspondence – Non-Action Items

- Please review the items at your leisure.
- Letter was received from Mr. & Mrs Gerald Hall regarding the farm tour and follow up events. Discussed letter received.

Correspondence – Action Items –

- Harrisville Elementary Soil Tunnel Trailer Request - Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

Report of Agencies and Others

LKCD Associate Supervisors Report – Nothing at this time.

Field Staff Report, NRCS, District, Jason Crislip

- Bob Buchanan had reported that there was a crack in the Walker Creek dam but it was really a hole where a bird house was removed. Due to the concrete that the post had been set in it had left a large hole. This has since been addressed.
- Workloads were discussed.

Field Staff Report, LKCD, Mikayla Hayes

She discussed the moneys earned in the last month.

Field Staff Report, Forestry, Chuck Copeland – Please call if you have questions.

Field Staff Report, WVCA

- Three dam mowed but no invoice received to date.

FSA, Jeff Thorn –

- Deadline for crop report is soon with the one for bees being later.
- NAP Insurance was discussed. 11/20.
- Socially disadvantaged land owners were discussed. This would include women.

WV DNR Report, Jeff McCrady
Unable to attend.

LK RC&D Report
The warehouse continues to be full.

Solid Waste Authority Report –
Due to medical reasons Bob Buchanan, will be out for two months.

WVU Extension – Handling Equipment Handling equipment –

- John David Johnson discussed further information regarding the benefits.
- This will be used for education purposes as well.
- This will also lower farmer physical injury liability. Could possibly lower insurance liability if an insurance company would work with the farmer on this. This hasn't been proven at this time.
- The actual components of the equipment were discussed and the handling of the cattle but it will be able to be used for other larger livestock as well.
- Jeff Thorn mentioned the cost of such equipment as well.
- The damage deposit would be set at \$100 or \$200. There would be no cost for usage.
- This could be used at county fairs as well.
- A workshop on the safe handling of cattle was suggested.
- Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

Special Items of Interest

Emergency Watershed Program/Stream Protection & Restoration Program
Nothing new at this time.

North Fork Hughes River Updates & Issues

- O&M Work Bid Update – Dates were discussed regarding a job showing

Supervisors Expense Forms/Timing

Proposed change in policy to have expenses and per diem forms turned in at board meetings. This would allow for their review and signature at the same time they are received.
Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

D/M Associate Supervisors –

Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

Local, National & State Meeting Report

Envirothon Committee - Nothing reported

Grazing Conference Committee – Nothing reported

Grassland Committee – Nothing reported

Additional Local or State Meetings –

Farm Land Protection Board in Roane County –

- They are having a problem getting appraisals done.
- They have over \$400,000 collected.
- Sam Sheets attended a training session. Some counties are only wanting to approve where NRCS is working already. This would set up NRCS requiring them (the land owner) to do something in the future. Sam Sheets feels that the vagueness of the agreement is not a good thing.
- Discussed the history of the Farm Land Protection.
- Oil and gas has become a big problem with the protection of farm land in West Virginia.

Active District Committee Reports

Equipment Committee

- Weed Wiper – It still hasn't been picked up by JSC at this time.
- Sam Sheets talked about a post hole trailer that the Greenbrier Valley CD has to rent. There was brief general discussion.

Ag Enhancement Committee –

- Sam Sheets reported on the AgEP Committee Meeting.
- Still need to approve Richard Fisher as his application was over looked as it was paper clipped or stuck to another application.
- There is still a need to decide on a tie breaker. That should be listed in policy.
- Unable to be addressed at this time due to a lack of a quorum.

Budget Committee – Nothing at this time

District Manager, Jessica Nichols – Nothing additional to add.

WVCA Report, Kim Fisher – Unable to attend. Please call with questions.

Norma Collins reported on her time at the state fair.

Banquet –

Proposed date for the banquet is October 17th at 6 p.m. This will be at the 4-H grounds in Ritchie County. Letters will be sent with specific directions to all who will be attending. Jim Matheney will be the recognized landowner from Calhoun County.

Recommendation to present Gerald Waybright for Ag & Forestry Hall of Fame. This will be presented next year so that an appropriate amount of time can be given to the application that will be sent in.

Closing Activities

Calendar of Events –Board Meeting - September 21st in Parkersburg at 10 a.m.

Board Meeting - October 12th in Parkersburg at 10 a.m.

Banquet 17th – October 17th at the Ritchie Co. 4-H grounds at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

These minutes respectfully submitted by Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary and Jessica Nichols, Recorder.

Mike Nichols, LKCD Chairman

Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary

Date approved: _____