

**SOUTHERN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 10, 2018**

The Southern Conservation District held their regular monthly meeting on May 10, 2018 at the SCD office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Virgel Caldwell called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. Curtis Murphy led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ray Lafferty opened the meeting in prayer.

Supervisors Present

Virgel Caldwell	Oscar Vecellio
Curtis Murphy	Dvon Duncan
Don Windon	Ray Lafferty
John Farrell	Dennis Bailey

Supervisors Absent

Randall Patton
Randy Prince

Others Present

Becky Floyd, WVCA	Dave Parkulo, SCD
Marty Walker, WVCA	Gary Redden, NRCS
Randall Hass, Twin Falls State Park	Roger Boggess, Twin Falls State Park
Christina Jeffries, Visitor	

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the April 12, 2018 board meeting minutes as mailed. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

The letter of resignation from Travis Prince as Fayette County Supervisor was presented for board motion. **Ray Lafferty moved to accept the letter of resignation from Travis Prince. Oscar Vecellio seconded. Motion carried.**

The group discussed changing the July 12 board meeting date due to the WVACD meeting scheduled for July 11-12. **Curtis Murphy moved to change the July 12 board meeting to July 13, 2018. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Review/Approval of SCD April Financial Reports

Dvon Duncan moved to approve the April financial reports for the SCD accounts and certificate of deposits as prepared by Akers and Associates. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the April accounts receivable report as prepared by Akers and Associates. Ray Lafferty seconded. Board members reviewed the accounts 90 days or older. **Motion carried.**

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report

Becky Floyd presented the April WVCA/SCD financial reports for the co-administered funds. Becky reported due to service fees the district closed out the interest-bearing account at Chase bank and transferred the funds to a new interest-bearing account at First Community Bank. This action was taken by the SCD officers. **Ray Lafferty moved to approve the transfer for the funds from Chase Bank to First Community Bank. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried. Oscar Vecellio moved to approve the April financial reports for co-administered funds. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky presented the following invoice for payment approval based upon WVCA approval:
SCD Invoice 4586 LWS OM&R \$7,350.10

Oscar Vecellio moved to approve the payment based upon WVCA approval. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Becky presented the following Letters of Request for fiscal year 2019:
AgEP FY19 Grant Funds \$62,000.00 Date July 1, 2018

CD Operating Grant Funds (FY19 funds)

1 st Allotment	\$19,000.00	Date July 1, 2018
2 nd Allotment	\$6,634.00	Date October 1, 2018
3 rd Allotment	\$6,633.00	Date January 1, 2019
4 th Allotment	\$6,633.00	Date April 1, 2019

CD Supervisor support

1 st Allotment	\$23,963.00	Date July 1, 2018
2 nd Allotment	\$17,116.00	Date October 1, 2018
3 rd Allotment	\$17,116.00	Date January 1, 2019
4 th Allotment	\$10,270.00	Date April 1, 2019

Ray Lafferty moved to approve the Letters of Request as presented. Dennis Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

Becky reminded the board of the June 5 Women in Agriculture workshop.

Becky reported she sent an email to Greg Linder with Civil Engineering Consultants discussing the EOI/Agreement that expired in April and notifying them the district will be advertising this month for engineering services.

District Farm Tour

Virgel encouraged all supervisors to attend the May 18 conservation farm tour. Supervisors will leave from the district office at 8:00 a.m.

Becky reported letters were mailed to each of the conservation farmers notifying them of the May 18 date and congratulating them for being selected as a county conservation farm.

Nominating Committee

Virgel asked Dennis Bailey and John Farrell to serve on a committee to select a slate of nominees for FY19 district officers and directors. Dvon Duncan stepped down as one of the WVACD directors. The appointed committee will present nominations for officers and directors at the June board meeting.

319 Project Updates

Dennis Bailey reported on the dinner meeting held April 23 providing information to local landowners on possible 319 projects and the development of a watershed based plan and a watershed association. Dennis reported on attending a meeting at Pipestem State Park hoping to help promote the interest in 319 projects in this area. Dennis reported another Pipestem State Park Foundation meeting will be held May 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Park. He will discuss the draft watershed based plan at the meeting. Dennis will contact Dennis Burns to see if he can attend the meeting. Dvon and Dennis are reviewing the draft watershed based plan.

The 319-meeting scheduled for May 22 was canceled due to WVCA training. The next 319 meeting will be June 14 following the SCD board meeting.

Marty offered to develop a flyer highlighting the watershed area and visit local landowners to help introduce the 319 proposed plans and resource concerns once the watershed based plan is ready.

Visiting Agency Reports/Updates

WV Conservation Agency

Becky reviewed the report for the Agency. Jeremy Salyer is in training today. Becky highlighted Agency programs and deadlines, including elected supervisors submitting a copy of their Oath of Office to the District for their new term.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Gary Redden updated the board on current contracts the field office is working on in addition to working with the Hylton Farm on their Bio Sheet for the farm tour.

Twin Falls State Park

Dvon Duncan introduced the representatives from Twin Falls State Park. Roger Boggess stated the Park is very excited to develop an "American Chestnut Mother Tree Orchard". They have

started orchards on several sites in the park. Dennis Bailey reported Pipestem Park is also interested in developing a "Mother Tree Orchard". Virgel stated Camp Creek State Park is also interested in developing a "Mother Tree Orchard". They also discussed North Bend State Park.

A discussion was held on plans for the Field Day at Camp Creek State Park. Dennis said Pipestem is interested in hosting a Field Day possibly next year.

Both Twin Falls State Park and Pipestem State Park will be holding Farm to Table dinners this summer. Supervisors were invited to attend.

Dvon will correspond with Robert Sypolt to inform him the three parks are interested in developing "Mother Tree Orchards".

SCD Crew Foreman Report

Dave Parkulo gave an update on work completed in the past month. He will work with Judith Lyons on work orders for OM&R work still to be completed.

Dave reported Western CD has approved SCD estimates to complete mowing on their dams this year.

WV Conservation Agency Conservation Specialist Report

Marty Walker reported on attending NRCS high tunnel training this week in Boone County. She will be attending additional training in May and June with the WVCA.

Marty reminded supervisors the deadline for FY18 AgEP contracts to be completed is June 15.

Marty presented the following frost seeding completed contracts for payment approval:

Jim Tolliver	\$404.89
Homer Plumley	\$400.46
Cheryl Williams	\$179.97

Dennis Bailey moved to approve the frost seeding contract payments as presented. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

The group reviewed recommendations from the SCD AgEP Committee. **Dennis Bailey moved to set July 5-13, 2018 as the first application period for the FY19 AgEP program. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.**

Dennis Bailey moved to set a \$2,000.00 cap per cooperator, per farm per application for the first application period for FY19. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried. Dennis Bailey moved to set a \$1,000.00 cap per cooperator, per farm, per application for the second application period for FY19 for the AgEP program. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Bailey moved to include the following cost share practices in the first application period for FY19: lime, exclusion fence, pasture division fence, pond cleanout, water systems, and heavy use area protection. Oscar Vecellio seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Bailey moved to include the following cost share practices in the second application period for FY19: nutrient management and frost seeding. Ray Lafferty seconded. Motion carried.

Becky reminded the board the AgEP Agreement Addendum needs to be updated for FY19 and submitted to Guthrie. Changes and updates will be made to the Addendum and presented for board approval at the OM&R meeting.

Marty will begin the process to advertise for the July sign up dates.

John Farrell discussed concerns on invasive species and including it in the second sign up period. The SCD AgEP Committee did not recommend it as a practice due to the limited AgEP budget.

Supervisor Reports

Dvon Duncan reported on the Mountain RC&D meeting held last week. She asked Becky to place the Mountain RC&D project list on the June board meeting agenda.

Dvon reported the VISTA work plan has been resubmitted to the state for review and approval. Dvon stated she hopes to have the position filled by a local person who is interested in making this position a permanent position after the two-year VISTA position.

Dvon reported the Wyoming County Commission signed the Stream Restoration Agreement with the WVCA and SCD. She will present this to the SCD for signature once she has received the original signed copy.

Dvon discussed a blockage on Indian Creek in Wyoming County. She has sent pictures to the Agency. Dvon stated the Agency stated they are responding to blockages from the recent flooding and will visit this site when possible. Dvon stated she is concerned of the size of the blockage and possibly flooding. Curtis offered to call Brian Fry to encourage a site visit immediately due to size of the blockage.

Dvon reported on the Make It Shine event held in Wyoming County.

Dvon reviewed meetings and events she will be attending this month including the upcoming Wyoming County Water Festival.

Virgel reported an Executive Session will not be held today. A Finance Committee will be held May 15 at 10:00 at the SCD office.

John Farrell reported on documentaries being shown on water quality June 9 at 7 pm at the Lewis Theater in Lewisburg.

Ray Lafferty discussed the NACD Summer meeting being held in Williamsburg, Virginia on August 3-8, 2018 and offered to attend to represent the district. He also discussed the NACD annual meeting being held in San Antonio, Texas on February 2-6, 2019. Ray also offered to attend the annual meeting in Texas. A discussion was held on possibly sending more than one supervisor if others are interested in attending the meetings. Virgel asked Becky to place this on the June board meeting agenda for further discussion.

John Farrell discussed events he will be attending including the Hinton Area Foundation meeting on May 24.

Dvon asked the minutes to reflect the District reviewed all the Plan of Work items for the coming fiscal year. Becky will make minor changes and present the final Plan of Work for 2018-2019 to the board at the May 22 OM&R meeting.

Virgel reported he attended the SCD/GVCD/NRCS land judging contest held at the PMC on May 3. Marty and Becky also attended. The SCD had three teams participate.

John Farrell suggesting using the Plan of Work as part of a video to develop a marketing tool for the district to highlight the district's mission. John will work on this with the SCD marketing committee.

Christiana Jefferies introduced herself to the board. She is the president of the Fayette County Farmers Market and is currently working on two high tunnels that were originally Rick Rutledge's high tunnels. Ms. Jefferies stated Randy Prince invited her to attend today to see if she is interested in serving on the board.

The meeting adjourned 11:40

Respectfully submitted

Virgel Caldwell
Chairman

Dvon Duncan
Secretary