

MINUTES

Western Conservation District Board Meeting

DECEMBER 20, 2018

In Attendance

Supervisors: Charles Lipscomb, Chairman; Oscar Harris, Vice-Chairman; Jim Withrow, Secretary; Don Stephens, Treasurer; Peachie Arthur; Jeremy Grant

Others: Dennis Brumfield, CPA, District Bookkeeper; Jackie Byars, District Conservationist; Russell Kidwell, Conservation Technician and Sherry Pearson, District Manager; WVCA.

Call to Order

Chairman Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the district office in Point Pleasant.

Approval of Agenda & Minutes

On a Harris/Stephens motion the agenda was adopted. Motion carried. On a Grant/Stephens motion the minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

General & CDO Funds - District CPA, Dennis Brumfield reviewed the financial reports.

Co-Administered Funds - WCD Co-Administered Funds Report as presented by DM as prepared by WVCA.

Financial Transactions for December were approved as corrected on a Harris/Stephens motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Don presented his report that had only three supervisors submitting expenses this month. **On a Stephens/Harris motion payroll of \$392.14 was approved. Motion carried.** Jim inquired about his expenses to Nevada with the board agreeing to pay half of the cost up to \$1,000 with the WVACD sharing the cost.

Report of Supervisors

Peachie reported that he attended the Great Kanawha RC&D Council meeting. He also has been appointed to serve on the FSA county committee for Putnam County.

Don attended the Little Kanawha RC&D where a speaker talked about the Department of Agriculture's maple syrup specialty grant program.

Oscar reports that he has the lime spreader fixed and ready to go.

Jim gave a report on his trip to Reno, Nevada to attend the National Grasslands Conference.

Programs

OM&R – Judith Lyons, Watershed Manager South – Provided a written report

Southern CD has not started the debris removal at Mill Creek Site 9 as per Judith's report.

AgEP – Oscar Harris, Committee Chairman

Russell reported that all water and lime contracts have requested extensions by returning their signed request to the office except for one water. **On a Harris/Arthur motion the board approved all extension requests received before the deadline. Motion carried.**

AgEP

The following payments were approved on a Stephens/Withrow motion, motion carried.

LIME

Charles Parsons	\$2,100.00
Robert Pursley	\$2,037.00
H&H Farms	\$2,100.00
Eleanor Hoffman	\$1,344.00
G. Benny Hoffman	\$2,100.00
Warner Roush	\$1,932.00
Robert Foster	\$1,932.00
Forest Deweese	\$2,058.00

WATER SYSTEM

Justin Carr	\$3,319.50
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FENCE

John McCarty	\$2,330.00
Stephen Flanigan	\$3,568.50

An AgEP meeting will be set for February to discuss the districts program for 2019.

Correspondence

- ◆ Small Farms Conference Information

Old Business

- ◆ FY18 Procedural Audit performed by Rod Lowe with report expected by January meeting.
- ◆ Draft of the banners for AgDay were received by Davin White with the board approving the designs.

New Business

- ◆ WCD Ag Workshop – Suggested topics and speakers were discussed for the annual agriculture workshop.

Agency Reports

West Virginia Conservation Agency

Kim Fisher, Area Director - Written Report Submitted (attached)

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jackie Byars, District Conservationist

Greg Stone could not make it today because of a last-minute teleconference. His last day will be the 21st of January before taking his new position in Kentucky. The technician position for the Ripley office has been offered. They will replace Rodney Site as Rodney is considered a civil engineering tech. The soil conservationist position in Pt Pleasant was offered but the person did not accept it may take 1-2 years before the vacancy is filled. EQIP first round resulted in 11 high tunnels that have been pre-approved. The second-round applications will be taken until January 18th. Practices are cover crop, 13 Mile grazing, animal waste systems for specific soil type, beginning farmers, and pollinator or monarch butterfly.

Adjournment

Chairman Lipscomb stated the date of the next meeting will be Thursday, January 17th, at 9 a.m. With no further business, Chairman Lipscomb adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Sherry Pearson

Approved by: _____

James Withrow, Secretary

Attachments