

1 GUYAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
2 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
3 May 17, 2012 @ 1:00PM  
4 Conference Room  
5 Huntington, WV

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6 **APPROVED MINUTES**

7 Board Members Present:

8 Boyd Meadows, Cabell County  
9 John Bill Perry, Wayne County  
10 John Oblinger, Cabell County  
11 Bill Stewart, Wayne County  
12 Grady Hayner, Boone County  
13 Rocky Adkins, Logan County

Other Attendees:

Judith Lyons, WVCA  
Corine Powell, NRCS  
Greg Stone, NRCS  
Sherry Adams, USACOE  
Brent Brumfield, WVCA  
Cathy Cline, USACOE

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15 I. Call Meeting to Order

16 Chairman Boyd Meadows called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

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18 I. Approve Agenda

19 *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Oblinger,*  
20 *the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.*

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22 II. Agency Report

23 Judith Lyons, with the WVCA, attended the meeting and read aloud a written  
24 report on the stream blockages within the District. The Little Coal River  
25 Project is actively permitting and Ms. Lyons hopes to submit the permits next  
26 week. A public meeting on the project will be held in June, with the date to be  
27 determined.

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29 Brent Brumfield, with the WVCA, attended the meeting and noted that there  
30 were three stream permits and the majority of the CCR's were deemed  
31 ineligible.

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33 Larry Layman, with the WVCA, attended the meeting and Chairman  
34 Meadows noted that he was the District's new liaison with WVCA. Mr.  
35 Layman will be attending the monthly Board meetings. He suggested the  
36 Board revise their Policy & Procedures manual at the July meeting in order to  
37 conduct elections afterwards. Supervisor training is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>  
38 and June 27<sup>th</sup> at Guthrie in Building 2. The Ag Enhancement Program offers a  
39 lot of help through the districts to the cooperators. Conservation Farm Tour  
40 Bio's are due to Guthrie by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the Area  
41 Judging. The proposal for the \$5,000 grant funds is due to WVCA. A "Notice  
42 to Contractors" has been posted on the website, notifying everyone that phone  
43 calls will no longer be the method of contacting contractors for future jobs.

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45 III. Other Visitors

1 Corine Powell, with the NRCS, attended the meeting and submitted a report to  
2 the members. Ms. Powell noted that \$15,000 was spent in cost-share funds in  
3 the District. Xerces Society is very interested in the Pollinator Program to  
4 adapt into their course nationally. The next Pollinator meeting will be held on  
5 June 13, 2012 at the Cross Lanes office.  
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7 Sherry Adams, with USACOE attended the meeting. Ms. Adams introduced  
8 Cathy Cline as the financial analyst on the Island Creek project. Ms. Adams  
9 provided the board with a real estate map. Thieves have stolen materials and  
10 the contractor has looked into security services to deter this from occurring in  
11 the future. These materials will be the liability of the contractors, not  
12 USACOE or the District. Four tracts are now in Condemnation proceedings  
13 and possession will probably be taken by the end of June. Ms. Adams believes  
14 the project can be completed by January 2014, June 2014 at the latest.  
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16 Greg Stone, with the NRCS, attended the meeting and noted that Dustin and  
17 the District had done an outstanding job on the Pollinator Program. He noted  
18 that it was a great way to reach out to urban areas. A new Farm Bill is in the  
19 process of being written, and the Senate version may combine programs, such  
20 as EQIP and WHIP into one. Overall, NRCS will see 6% cuts, and the House  
21 hasn't reviewed this yet. Mr. Stone requested Theresa Smith place him on the  
22 June board agenda to discuss technical assistance funds being cut (possibly)  
23 and would like to have the District's input on this.  
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26 IV. Supervisor Reports

27 Rocky Adkins reported that he was in "cleanup mode". Mr. Adkins has been  
28 dealing with FEMA and USACOE is moving along well. Further, there  
29 weren't any issue with the election.  
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31 Alan Boone reported that he  
32 Bill Stewart reported that he has overseen some stream blockages and work  
33 with the Farmer's markets.  
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35 Grady Hayner reported that he has been working with the Pollinator Program  
36 distributing packets and he's followed up on many since distribution.  
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38 John Bill Perry reported that he had attended the RC&D meeting.  
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40 John Oblinger noted that he had attended the Solid Waste Authority meeting  
41 in Cabell. He also distributed Pollinator packets.  
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43 V. Meeting Minutes

44 Minutes submitted from the April 19, 2012 meeting were enclosed for the  
45 Board's review.  
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1                    *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Oblinger,*  
2                    *the Board unanimously approved the April 19, 2012 Minutes as*  
3                    *presented.*

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5                    VI.    Business Meeting

6                    The board discussed the Ag Enhancement Program at length. A meeting is  
7                    scheduled for 11:00 am on June 21<sup>st</sup>, prior to the regular board meeting.

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9                    *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by Grady Hayner, the*  
10                    *Board unanimously approved to submit an LOR to request \$5,000 in grant*  
11                    *funds for the District, along with the itemized plan in allotting the funds.*

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13                    *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by Rocky Adkins, the*  
14                    *Board unanimously decided to discuss the following at the June Board*  
15                    *meeting: District Policy & Procedures Amendments, Nominating Committee*  
16                    *to meet, and appoint Directors & Officers for the District.*

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18                    *Upon a motion made by John Oblinger and seconded by Grady Hayner,*  
19                    *the Board unanimously approved the LOR 1053-00 for 319 Rain Garden &*  
20                    *Outdoor Classroom in the amount of \$20,000.*

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22                    *Upon a motion made by John Oblinger and seconded by John Bill*  
23                    *Perry, the Board unanimously approved to renew the 1058-02 AM 2 Stream*  
24                    *Restoration Agreement.*

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26                    *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Oblinger,*  
27                    *the Board unanimously approved donating \$200 to Pressley Ridge's "Ag*  
28                    *Day at Pressley Ridge" towards their outdoor garden project.*

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30                    The following invoices were presented to the Board for payment:

31                    CDO-Operating Funds

32                    1. Halfway Market	\$751.27
33                    2. LM&OC	\$568.32
34                    3. Bagby, Johnson & Associates	\$275.00
35                    4. WVA Conservation Camp	\$370.00
36                    5. Appalachian Grazing Conference	\$500.00
37                    6. WVNET	\$16.95
38                    7. WVNET	\$16.95
39                    8. Frontier	\$295.32
40                    9. Sprint	\$140.15
41                    10. Industrial Sanitation	\$113.42
42                    11. John Bill Perry	\$12.22
43                    12. Stationers Inc	\$213.74

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45                    *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Oblinger,*  
46                    *the Board unanimously approved payment of the above bills.*

1 Ag Enhancement Program

2 The program was approved the by Association not Committee yet. A change in  
3 the wording needs to be discussed and possibly changed. Mr. Layman suggested  
4 the District name a committee for the program implementation. Jennifer Skaggs  
5 (Program Head Director) will help with the development on the application,  
6 selecting practices, developing ranking criteria, and discussing setting a cap.

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8 ***Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Bill Perry,***  
9 ***the board accepted the amended wording in the Ag Enhancement Program***  
10 ***from WVCA to read: “Where NRCS technical assistance is being utilized,***  
11 ***NRCS standards and specifications must be followed. Approved practices must***  
12 ***follow standards and specifications of the participating technical agency/group.***  
13 ***Any engineering practice must have a professional certified engineering seal.”***

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15 It was decided that the Board will meet on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am to discuss the Ag  
16 Enhancement Program.

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18 The Conservation Farm Tour took place and the following County farmers were  
19 chosen: Zeke Woods in Lincoln County, Thomas McBride in Wayne County, and  
20 John M Yaeger in Cabell County. The Farm tour will take place on May 29, 2012  
21 at 8:00am.

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23 The Quarterly Meeting will take place at Cacapon State Park on July 9<sup>th</sup> and July  
24 10<sup>th</sup>.

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26 ***Upon a motion made by John Oblinger and seconded by Bill Stewart,***  
27 ***the board re-appointed the members sitting on Logan, Cabell, and Wayne Solid***  
28 ***Waste Authority Boards respectively.***

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30 The Board made aware on the agenda, the following: 69-3D-47-12-3-EWP  
31 Agreement for \$400,000 EWP funds between the Guyan Conservation District,  
32 Logan County Commission, NRCS, and State Committee. A special conference  
33 call meeting will take place within the next two weeks.

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35 Adjournment

36 ***The Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 3:00pm.***

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38 Respectfully Submitted By,

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41 Theresa Smith,  
42 GCDistrict Recording Secretary