

1 GUYAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
3 January 22, 2012 @ 1:00PM
4 Conference Room
5 Huntington, WV

6 **APPROVED MINUTES**

7 Board Members Present:

8 Boyd Meadows, Cabell County
9 John Bill Perry, Wayne County
10 Clinton Lucas, Lincoln County
11 George Mathis, Logan County
12 Bill Stewart, Wayne County
13 Grady Hayner, Boone County
14 John Oblinger, Cabell County
15 Rocky Adkins, Logan County

Other Attendees:

Laura Meadows, FSA
Corine Powell, NRCS
Dustin Adkins, NRCS
Carolyn Hefner, WVCA
Greg Stone, NRCS
Judith Taylor, WVCA Watershed
Jennifer Skaggs, WVCA Watershed
Sherry Adams, USACOE

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18 I. Call Meeting to Order

19 Chairman Boyd Meadows called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.
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21 I. Approve Agenda

22 *Upon a motion made by Bill Stewart and seconded by John Bill Perry,*
23 *the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.*
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25 II. Agency Report

26 Carolyn Hefner, with WVCA, attended the meeting and reviewed the FY13
27 Appropriation Request by line item with the members. Ms. Hefner encouraged
28 the members to be present at the Ag Day at the Capitol in March. Regarding
29 the upcoming elections, the WVCA does not run the election; it is the
30 Secretary of State's responsibility. In Boone County, Grady Hayner will stay
31 on board until someone files. In Mingo County, the Board can notify the State
32 Committee of duties not being fulfilled by the current member, in order to
33 remove. The funds for RC&D have all been approved and committed for
34 2012. New criteria will be established for 2013 projects. An Ag Enhancement
35 Committee has been formed and all meetings are held at the Elk District
36 office. If anyone wants to attend, it will be at their own expense. The Annual
37 Conference is being reviewed this year to look at cutting costs, and possibly
38 making it a 1 day program.
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40 Judith Taylor attended the meeting and submitted a report for the members.
41 She noted that a job showing has taken place, as well as the subsequent bid
42 opening. John Nelson was hired to assist in work with the Little Coal River
43 project and Ms. Taylor is working with Stantec to have them submit a revised
44 invoice on work completed.
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III. Other Visitors

Corine Powell, with the NRCS, attended the meeting and submitted a report to the members. The “high” ranking applications are being taken at this time. A Field Day will be held on behalf of the District in April in Lincoln County. The Xerces Society will come and hold a Pollinator Short Course in Milton on April 18th. Ms. Powell noted they hope to offer 30 spots for free FIRST, and then payment will need to be made for any other participants over this amount.

Sherry Adams, with the US Army Corps of Engineers, attended the meeting and noted there was a monthly meeting held on the Island Creek project on January 18th in Logan. The contractor is moving along on the base contract and Option 1. Car bodies were found and the area must be tested for hazardous materials. A second wall was found behind AEP, but should be able to drill through it (within budget though). As of today, there are no extra costs on the project. The Corps is working on getting condemnations out of the office to move along. There will be more in the future; USACOE handles these negotiations regarding the real estate appraisals. Ms. Adams invited the Board to visit the site anytime. A letter from USACOE will be sent to the District by the end of January to request the additional 5% cash funds.

Greg Stone, with NRCS, attended the meeting and reported that the Department of Ag has asked all agencies to close some offices. NRCS field offices will not be closed as of now. In Huntington, the soil survey side of the operations will close down and those employees will be placed in another NRCS office by the summertime. The USDA will take many budget hits, and will not produce a Farm Bill, and will leave it up to Congress in 2013. The map services will still be available to anyone that comes into the field offices.

Laura Meadows, with FSA, attended the meeting and notified the board that FSA has decided to close 5 offices in West Virginia. Huntington will hold a public meeting to address this proposed closure on February 1st at Huntington High School at 5pm for concerns and commenting. The County Committee meeting will be held on that same day, and Ms. Meadows invited the members to attend to obtain more information about this. If the Huntington office does close, the location will be moved to the Hamlin office. Having all 3 agencies together (FSA, GCD, and NRCS) really makes it more convenient for the producers, and the move would essentially break this apart. There was much discussion between Ms. Meadows and the board members regarding reasons why the closure should not take place. The Secretary of Agriculture will make the final decision.

IV. Supervisor Reports

1 Clinton Lucas noted that the Education Committee was working on
2 scholarships. (No other member reports were given, in lieu of time.)
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5 V. Meeting Minutes

6 Minutes submitted from the December 22, 2011 meeting were enclosed for
7 the Board's review.
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9 *Upon a motion made by George Mathis and seconded by John Bill
10 Perry, the Board unanimously approved the December 22, 2011 Minutes
11 as presented.*
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13 VI. Business Meeting

14 The following invoices were presented to the Board for payment:
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16 CDO-Operating Funds

17 1. Frontier	\$145.28
18 2. LM&OC Properties	\$568.32
19 3. WVNET	\$16.95
20 4. Sprint	\$139.45
21 5. Stationers	\$65.97
22 6. Stationers	\$61.09
23 7. John Bill Perry	\$15.12
24 8. Great Kanawha RC&D	\$250.00

26 *Upon a motion made by John Bill Perry and seconded by Bill
27 Stewart, the Board unanimously approved payment of the above
28 bills.*
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30 *Upon a motion made by Grady Hayner and seconded by Clinton Lucas,
31 the Board unanimously adopted the Committee recommendations to
32 approve for lime on 15 acres for Paul Stephens, and payment to Bill
33 Blankenship for \$168.00 on completion of his lime application.*
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35 VII. Adjournment

36 *The Board unanimously adjourned the meeting at 3:07pm.*
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38 Respectfully Submitted By,
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41 Theresa Smith,
42 GCDistrict Recording Secretary