



# GREENBRIER VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Minutes of the April Special Meeting

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors held a special board meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in the conference room of the Lewisburg USDA Service Center. Those attending were:

Supervisors	Others
<b>Jerry Clifton</b>	<b>Anita Crance, GVCD</b>
<b>Barry Miller*</b>	<b>Jim Roy, WVCA</b>
<b>Gary Sawyers</b>	
<b>Gary Truex</b>	
<b>Absent: Carolyn Miller and Timothy VanReenen</b>	
<b>Associates:</b>	
<b>*Present via teleconference.</b>	

**Call to Order:** Chairman Gary Sawyers called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. He noted that supervisor Barry Miller was unable to attend the meeting and had joined the group via teleconference.

**Approval of Agenda:** Jerry Clifton moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Letters of Request for District Support to WVCA:** Chairman Sawyers explained that Letters of Request needed to be sent to the WVCA for three quarters of FY13 for district support for our Grassland Technicians in the amount of \$18,750.00 per quarter. **Gary Truex moved to approve to send letters of request for the first three quarters of FY2013 to the West Virginia Conservation Agency in the amount of \$18,750.00 per quarter. Motion carried.**

**Howard Creek Weir – Letter to NRCS:** Jim Roy with the West Virginia Conservation Agency reported that they would like to submit a request to NRCS to do a study of the Howard Creek Weir so that we can restore the channel to a less expensive operation. We need another alternative to the weir, as we have to spend approximately \$5,000.00 every other year to remove the sediment that is deposited as a result of the weir. A draft letter was prepared for the board's review. **Jerry Clifton moved to approve the letter as drafted by the WVCA to send to NRCS requesting a study of alternatives to the Howard Creek Weir. Motion carried.**

**AgEP Lime Applications for Charles Burr, Ben Gee, Warren Hunter, Jackie A. Kaluk, Tommy Rose, Frank Wickline and David Rapp:** Gary Truex moved to approve the following list of lime applicants as was read aloud by Chairman Sawyers.

Discussion ensued. Gary Truex explained on Ben Gee that he was originally approved for 80 acres. He spread lime on 5 acres because weather hampered him from doing more and was paid for the 5 acres. His application was closed out by misunderstanding that he didn't plan to do anything further. He has recently called to request an extension to spread the remaining 75 acres. Since there was a misunderstanding, the Grassland Committee recommends that we honor Mr. Gee's original contract.

<b>Charles Burr</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$ 870.00</b>
<b>Warren Hunter</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$1,176.00</b>
<b>Jackie A. Kaluk</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$1,679.55</b>
<b>Tommy Rose</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$ 688.80</b>
<b>Frank Wickline</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>David Rapp</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$3,904.50</b>
<b>Ben Gee</b>	<b>Maximum cost-share</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>

**Total approved maximum cost-share of \$10,868.85. Motion carried.**

**WVCA Strategic Plan Review and Comments** – The board reviewed the draft Strategic Plan document that was sent to all districts from Brian Farkas. Barry Miller was read the comments that the board made following their review. The first comment was a question on page 2 regarding the WVCA's mission statement and purpose. The second comment was a question on page 5 regarding "higher levels of government". Can conservation districts request funding directly from the WV Legislature? **Jerry Clifton moved to write a letter of support to Brian Farkas on the Strategic Plan and include the above two comments. Motion carried.**

**Other Business:** Timothy VanReenen asked Gary Truex to bring to the board several items noted at Monday's AgEP Committee meeting. David C. Miller wishes to cancel his AgEP contract. Kenneth Kelley qualifies for a 319 program, so he will not do his practices under the AgEP. Dillon Lewis does not wish to proceed with his AgEP youth grant. We have received a cancellation request from Loretta Holliday (widow of William Holliday). This will free up approximately \$6,500.00. The extra dollars will probably be used for lime. Since these items were not submitted in time for today's agenda, they will be on the May meeting agenda for the board's approval.

Gary Truex informed the board that he had received a phone call from Greenbrier County Commissioner Woody Hanna regarding our request for financial assistance for our Grassland Technicians. Pocahontas County Commission meets on May 2. Monroe County had to decline. Greenbrier County may be able to help.

Jim Roy noted that Sam Ware received a phone call from Paul Sharp with the City of White Sulphur Springs. Surveyors from Ghosh Engineering will be on the creek tomorrow. If we get what Sam has requested, it may not be necessary for us to attend the Water Board meeting. Jim added that he will be back down tomorrow to see what they intend to do.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Chairman Sawyers adjourned the meeting at 1:25 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



**Gary W. Sawyers  
Chairman**



**Gary L. Truex  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**GLT/ac**

**Recorded by Anita J. Crance, Administrative Officer**