

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on *June 29, 2015* commencing at 9:02 a.m. at the district conference room in Philippi, WV. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Wolfe.

*Supervisors Present:* Robert Wolfe, Joe Gumm, Rex Reeder, Jim Nester, Tom Warner, Dave Bonner, Joe Shaffer, and John Sencindiver.

*Others Present:* Hillary Woofert – WVCA, Joyce Frey – TVCD, Jeremy Salyer – WVCA, Ben Collier- NRCS, Roger Poling – WVCA, Corey Lambert – TVCD, Sigrid Teets –WesMonTy RC&D, Jamie O’Brien – Steptoe & Johnson.

Gumm led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:**

*June 29, 2015 Board Meeting Agenda and June 11, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes:* **Gumm moved to approve the agenda and minutes as presented; seconded by Reeder; motion carried.**

**Introduction and/or Recognition of Visitors:** Chairman Wolfe introduced Jamie O’Brien from Steptoe and Johnson to everyone present. Together, they both recapped the recent events regarding the Myles Lumber case. The possibility of settlement and the associated outcomes was discussed at length.

**Gumm moved to accept the settlement offer as presented by Myles Lumber; seconded by Reeder; motion carried.**

O’Brien commented that he would contact the mediator later that day to discuss further arrangements. With no further business to discuss, O’Brien excused himself from the meeting at 10:18 am.

**Treasurer Report:** Frey gave a short A/R Aging Summary report, and added that the district had \$16,474.00 remaining in the general checking account. She suggested that the district use its line of credit to pay expenses and payroll later this week. She had been diligently working on balancing her accounts in Quickbooks for the fiscal year closeout. She added that the district had roughly \$3,700.00 remaining for the FY15 CDO.

**District Report:** Lambert reported that the building hadn’t needed any major repairs, and the crew had fixed the concrete steps leading up to the shop, in addition to fixing a water leak behind the shop the week prior. Karl had been working on the fuel injector and A/C on the tractor. The crew had also cleaned up one of the district lime spreaders to take to the field day at Roger Nestor’s. For participating in the field day, the district was given a calibration system that future lime spreader renters could use. Lambert was hopeful that the district crew would complete the Gerard EQIP job today, and reported that the mowing for Polk Creek and the National Cemetery had been completed. Lastly, the bid he gave to LKCD was accepted, and anticipates the work taking one to two weeks.

**District Manager Report:** Woofter reported that the spring AgEP was nearly complete, and all contracts had been paid and processed except those up for board approval today. She had been assisting with several NE NACD conference projects/correspondence and would be attending August 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> to assist onsite.

**Dates (District Meetings/Work Sessions) to Remember:**

- I. July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- II. WVACD Quarterly Meeting & Supervisor Training July - 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> – Flatwoods
- III. SCC Meeting – July 14<sup>th</sup> - Guthrie
- IV. WV Grazing Lands Steering Committee – July 17<sup>th</sup> – Weston Steer Steakhouse 10:00 a.m.
- V. NE NACD Conference Planning Meeting – July 17<sup>th</sup> – ECD Office 1:00 p.m.
- VI. Area 3 Farm Tour – July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- VII. Appalachian Grazing Conference Meeting – July 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m. Sabraton USDA Office
- VIII. TVCD Regular Board Meeting – July 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. TVCD Office
- IX. 2015 NACD NE Conference – August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Canaan Valley Resort
- X. Smith/DNR Trial – August 10<sup>th</sup> Charleston
- XI. TVCD Regular Board Meeting – August 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. TVCD Office

**Report of Officers and Agencies:**

**WVCA:** *Salyer* commented that there weren't many updates since the last TVCD board meeting, noting only that the state committee approved to use GSA rates for processing supervisor travel and per diem under the new policy, and that July 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day for reimbursement claims to be submitted to Guthrie for FY15. He went on to review Stickley's report (copy attached).

*Poling* attended the field day at Roger Nestor's and gave a broad summary of what financial assistance programs the district has to offer. There was a meeting scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> in Flatwoods for WVCA conservation technicians to discuss the proposed changes for AgEP.

**WVU Extension:** None

**NRCS:** *Collier* reviewed his written report (copy attached).

**FSA:** None

**WesMonTy RC&D:** *Teets* stated that the next RC&D meeting would be on July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marion County solid waste facility. She, in addition to Frey and Peplowski, had been working on installing a pollinator habitat at Adaland Mansion. She recently attended a Potomac Valley Weed Management Area meeting, and said the district could become a member/supporter of the group if they desired.

**WVDOF:** None

**Others:** None

**Correspondence Received:** Thank you letter from WVU Upshur Co. Ext.

### **Old Business:**

**Farmland Preservation:** Reeder reported that they held a meeting the Thursday prior, and that they are looking to hire someone to coordinate a setup plan.

**Approval of funds for SPRP/OM&R:** No new eligible CCRs had been received/no update.

**WVU Ext. Internet Use:** Frey reported that Extension is working on getting their own internet set up, but has run into a delay with the county commissioner.

**Ongoing Myles Lumber Case:** (See above under recognition of visitors)

**Ongoing investigation with Mr. Powers Deputy Director- Commission on Special Investigations:** Wolfe reported that the new trial date was scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup> and that he, Frey, Poling, and Waugaman had received summons again.

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### **Committee Reports:**

**Building/Finance/Budget Committee:** Wolfe, Bonner, and Reeder agreed to meet on Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am in the district office to review the applications received for the open housekeeping position.

**Equipment/Safety Committee:** No report.

**Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee:** No report.

**Legislative Committee:** Wolfe will look into sites for hosting the district's annual legislative banquet in Barbour County this fall.

**Grassland/AEP Committee:** Reeder shared that their next meeting will be on July 17, 2015. Woofert added that since there had been a delay in starting FY16 AgEP, she had started a waiting list for anyone interested in receiving information once it's available. Sencindiver had participated in a statewide AgEP phone conference the week prior, and the majority of the state had chosen allocation formula one for the FY16 program.

**Conservation Agreements:** None

**AgEP Applications:** None

**AgEP Cancelations:**

- i. B. McQuain (Barbour) Pollinator Plantings
- ii. C. Pyles (Barbour) Invasive Species

**Sencindiver moved to accept the incomplete contracts as cancelled; seconded by Reeder; motion carried.**

**AgEP Payments:**

J. Hart	Barbour	Heavy-Use	\$500.00
G. Kittle	Taylor	Invasive	\$300.00
T. Johnson	Barbour	Water Develop.	\$973.55
R. Nestor	Barbour	Fertilizer	\$400.00
E. Workman	Barbour	Exclusion Fence	\$4,000.00
		Total	\$6,173.55

**Reeder moved to pay the contracts as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.**

**Water Resource Committee:** Shaffer had no update on the Barbour County Water Project, but saw that they had been extending water lines along 92 to the Preston County line.

**WVACD Directors Report:** No report.

**Personnel Committee:** No report

**New Business:**

- **2015 District BBQ for Conservation Farmers-** Mike and Pam Kwasniewski had agreed to host the district BBQ on their farm on August 12, 2015. Woofter had been researching caterers for the event, and would give a full report on estimated costs at the next meeting.
- **Steptoe & Johnson Bill for May 2015 Services \$2,036.50-** Nester moved to pay the bill as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.
- **LOR Bookkeeping (April – June 2015) \$1375.00-** Reeder moved to approve the LOR for submission as presented; seconded by Sencindiver; motion carried.
- **LOR Conservation Tech (April – June 2015) \$7500.00-** Nester moved to approve the LOR for submission as presented; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.
- **LOR Internet (April – June 2015) \$269.97-** Reeder moved to approve the LOR for submission as presented; seconded by Gumm; motion carried.
- **Funding request for 2015 Barbour County Fair Education Day-** Sencindiver moved to approve \$100 for sponsorship of the fair; seconded by Gumm; motion carried.

**Report of Individual Supervisors:**

*Gumm* – Thanked Woofter and Frey for their help with the NACD and the NE Conference.

*Reeder*- Attended Rick Collins' memorial service the week prior.

*Warner*- Working on getting mowing at Elkwater organized, just needs the weather to break.

*Shaffer* – Visited four farms in the Flemington area. Several had water developments done by the district work crew and the work looked well.

*Bonner*- Attended the WVU Ext. field day at Roger Nestor's.

*Nester*- Has been working on planning the NE NACD Conference dinner at Tucker Co. H.S.

*Wolfe*- Hopes the district can manage with the easement as agreed to with Myles Lumber. Asked that the other supervisors be aware that the district was currently losing money.

**Public Comment Period:** None

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Wolfe declared the meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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Secretary

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