



Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2016
Division of Forestry Office
Farmington, WV
@ 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

- M **Approval of Meeting Draft Agenda**
- M **Approval of August Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of Financial Statements**
- Credit card receipts and statements- credit limit
-General Fund/CDO reports
- Co-Administered funds financial statements

Visitor's Comments

- D/M **Cooperating Agency's Reports**
-WV Forestry Division
- Watershed Division
 Aaron's Creek- TVCD Invoice #2248- \$10,779.75
 Upper Buffalo Watershed
 Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1
- Conservation Technician
- Ag Enhancement Program
- WVU Extension
- NRCS
- FSA
- Solid Waste Authority
- District Manager Update
- WVCA Area Director

- M **Invoices**
Mark Matheny Accountant August \$356.50

- D/M **Conservation Agreements**
Marvin Clark-Preston and Monongalia County- 180
Arnold Bolyard- Preston County-355
Ella Maust- Preston County- 280
Pamela Vergona- Preston County- 97 acres
Jason Roy- Preston County- 50 acres

- D/M **AgEP Approvals**
Donald Headley- Lime- 24 ac- 66.23 tons- \$1,113.45
Kent Leonhardt- Heavy Use- 2,500 sq ft- \$3,375.00
Gregory Moran- Lime- 6ac -18 tons- \$300.00
Rick Humphreys- Exclusion Fence- 2,500 feet- \$4,125.00
Barton Baker- Lime- 50 acres- 129 tons- \$2,185.00
Barton Baker- Invasive Species (Chemical)- 18 acres- \$1,000.00

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Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairman Jean Conley called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:41 a.m.** on, **September 8, 2016**, at the Division of Forestry Office in Farmington, WV. **Done Headley** led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Chairman Jean Conley introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Ed Utterback, Mary Lebnick, Paul Nesselroad, Mark Myers, Jean Conley, Art Mouser and Donald Headley. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Ray Carr (NRCS), Noah Cummings (NRCS/WVCA), Bill Shockey (WVU Extension), Rudy Williams (WV Dept. of Forestry). **Excused:**

III. Approval of the September 8, 2016 Agenda

Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the September 8, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Don Headley. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Don Headley moved to approve the August 4, 2016 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

V. Approval of financial statements

a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements- Paul Nesselroad moved to approve and pay the credit card receipts. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*

Paul Nesselroad moved to lower the credit card limit to \$5,000.00. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

b) *General/CDO financial statements for August 2016. Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the August 2016 General/CDO financial statements. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.*

c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements- Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the August 2016 Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.*

VI. Visitors Comments – None

VII. Cooperating Agencies

WV Forestry Division – Rudy reported three people have been rehired as cost-share positions. The severance tax will be completely removed from logging in a couple of years. They started on the Cooper's Rock timber sale and it should take about two years to complete. Forestry will no longer inspect logging jobs. DEP will now handle any complaints. Fire Season begins, October 1, 2016, and will end, December 31, 2016. No burning until after 5 o'clock p.m. and the fire must be out before 7 o'clock a.m.

Watershed Division –

Aaron's Creek- TVCD Invoice #2248- \$10,779.75- Mark Myers made the motion to pay the TVCD Invoice for \$10,779.75. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Upper Buffalo Watershed- the work orders for OM&R work from Tygarts Valley Crew were reviewed.

Don Headley moved to accept the Work Orders for OM&R work on the Upper Buffalo impoundments. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried

Mark Myers made the motion to give Art Mouser the authority to approve the Upper Deckers 1 OM&R work orders for this year. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Upper Deckers Watershed-Site 1- Mark Myers made the motion to send the LOR for reimbursement of the newspaper ad for Upper Deckers Site 1. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Conservation Technician- Noah reported he started on, August 8, 2016, and he's been training with Ray, Jamey, Jim, and Caleb.

Ag Enhancement Program- Noah reported on his visits. Ed asked about the changes to the District's lime program.

Mark Myers made the motion to do a continuous sign up until all funds are allocated. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

The next committee meeting will be, September 22, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center.

WVU Extension

-Bill Shockey- report provided.

-H.R. Scott- report provided.

-John Murray- no report.

NRCS – Ray reported they've been training Noah and he's been doing very well. Tim Casto started on, August 23, 2016, as a shared position with Forestry in the Whitehall office. There are a number of Forestry contracts funded each year. Logan wrote 5 comprehensive Nutrient Management plans and has returned to college. Ray reported 2 wells drilled, 3 high tunnels, 3 animal waste buildings, 2 ponds, 2 irrigation systems, and numerous CSP contracts. They are getting close to the end of their fiscal year. A soil conservationist has been hired for the Preston County Office but has not started yet.

FSA- report provided.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report.

Marion County SWA- no report

Preston County SWA- no report

District Manager- Amy discussed the promotional items available to the District. When the order was being placed for the pens previously voted on, it was discovered are not available in blue ink.

Mark Myers made the motion to delegate Jean Conley the authority to purchase promotional items for the District not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Amy was questioned about the video equipment. Paul wanted to know if meetings could be recorded without the members being notified. Amy tried to explain when using the video equipment, it must all be turned on for the system to work properly. For a meeting to be recorded a request would need to go to the IT department so they could set everything up. Amy was also questioned about who could participate in the video conferences. Amy tried to explain only those who were invited via email could participate. When the invitation is emailed there is a link for video participation and a number for those who might want to call in.

WVCA Area Director- report provided.

VIII. Invoice/Payments

Mark Matheny for August \$356.50 – Paul Nesselroad moved to pay Mark Matheny \$356.50 for services rendered during the month of August. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.

Cooperator Agreements

Marvin Clark- Preston and Monongalia County- 180 acres
Arnold Bolyard- Preston County- 355 acres
Ella Maust- Preston County- 280 acres
Pamela Vergona- Preston County- 97 acres
Jason Roy- Preston County- 50 acres

Paul Nesselroad moved to accept the conservation agreements listed above. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

IX. AgEP Approvals

Donald Headley- Lime- 24 ac- 66.23 tons- \$1,113.45
Kent Leonhardt- Heavy Use Protection Area- 2,500 sq ft- #3,375.00
Gregory Moran- Lime- 6 ac- 18 tons- \$300.00
Rick Humphreys- Exclusion Fence- 2,500 feet- \$4,125.00
Barton Baker- Lime- 50 ac- 129 tons- \$2,185.00
Barton Baker- Invasive Species (Chemical)- 18 ac- \$1,000.00
Christopher Dunaway- Lime- 31 ac- 93 tons- \$1,550.00
Mike Renick- Heavy Use Protection Area- 2,500 sq ft- \$3,375.00

Mark Myers made the motion to accept Don Headley's letter of approval for lime. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Paul Nesselroad moved to approval the above listed AgEP applications. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

X. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Don Headley July- \$852.75 Ed Utterback July \$814.15 Paul Nesselroad July \$138.65

Art Mouser July \$858.34 Jean Conley July \$951.53 Mark Myers July \$291.04

August \$1,194.68

August \$181.55

Mark Myers moved to approve the District Supervisor Travel and Per Diem claims as listed. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

XI. Unfinished Business

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee- Paul reported Ed Hawkins attended the Farm Bureau Picnic and informed them they are forming a Farm Preservation Committee. Mr. Hawkins was asking for volunteers to be on the committee. Paul has not been able to contact Mr. Hawkins after the picnic.

Preston County Farm Preservation Committee- Ed reported their meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2016, and he'll have more to report for the October meeting.

Annual Banquet- Guest List-

Awards:

Public Service Award- Don Headley made the motion to nominate Samantha Funk for the Public Service Award. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Outstanding Service to the District Award- Mark Myers made the motion to nominate Suzie Fazebaker for the Outstanding Service to the District Award. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Authority Award Art Mouser made the motion to nominate Charlie Pase for the Solid Waste Authority Award. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Frank Glover Award Art Mouser made the motion to nominate Dave Childs for the Frank Glover Award. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Luther Britton Award Paul Nesselroad made the motion to nominate Mark Matheny for the Luther Britton Award. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Contractors Award- Don Headley made the motion to nominate Green Rivers out of Elkins, Ryan C. Gaujot, for the Contractors Award. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Ed Utterback made the motion to honor Brad Durst under Special Recognition at the Awards Banquet. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

XII. New Business

Directors- Paul Nesselroad moved to reappoint Jean Conley and Art Mouser as the Directors. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

LOR for Preston County Commission OM&R match- Mark Myers made the motion to send the LOR for the matching OM&R funds. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

District Account- Building Perpetuation- Paul reported the finance committee recommends two accounts be set up in a different bank. One account for the funds from rent and equipment rental, as well as, a building maintenance and repairs account. He does not feel the District Fiscal Operations group with the WVCA should

have anything to do with those monies. He feels the rent money should be direct deposited into the General Funds Account.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to move \$200,000.00 from the General Funds account in WesBanco to another bank and open two accounts, a general funds account and a building repairs and maintenance account. Seconded by Don Headley. Motion carried.

Bruceton School- Garden Grant- Mark Myers made the motion to send the full \$5,000.00 in grant money to Bruceton School. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Tree Sale- Mark Myers, Ed Utterback, and Don Headley volunteered to be on the committee. They will discuss when to have a committee meeting.

Monongalia County Commission- Work group- Paul reported the original meeting date would not give sufficient time to gather all the information needed. Gene and Karen are going to gather everything needed and get it in order for the next work group meeting.

Promotional Items for MCD- previously discussed under District Manager report.

Item for Live Auction- Quarterly Meeting/Annual Meeting- Jean reported items are needed for the auction. Art reported Anna is going to make chocolate and peanut butter fudge and hot sauce to donate.

Appalachian Grazing Conference Support- Don Headley made the motion to support the Appalachian Grazing Conference with \$1,000.00. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

XV. Building and Grounds

Cleaning Services- Ed presented the two quotes received from Winans and Appalacia's Best. The board decided to contact more services for more quotes. Ed reported Brian Strauser will be repairing the soffit and fascia as well as installing snow rails on the roof.

Paul reported that Dana Berry from Berry's Electrical Service came to the building to view the electrical situation. Mr. Berry will be providing a quote. Don Headley spoke with Everest and no contact has been made by Everest to view the building.

Mark Myers reported there is a dead tree beside the parking lot. He noticed a sidewalk may need to be put into place along the road. It was also mentioned the parking lot is significantly lower than the road since they've paved the road again and it might be a good idea to assess the entrance to the parking lot.

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- Paul requested the finance committee have authorization to move funds.

Finance Committee will meet, September 22, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report

Legislation/Policy- Chairman: Mark Myers- no report

Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley- no report

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- Chairman: Ed Utterback- everything was covered

Ag Enhancement- Chairman: Art Mouser- no report

XVII. Correspondence- Amy reviewed the correspondence.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Paul Nesselroad** – his wall is going to be replaced soon. His dishwasher caught on fire.

- **Mark Myers**– his father had over 110 people at his farm for their family reunion.

- **Ed Utterback** – went to North Carolina for a wedding.

- **Art Mouser** – went to the WV State Fair and worked the booth. Anna has been busy in the garden. She has 90 quarts of beans done.

- **Jim McDonald** – not in attendance
- **Jean Conley** – attended a morning service at Cooper’s Rock.
- **Mary Lebnick** – thanked everyone for the birthday card.
- **Don Headley** – thanked the board for assisting the Farm Bureau in taking the Ag Lab to Fairview Schools.

XX. Adjournment

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is October 6, 2016 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: _____
Jean Conley, Chairman

_____ Date

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To: Supporters of the West Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

From: Regina (Suzy) Campbell, WV SWCS Chapter President

Date: September 7, 2016

The WV Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society is holding its annual silent auction during the WVACD Fall Quarterly Meeting/ WVCAC Awards & Recognition Banquet in Flatwoods October 3-4, 2016. The benefits from the silent auction will help provide a \$500 scholarship to local undergraduate college students majoring in natural resources, agriculture, forestry, or agricultural or civil engineering. In 2016 we were able to fund one scholarship for a local student. With your support, our chapter would like to see this increase in 2017. The funding for these scholarships comes solely from money raised at the annual silent auction.

As always, we greatly appreciate your donation of items for the silent auction and we hope you are willing to continue with this tradition! If for some reason you are unable to attend the event and would like to donate items, please contact me and I will arrange for the delivery of your donated items. You can contact me at 304-539-2682 or scampbell@wvca.us.

As always your support is greatly appreciated! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Regina Campbell

Finance Committee Meeting

August 22, 2016

10:30 p.m.

Those in attendance: Paul Nesselroad, Mark Myers, Jean Conley, Brian Farkas-video, Jeremy Salyer, Mark Matheny, Gene Saurborn.

Paul called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Paul went over the situation with the Monongalia County Commission. The application was sent in February. The District received a letter saying due to lack of coal severance funds the request from the District was declined. Paul spoke with the County Commission Office to get on the agenda for a work session. The first available date is, September 7, 2016, but there isn't sufficient time to prepare due to the flood declaration and work. Discussion was held. Mark Myers requested information be gathered for their meeting with the Commission. Gene said it is possible to prepare the information in time for the Mon County Commission's October work meeting.

Paul suggested to the committee to withdrawal \$200,000.00 from the General Funds account and put into a separate account for maintenance and updates on the building. Mark and Jean both agreed it would be good to make the suggestion to the full board. Mark Matheny suggested another account be set up for the CDO Funds since it was recommended to not co-mingle state administered funds with the funds generated by the district. Amy reported the account at Huntington Bank is still technically open there just isn't any money in it. There are checks for the account. Mark Matheny recommended leaving the rental checks to be deposited into the general funds.

The recommendation from the committee to the board will be to separate the CDO funds from the General Funds, set up a Building Perpetuation Account, and the money in the Building Perpetuation account only be spent on repairs/updates to the building. The General Fund Account will be used for our regular day to day expenses.

Mark Matheny asked if he could modify the names on the accounts he handles so they match. Jeremy will ask Chris Casto to contact Mark Matheny.

Paul Nesselroad adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.



West Virginia
Conservation Agency

August 26, 2016

Mr. Don Headley,

Your MCD AgEP application for the practice and amounts listed below, has been approved by the West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA).

Practice	Acres / Tons	Cost Share Amount
Lime	24/66.23	1113.45

This decision was based upon a ranking score of 67.8 and conservation district funds available at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Salyer, Area Director East
West Virginia Conservation Agency

Cc: Brian Farkas
Jennifer Skaggs
Noah Cummings, District Conservation Specialist

Extension Service Report Monongalia County

Monongahela Conservation District

September 8, 2016

- Grading of calf pool calves – Sept 5 & 6
- Dedication Davis College – Sept 9
- WV State Livestock Round-Up – Sept 14 to 18
- Board auction of calf pool – Sept 23
- Buckwheat Festival judging – Sept 28
- WVU Extension Service Annual Conference – Sept 27 to 29
- Monongalia County FB Annual Banquet – Oct 6
- Morgantown Farmers Market Growers Association
 - Downtown Market every Saturday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
 - Westover Market every Tuesday 3:00 to 6:00 pm

During the month of August the following events/activities happened:

- Monongalia County Fair
- WV State Dairy Cattle Judging Contest and Show
- Clay District Fair
- Monongalia County 4-H and FFA Show and Sale.

September 8, 2016

Subject: Preston County Report to Monongahela Conservation District

From: Bill Shockey, Preston County Extension Agent

August Report:

Kingwood Farmers Market opened July 2. Open every Saturday from 9 to 11 am until September 24.

Over 20 Junior Exhibitors and over 50 livestock registered at the State Fair of WV.

September Calendar:

Every Friday at 2 pm: Livestock Auction at Preston Farmers Market, Terra Alta.

September 8: Preston County Antique Tractor Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

September 9: Dedication of New Agricultural Sciences Building, 9:30 am.

September 10, 17, 24: Kingwood Farmers Market, McGrew House Grove, 111 E Main Street, Kingwood, 9 to 11 am.

September 15: Preston County Beekeepers Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

September 16: Preston County Farm Bureau, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

September 24: Buckwheat Festival Barn Cleanup, 8 am.

September 27 - 29: Market animal arrive and livestock shows, Cow Palace, Kingwood

September 29 - October 2: Preston County Buckwheat Festival, Kingwood

October 4: Preston County Master Gardeners, Preston County Extension Office, Kingwood



Farm Service Agency
Valley View FSA
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Date: September 6, 2016
To: Monongahela Conservation District
From: Mary F. Jouver, CED /s/ *Mary F. Jouver*
Valley View FSA Office
Subject: MCD September Meeting Information

FSAfarm+, FSA's Customer Self-Service Portal

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has launched a new tool to provide farmers and ranchers with remote access to their personal farm information using their home computers. Farmers and ranchers can now view, print or export their personal farm data all without visiting an FSA county office.

The program, known as **FSAfarm+**, provides you with secure access to view your personal FSA data, such as base and yields, Conservation Reserve Program data, other conservation program acreage, Highly Erodible Land Conservation and Wetland Conservation status information, field boundaries, farm imagery, name and address details, contact information and membership interest and shares in the operation. This data will be available in real time, at no cost to the producer and allow operators and owners to export and print farm records, including maps. Producers also can electronically share their data with a crop insurance agent from their own personal computer.

Farm operators and owners first will need "Level 2 eAuthentication" to access the webportal. This level of security ensures that personal information is protected for each user. Level 2 access can be obtained by going to www.eauth.usda.gov, completing the required information and then visiting your local FSA office to finalize access.

For more information on **FSAfarm+**, the customer self-service portal, contact your local FSA office. To find your local FSA county office, click <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Farmers to Receive Documentation of USDA Services

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers that FSA provides a receipt to customers who request or receive assistance or information on FSA programs.

The 2014 Farm Bill requires a customer receipt to be issued for any agricultural program assistance requested from FSA, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Rural Development (RD). Receipts include the date, summary of the visit and any agricultural information, program and/or loan assistance provided to an individual or entity. Electronic receipts for acreage reports will begin on August 1, 2016.

A service is any information, program or loan assistance provided whether through a visit, email, fax or letter.

USDA Offers New Loans for Portable Farm Storage and Handling Equipment

Portable Equipment Can Help Producers, including Small-Scale and Local Farmers, Get Products to Market Quickly

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will provide a new financing option to help farmers purchase portable storage and handling equipment. The loans, which now include a smaller microloan option with lower down payments, are designed to help producers, including new, small and mid-sized producers, grow their businesses and markets.

The program also offers a new "microloan" option, which allows applicants seeking less than \$50,000 to qualify for a reduced down payment of five percent and no requirement to provide three years of production history. Farms and ranches of all sizes are eligible. The microloan option is expected to be of particular benefit to smaller farms and ranches, and specialty crop producers who may not have access to commercial storage or on-farm storage after harvest. These producers can invest in equipment like conveyers, scales or refrigeration units and trucks that can store commodities before delivering them to markets. Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply.

Earlier this year, FSA significantly expanded the list of commodities eligible for Farm Storage Facility Loan. Eligible commodities now include aquaculture; floriculture; fruits (including nuts) and vegetables; corn, grain sorghum, rice, oilseeds, oats, wheat, triticale, spelt, buckwheat, lentils, chickpeas, dry peas sugar, peanuts, barley, rye, hay, honey, hops, maple sap, unprocessed meat and poultry, eggs, milk, cheese, butter, yogurt and renewable biomass. FSFL microloans can also be used to finance wash and pack equipment used post-harvest, before a commodity is placed in cold storage.

To learn more about Farm Storage Facility Loans, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.



September 2016 WVCA Report

WVSCC Meeting:

The West Virginia State Conservation Committee meeting will be October 11th @ 10:30 a.m. in Guthrie.

WVACD Fall Quarterly Meeting and WVCAC Awards & Recognition Program

The Fall WVACD Quarterly Meeting will be held October 3-4 at the Days Inn & Suites in Flatwoods, WV. Room reservations can be made by calling 1-866-700-7284 before September 16.

CD supervisors please submit your registration forms with payment to your District Manager before September 16.

The Awards Luncheon will be held on October 4 from 1:00-3:00.

REMINDER: DMs are responsible for purchasing the plaques for their CD county and district winners. Belinda will purchase plaques for the area and state winners to present at the awards luncheon Oct. 4th.

AgDay at the Capitol / Legislative Breakfast

AgDay will be held on February 22, 2017. There will be another Legislative breakfast planned for that morning.

WVCA Project Section:

EWP

- Debris removal contracts will continue through Monday, August 22, 2016. The total for this work is estimated to be around \$1,003,000. Project section staff is working with NRCS to identify sites needing structural work.
- **A detailed report will be given to Districts that are involved in the EWP flood recovery.**

OM&R

- Project Section staff have been rotating in and out of flood work and have been attempting to continue monthly and quarterly inspections of watershed dams. Inspections will be caught up in September.
- Work continues with NRCS to develop engineering plans for watershed dams. The seep investigation work being conducted by CEC in South Fork is currently underway.
- The Bergdoll Bridge (PVCD) and Harmon Creek (NPCD) contracts are moving forward. A notice to proceed has been issued for the Harmon Creek seep box installation.

Dam Rehab

- Gannet Fleming is continuing to work on planning studies for Brush Creek 9 & 15 and New Creek 1 & 17, and perform the construction oversight for UDC1.

- Upper Deckers 1
 - The contract and permit process is beginning for UDC1 with construction slated for 2017/2018.
 - WVCA is preparing the permit applications and mitigation plan as well as preparing the contract.
- NPCD, SCD, MCD and PVCD – Please track hours that District Supervisors attend any rehab meetings.
- Reminder: Rehab meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. Any District that has rehab projects can participate in these meetings by phone.

Streams

- The stream management plan agreement with the Corp (Stream Permit) has been signed. A training for WVCA staff will be held in the near future. Information will be presented to supervisors after the staff training.

Each area manager will be contacting area directors to provide details of activities in their respective areas. As always, feel free to contact Gene or Penny for further information.

New Contractor Notification System

This system will allow a Contractor to sign-up at our website (WVCA) and be added to a database of contractors to receive an E-mail of a job posting in the areas they want to work. They can sign-up Statewide or select which districts they want to work in. When the contracting section posts a Job Showing to the webpage, those who selected the district or selected Statewide will receive the posting. We will still have the posting online at the WVCA webpage.

During the sign-up process, the Contractor will complete the form of required data then attach required documents. If contractors do not attach their Contractor License, Business License, or Certificate of Liability Insurance, they will not be allowed to complete the process and will not receive any E-mails.

The Contract Specialist will receive an E-mail each time a Contractor signs up and completes the process. The Contract Specialist will review attached documents to see that the attachments were the correct documents. If incorrect documents, the Contract Specialist will contact the Contractor and inform them that if the correct document is not uploaded they will be removed from list.

If all steps are correctly completed by Contractor, the Contractor will receive an E-mail each time a contract notice is posted for EWP and NON-EMERGENCY WORK.

If you receive a call from a contractor wanting to be placed on an Emergency Call List for flood work or a call list to do our standard non-emergency work, we will now refer them to our website (www.wvca.us) and there they will see a Yellow Excavator with phrase Contracting Bid Opportunities above it and the phrase Sign Up For Contracting Email Notifications below it.

Contracting Bid Opportunities



Sign Up For Contracting Email Notifications

Under Contracting Bid Opportunities , Contractor can see upcoming job opportunities.

Under Sign Up For Contracting Email Notifications , Contractor can fill out required data for sign-up, attach required documents, and placed in our database.

We will no longer be maintaining District Call List from this point forward.



**"Growing Grass to New Heights -
Does Your Grass Measure Up?"**

**March 10-11, 2017
Morgantown, WV**

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August 30, 2016

To Monongahela Conservation District:

As you already know, the 2017 Appalachian Grazing Conference will be held on March 9-11, 2017 at the Waterfront Place Hotel and The Greater Morgantown Conference and Convention Center in Morgantown, WV. The Conference Planning Committee is still in need of funds to sponsor this event. Funds from outside sponsors help us keep the registration fee at a minimum for attendees.

This conference is a function of and is hosted by the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts. We hope to show united support from all Districts across the State. I am sending this second letter because I have been told that we have not received any correspondence from your District. Please disregard this letter if you have already donated or are planning to donate in the future. At a minimum, we ask that you support the conference by promoting it among the farmers in your District and encouraging them to attend.

Contributions may be sent to: 2017 Appalachian Grazing Conference, c/o Jim Foster, 2798 Grove Summers Road, New Milton, WV 26411-6125. Checks may be made payable to: Appalachian Grazing Conference. If your organization requires an invoice or if you have questions regarding payment, please contact Jim Foster at 304-349-4985.

You may also contact any of the officers listed at the top of this letter or you may contact me at jsencindiver48@gmail.com or at 304-315-3015 if you have questions.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

John C. Sencindiver
Funding Committee Chair

Appalachian Grazing Conference Planning Committee
West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts
742 Airport Road
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Cosco, Amy

From: WVU_Soil Testing_Laboratory <jgormanwvu@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 8:22 PM
To: WVU_Soil Testing_Laboratory
Subject: Update: WVU Soil Testing Laboratory will re-start sample analysis on August 31st.

Dear Customers and WVU Soil Testing Laboratory Friends,

If you are receiving this email is because we have sent Soil Test Reports to your email address in the past, and hopefully in the future.

We are pleased to inform that The WVU Soil Testing Laboratory will re-start our routine sample analysis on Thursday of this week (August 31st). Moving an analytical laboratory is not an easy task, and consequently our laboratory activities were delayed, affecting our customers and friends.

We estimate that the reports for the samples received between the 4th and the 19th of August will be sent out by the end of next week. If you believe you may be in this group, and you do not receive the Soil Test Report via email to you or your County extension office by the end of next week, please send us an email and we will reply with additional information. All the samples received after August 19th, are being pre-processed, and will be analyzed in order of arrival.

We expect to be fully functional and adapted to our beautiful new space shortly. Once the laboratory is fully functional, we will process your samples, and send the reports to your county Extension Office and your provided personal email in less than 8 working days after arrival. We will be providing updates on our sampling processing times by placing announcements in our website <http://soiltesting.wvu.edu/>, or by email if requested.

Regarding our physical address, the WVU Soil Testing Laboratory mailing address will be the same, and our new room numbers are 1405 (Soil Testing Office), 1309B2 (Soil Test Lab) and 1406 (Robert Rockis Sr. Technician office). All rooms are located in the first floor facing Percival Hall Building. The Davis College of Agricultural, Natural Resources and Design has a new Ag Sciences Building that we encourage you to visit.

In the next weeks, we will launch an updated-reformatted WVU Soil Testing Laboratory website, with information on how to take your samples, how to read your reports, and much more.

The WVU Soil Testing Laboratory apologizes in advance for any inconvenience our processing delay may have caused. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate contacting us.

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