



Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda
October 6, 2016
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, 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 September 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
 - Upper Buffalo Watershed
 - Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1
- Conservation Technician
- Ag Enhancement Program
- WVU Extension
- NRCS
- FSA
- Solid Waste Authority
- District Manager Update-plaques
- WVCA Area Director

M **Invoices**

Mark Matheny Accountant September \$243.20

D/M **Conservation Agreements**

Adam Reckart Preston County ac

D/M **AgEP Approvals**

- Jennifer Kahly- Lime- 53.3 ac- 158.29 tons- \$2,374.35 -\$266.50 (spreading)
- Phyllis Summers- Invasive Species- 23 ac- Chemical and Mechanical- \$1,201.00
- David Coombs- Lime- 50 ac- 99.8 tons- \$1,497.00 -\$250 (spreading)
- Robert VanGilder- Watering trough and well- \$1,000.00 (trough) -\$1,500.00 (well)
- Ed Utterback- Lime- 8.5 ac- 17.5 tons- \$262.50 -\$42.50 (spreading)
- Mike Morris- Exclusion Fence- 216 ft- \$356.40
- Mike Morris- Watering trough- \$
- Nicholas Morris- Watering trough- \$
- Mike Morris- HUAP- 2,082 sq. ft.- \$3,375.00
- Mike Morris- HUAP- 1,000 sq. ft.- \$1,350.00
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Continued on back

Nicolas Morris- HUAP- 2,500 sq. ft.- \$3,375.00
Kent Leonhardt- Invasive Species- 2 ac- \$
Ella Maust- Lime- 21 ac- 57 tons- \$855.00- \$105.00 (spreading)

D/M **AgEP Payments**

Mike Renick- HUAP- \$3,375.00

D/M **Approval of Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Claims**

Ed Utterback August \$301.87
Paul Nesselroad August and September \$268.74
Jean Conley August \$383.61 September \$434.98

D/M **Unfinished Business**

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee
Preston County Farm Preservation Committee
District Accounts- Building Perpetuation- General Funds

D/M **New Business**

District Calendar Order
NACD Membership

D/M **Building and Grounds**

Cleaning Service
Broken soap dispenser and additional dispenser for handicap restroom

D/M **Committee Reports:**

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad
Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad
Legislation/Policy: Chairman: Mark Myers
Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley
Safety/Buildings and Grounds: Chairman: Ed Utterback
Ag Enhancement: Chairman: Art Mouser

Correspondence Reports & Various Newsletters

Public Comment

Supervisor's Reports

Meeting Adjournment

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2016

I. Call to order

Chairman Jean Conley called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:33 a.m.** on, **October 6, 2016**, at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV. 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, Donald Headley, and Jim McDonald. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA), Ray Carr (NRCS), Hayward Helmick (Mon County SWA), Noah Cummings (NRCS/WVCA), H.R Scott (WVU Extension), Tim Casto (WV Division of Forestry), Mary Jouver (FSA). **Excused:**

III. Approval of the October 6, 2016 Agenda

Mark Myers moved to approve the October 6, 2016 agenda. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of September Meeting Minutes

Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the September 8, 2016 board meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

V. Approval of financial statements

- a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements- Mark Myers moved to approve and pay the credit card receipts. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.*
- b) *General/CDO financial statements for September 2016. Mark Myers moved to approve the September 2016 General/CDO financial statements Art Mouser. Seconded by. Motion carried.*
- c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements- Mark Myers moved to approve the September 2016 Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*

VI. Visitors Comments – None

VII. Cooperating Agencies

WV Division of Forestry- Tim Casto reported he is the new Forester in the District. There is talk of a statewide burning ban. If the ban were to be put into effect no one will be allowed to burn. The only exception would be coal companies.

Watershed Division –

Upper Buffalo Watershed- the OM&R is complete.

Upper Deckers Watershed- the OM&R is in process.

Conservation Technician- Noah reported he has a computer now and he's been making visits. He is caught up on his work except for water developments. He will be trained on how to design water developments.

Ag Enhancement Program-

The next committee meeting will be, October 27, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center.

WVU Extension

-Bill Shockey- they are working on closing up the calf pool. They are wrapping up the Federal year and they're half way through their fiscal year.

-H.R. Scott- report provided.

-John Murray- report provided.

NRCS – Ray reported they have been busy due to the end of their fiscal year. They had an area wide training for three days in Morgantown. They submitted 7 CSP renewal contracts. The Pollinator plan looks like it will be accepted. There were issues with the Animal Waste plan and Ray needs to have another local workgroup meeting. Ray, Tim, and Noah have a three-day training next week. Dennis Thorne will be the new Soil Conservationist in the Kingwood Office and will start on, October 17, 2016.

Local workgroup meeting will be, October 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center.

FSA- report provided.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- Hayward reported they are getting organized and continuing to move forward. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They have updated the Proper Solid Waste Disposal Handbook and they will be distributed to the Monongalia County Library next week. Hayward reported their meetings are the last Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Mon County Extension Office. Their website is www.mcswa.wordpress.com

Marion County SWA- Jim reported they have a change in their Director and his name is Tony Golden. They've been working on reorganization to save on fuel costs. They lost the grant for the bailer and the sewer line and they can't reapply for the next two years. They are still very busy. Jim reported their meetings are the third Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at their building in Farmington.

Preston County SWA- no report.

District Manager- Mark Myers made the motion for Amy to purchase the plaques for the award winners. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- report provided. Jeremy reported the meeting with the OES director would not be the best time to discuss budget items with the Monongalia County Commission. Paul feels no harm would be done in extending the invitation to the Monongalia County Commission and Mark Myers agreed. At the Marion County OES meeting it was brought up the structures are "sites" not "creeks" and now the OES will be giving them a street address and a GPS location.

VIII. Invoice/Payments

Mark Matheny for September \$243.20 –Mark Myers moved to pay Mark Matheny \$243.20 for services rendered during the month of September. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion Carried.

IX. Conservation Agreements

Adam Reckart- Preston County- ac

Mark Myers moved to accept the conservation agreement listed above. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

X. AgEP Approvals

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Nicolas Morris- HUAP- 2,500 sq. ft.- \$3,375.00

Kent Leonhardt- Invasive Species- 5 ac- \$1,200.00 (\$500.00 chemical, \$700.00 mechanical)

Ella Maust- Lime- 21 ac- 57 tons- \$855.00- \$105.00 (spreading)

Mark Myers made the motion to accept Ed Utterback's letter of approval. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Mark Myers moved to approve Jennifer Kahly, Phyllis Summers, David Coombs, Robert VanGilder, and Ella Maust's AgEP applications. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Noah reported Kent Leonhardt has applied for Invasive Species Management, he has about 5 acres that needs treated, and Noah's estimate is \$1,200.00. \$500.00 for chemical treatment and \$700.00 for mechanical treatment.

Mark Myers made the motion to accept Kent Leonhardt's Invasive Species application with a limit of 5 acres and \$1,200.00. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Noah reported on the Heavy Use Area Protection application from Mike Morris. The board decided Mike needs to be asked which area(s) are his priority. There is a 2,500 sq. ft. limit and he'll have to choose which area(s) are his priority. The committee will decide on approval once Noah has spoken to Mike. The board also wants Noah to ask Mike if there is a lease for the property.

Mark Myers made the motion Mike Morris's applications will be pending until Noah gets all information needed. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Noah reported he does have a few active applications he's working on,

Noah reported the exclusion fence Mike Morris applied for is new exclusion fence for this year. The pond does have water in it but it does not feed a trough. Mike would like to keep the cattle out of it.

Noah reported the concrete troughs have been purchased prior to the water development applications being submitted. They have not been installed. The board decided the applications cannot be approved because supplies cannot be purchased prior to approval.

Noah reported Mike applied for exclusion fence that had been approved last year. He did not complete the fence and was not paid for it. The board decided he cannot apply and be paid for fence that already exists.

Mark Myers made the motion to approve Mike Morris's exclusion fence for 216 feet pending information and ranking from Noah. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

XI. AgEP Payments

Mike Renick- HUAP- \$3,375.00

Ed Utterback made the motion to approve Mike Renick's HUAP payment of \$3,375.00. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

XII. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Ed Utterback August \$301.87

Paul Nesselroad August and September \$268.74

Jean Conley August \$383.61 September \$434.98

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

XIII. Unfinished Business

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee- H.R. Scott reported they are accepting applications for committee members.

Preston County Farm Preservation Committee- Ed Utterback reported their next meeting is, November 22, 2016. There will be no meeting in October because the Farm Land Protection Conference in Cannan Valley on, October 13th, 14th, and 15th.

District Accounts- Building Perpetuation- General Funds- Paul reported he spoke with Amy about the open account at Huntington Bank. He reported the committee would like to recommend utilizing the open account, as well as, opening an additional account. One account will be the Building Perpetuation Account and the other will be the General Funds Account. The committee also recommends transferring \$200,000.00 into the Building Perpetuation Account, \$100,000.00 into the General Funds Account, and once checks have cleared, and CDO Funds separated, the residual funds will be moved into the new General Funds Account.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to transfer \$200,000.00 of General Funds to the Huntington Bank in a Building Perpetuation Account. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Paul reported the balance of the money in the General Funds needs to be transferred to another account, a General Fund Account, at Huntington Bank. This will assist in separating the General Funds from the CDO funds. Don Headley disagreed because the total amount will still be the same bank, it will just be in two different accounts.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to transfer \$100,000.00 to Huntington Bank in a General Fund. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Paul reported he has been in contact with Huntington Bank. Huntington Bank has agreed to send a representative here today to get the supporting documents needed.

Don Headley reported there was discussion at the September meeting to purchase a \$300.00 clock for Brad Durst's retirement. Paul contacted the Ethics Committee to ask if money from the General Funds Account could be used to purchase the clock. Paul read what the Ethics Committee has in their rules. The Ethics Committee said the Board is limited to \$100.00 for the clock. Since Brad is a personal friend, any amount of voluntary private funds can be collected. If he was not a personal friend, a limit of \$5.00 of voluntary private funds per person could be collected.

XIV. New Business

District Calendar Order- Amy presented the quote to the board.

Mark Myers made the motion to purchase a 100 calendars. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

NACD Membership- Amy presented the forms to the board. Art reported the membership is handled by the Association.

XV. Building and Grounds

Cleaning Service- Amy presented all of the quotes. Ed reported he did make calls after the last meeting for more quotes. Paul reported he talked to his son and on two separate occasions they have fired Patton Cleaning Services.

Don Headley made the motion to hire Appalachia's Best for cleaning services. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Broken Soap Dispenser and additional dispenser for handicap restroom- Amy reported the soap dispenser in the women's bathroom has been broken. She also suggested a new soap dispenser be purchased for the handicap restroom.

Mark Myers made the motion to order two soap dispensers. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Ed reported he has talked with Bryan Strawser and the snow rails and the soffit and fascia will be repaired before winter. Mr. Strawser is the original contractor who put the metal roof on the building.

Don Headley reported he felt the District should have a sign posted at the Ag Lab trailer later this month.

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- previously covered

Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report, State Education Council Meeting, November 16, 2016, at the West Fork Conservation District Office.

Legislation/Policy- Chairman: Mark Myers- will be planning a meeting.

Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley- meeting is tomorrow in Weston

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- Chairman: Ed Utterback- add snow removal to November agenda. He would like for everyone to be thinking about the equipment rental situation. Mark brought up there is a dead tree at the end of the parking lot.

Ag Enhancement- Chairman: Art Mouser- previously covered

XVII. Correspondence- Amy reviewed the correspondence.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Paul Nesselroad** – his furnace is broken. The men are coming today to replace it. He finally has a new wall and it's a very nice wall.

- **Mark Myers**– he attended the Buckwheat Festival and the Quarterly Conference.

- **Ed Utterback** – he and his wife visited Niagara Falls, went on into Canada, and came back down into the U.S. This was the thirteenth year they've had the barn dance on their farm.

- **Art Mouser** – they attended the Buckwheat Festival and took cattle. He and Anna were the honorary parade marshals. He still has a lot of spraying to do on his farm. He attended the Quarterly Conference.

- **Jim McDonald**– no report.

- **Jean Conley** – has attended a few meetings. Tomorrow she is taking a mega bus to D.C. to visit her son.

- **Mary Lebnick** – no report.

- **Don Headley** – no report.

XX. Adjournment

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is November 3, 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

AgEP Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Those in attendance: Jean Conley, Mark Myers, Paul Nesselroad, Ray Carr, Noah Cummings, and Amy Cosco

Mark Myers called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Noah.

Noah reported he has made some visits and reported on the applications he has ranked.

Phyllis Summers- 23 acres of invasive species, chemical and mechanical control- \$1,201.0 (\$891.00 chemical, \$310.00 mechanical) Preston County

Ranking score of 75

David Coombs- Lime- 50 ac and 99.8 tons- Monongalia County

Ranking score 64.8

Robert VanGilder- watering trough and well drilled- Marion County \$1,000.00 watering trough, \$1,500 for the well

Ranking score 85

Noah asked if the well was drilled and turned out to be dry if the District would pay for it. It was explained if the first site is dry the District will pay, if the second site is dry as well the District will not pay for the second site. Ray explained they have worked with this farmer and there is a need for this type of water source.

Carl Vandergrift- Heavy Use Area Protection (HUAP)- around a water trough, pipeline from the pond to the trough, and exclusion fence around the pond. Ray reported he made the visit and Noah said he will complete the forms for the board meeting.

Rick Sharpless- spring development. Noah reported he will complete the forms for the board meeting.

Mike Morris- HUAP- 3 areas- 1,000 sq. ft.- 1,000 sq. ft.- 680sq ft.- exclusion fence for a pond 216 sq. ft.- There will be no trough fed from the pond but the fence would be to keep livestock out of the pond.

Nicholas Morris- HUA- 2,500 sq. ft.-

Noah reported Mike and Nick Morris have applied for one watering trough each. Supplies for these practices have already been purchased. The committee decided to bring the applications to the board at the, October 6, 2016, board meeting.

It was requested Amy change the approval letter for water developments to say “do not start your project before contacting Noah and receiving the design.”. The approval letter for HUAP already has verbiage stating not to start until they have received a design.

Noah discussed the fence Nicholas Morris is requesting. The fence was partially built during a previous year and wasn't paid for because it wasn't completed by the deadline. The committee decided the fence is not allowed in the program because it is already existing.

Mark Myers adjourned the meeting at 12:09

Finance Committee Meeting

12:13 p.m.

Those in attendance: Paul Nesselroad, Mark Myers, Jean Conley, and Amy Cosco

Paul Nesselroad called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Paul reported at the last meeting it was voted to separate the CDO funds from the General Funds. He further explained that all the different sources of funding would be in separate banks and accounts. Co-administered funds are in First Exchange, the CDO Grant funds will be in WesBanco, and the funds from the rent and equipment rental will be in a different bank. He spoke with Amy and recommends Huntington Bank be the new bank since there is still an open account.

It was discussed how at the last finance committee meeting when asked to Brian Farkas if the General Funds were state dollars he told the Finance Committee the General Funds were not state dollars and the District Board could do as they pleased with those funds. At that meeting Jeremy and Amy tried to strongly suggest the District should spend those funds according to state code. Amy asked Brian if the District could write a check to the WVU Soils team for \$10,000.00 if they wanted, since supporting the WVU Soil team was an issue in the past. Brian said no, they still had to spend the money within the boundaries of the code.

Paul reported he spoke with Andrew Riffe, an accountant with the WVCA, yesterday and Andrew told him the General Funds were for the District to use as they please. Andrew also explained there wasn't anything wrong with separating funds if that is what the District chooses to do.

The committee will recommend the new account be set up at Huntington Bank.

Paul adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.



WVU Extension Service – Marion County Report, June 2016

John Murray

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Marion County Farm Bureau

The Marion County Farm Bureau will meet on Thursday, October 13 at the Grace Lutheran Church on 3rd Street. The meeting will begin at 7:00. The presentation will be presented by Extension Agent John Murray on evaluation of lime. Liming our fields to improve soil pH can be a very beneficial practice but unfortunately not all lime has the same neutralizing effect. The discussion will cover the use of a simple tool to determine the least cost lime option based upon the effectiveness of the lime. In some cases a cheaper lime may not be the best buy. Everybody is welcome, you do not have to be a member of the farm bureau to attend the meeting.

Farm Transition Planning Workshop Series

WVU Extension Service is working to offer a farm transition workshop series. The topic has proven to be well received by the statewide dinner meeting series attendees and the workshop series is being designed to provide a more in-depth program on the topic than can be offered through an hour long presentation. The series will be offered statewide via video feed starting October 20 and running weekly through November 17. Topics being discussed during planning include property transfers, estate planning, business entities and business arrangements, planning for retirement, and tax issues. The platform that is being utilized has a limited number of locations that can be connected so it will only be available through the participating Extension Offices and will not be available for home viewing. The program will be offered at the Taylor County Extension Office from 6 to 8 pm. RSVP is required by October 14 and we must have 10 people to hold the program.

Tree Fruit Workshop

The office is currently planning a Fruit Tree Workshop (apples, peaches, pears, etc.) on Saturday, November 5. Dr. Mira Danilovich, WVU Extension Horticulture Specialist is scheduled to present the program. Dr. Danilovich has many years of experience working with the fruit tree industry in Michigan prior to moving to WV. It will be a full day program with a classroom style presentation in the morning and an on-site visit to a local orchard in the afternoon for pruning and planting demonstration. The program is scheduled to start at 9:00 at the Pleasant Valley Municipal Building. A lunch break will be taken between the classroom session and orchard visit but lunch will not be provided. Transportation to the orchard will be the responsibility of participants and directions will be provided that morning. The orchard is located approximately 7 miles from Pleasant Valley Municipal Building. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited for the workshop and we do receive a lot of calls on this topic so register early before the workshop fills up. Please contact the Marion County Extension Office to pre-register and for final details.



West Virginia University

Extension Service

October 6, 2016

Subject: Preston County Report to Monongahela Conservation District

From: Bill Shockey, Preston County Extension Agent

September Report:

Most work focused on preparation and conduct of the 75th Buckwheat Festival, primarily the livestock exhibits and shows. Cow Palace was projected to "overflow" so a tent was arranged to handle 40 head of cattle. About 145 head of cattle were exhibited. Both the Swine Barn (about 130 hogs) and the Sheep & Goat Barn (about 125 lambs and goats) were nearly full.

On Saturday night, October 1, 2016, a total of 272 market animals were sold for a gross sale value of \$316,000. There were 119 hogs, 63 lambs, 53 goats, and 37 steers. The Preston County Livestock Association thanks all the buyers who came out to support our junior exhibitors.

October Calendar:

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

October 7: Preston County Farm Bureau Annual Dinner, Masontown United Methodist Church, 6 pm.

October 8: WV Master Gardner Association Quarterly Meeting, Waffle Hut, Flatwoods, 10 am.

October 13: Preston County Antique Tractor Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm. Raffle drawing for Antique Tractor.

October 20: Preston County Beekeepers Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

Cooperative Extension Service

The West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
West Virginia County Boards of Education and County Commissions
Cooperating

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November 1: Preston County Master Gardeners, Preston County Extension Office, Kingwood.

Preston County Extension Office

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Kingwood WV 26537-1192

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution



United States Department of Agriculture

Farm Service Agency

Valley View FSA

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Fax 855-865-4855

Date: October 3, 2016
To: Monongahela Conservation District
From: Mary F. Jouver, CED /s/ Mary F. Jouver
Valley View FSA Office
Subject: MCD September Meeting Information

USDA Extends Margin Protection Program for Dairy Enrollment Deadline

USDA announced that it will extend the deadline for dairy producers to enroll in the Margin Protection Program (MPP) for Dairy to Dec. 16, 2016, from the previous deadline of Sept. 30. This voluntary dairy safety net program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating dairy producers when the margin – the difference between the price of milk and feed costs – falls below the coverage level selected by the producer. A USDA web tool, available at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool, allows dairy producers to calculate levels of coverage available from MPP based on price projections.

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>

ASKFSA

Are you looking for answers to your FSA questions? Then ASK FSA at **askfsa.custhelp.com**.

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- Submit a question and receive a timely response from an FSA expert
- Get notifications when answers important to you and your farming operation are updated
- Customize your account settings and view responses at any time



October 2016 WVCA Report

WVSCC Meeting:

The West Virginia State Conservation Committee meeting will be October 11th @ 10:30 a.m. by video conference.

WVACD Fall Quarterly Meeting

The Fall WVACD Quarterly Meeting was held October 3-4 at the Days Inn & Suites in Flatwoods, WV.

2016 WV Conservation Awards and Recognition Program

2016 WV Conservation Farm Winners are:

1st place, Canterbury Farm, representing the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District

2nd place, Yauger Farm, representing the Western Conservation District

3rd place – Mock's Greenhouse and Farm, representing the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District

The 2016 Carroll Greene award recipient is Gary Sawyers, Greenbrier Valley Conservation District and the 2016 WVACD Member at Large award recipient is Carl Mullins, from the Southern Conservation District.

WVACD Supervisor's Years of Service:

5 Years

Robert Dunham, EPCD
Bill Gellner, UOCD
John Sencindiver, TVCD
Dale Walker, PVCD

10 Years

John Hicks, PVCD
Gary Sawyers, GVCD
Roger Shaver, LKCD

15 Years

Edsel Ray Lafferty, SCD
Clark Mollohan, ECD
Curtis Murphy, SCD
Gary Truex, GVCD

25 Years

Robert Luchetti, NPCD
James Michael, EPCD

Honorary Members:

Halleck Adkins, GCD

Robert Luchetti, NPCD

Jerry Killen, SCD

Carroll Cumberledge, UOCD

The Conservation Education District of the year for 2016 is the Northern Panhandle Conservation District.

The Conservation Teacher of the Year is Leigh Jenkins, representing the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District.

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 Budget:

Brian Farkas attended the Governor's office to defend the WVCA budget on Friday September 23rd. A proposed budget of \$7.8 million was presented. Districts are encouraged to explore or research additional funding opportunities/partnerships.

Request to Conservation Districts

The WVCA is encouraging Conservation Districts to review and update your District Policy Manuals. In addition to your policy manual you are encouraged to review your CD Employee Manual (if you have one) and your CD Plan of Work. If you are already doing the reviews, please disregard this request. However, please let us know with a written response that you are already reviewing or will be reviewing the documents.

Agreed Procedures Engagement (Audit):

Conservation Districts are asked to begin the Agreed Procedures Engagement (APE) audit. Please check your current agreement to make sure it is valid for FY16.

WVCA Project Section:

EWP

- Debris removal contracts were completed in GVD, CCD, LKCD and ECD. The total for this work is \$1,026,673. To date, there have been 391 CCR's taken.
- Planned work:
 - Pending debris removal contracts in Greenbrier, Webster and Nicholas and Clay Counties.
 - Working with NRCS, we have identified 62 eligible bank stabilization sites.
 - Working with counties, we are identifying streams that have limited capacity due to sedimentation (Roane, Greenbrier, Webster and Kanawha).
 - We have riparian clean up (loose debris) work planned for sites in Greenbrier County.
- **A detailed report will be given to Districts that are involved in the EWP flood recovery.**

OM&R

- Project Section staff is performing monthly and quarterly inspections of watershed dams. There is still O&M work in progress. Work has been delayed in some areas due to EWP work. To date, there has been \$379,659 spent.
- 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 Harmon Creek (NPCD) contract is moving forward, a notice to proceed has been issued for the 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.
- A scoping meeting was held on September 20, 2016.
- 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

- Work has started on the Bergdoll Bridge (PVCD) contract.
- 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.



West Virginia
Conservation Agency

September 19, 2016

Mr. Ed Utterback,

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	8.5 ac/17.5 tons	\$305.00

This decision was based upon a ranking score of 58.2 and conservation district funds available at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Salyer, Area Director East
West Virginia Conservation Agency

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