

Little Kanawha Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 13, 2018, 10:00 AM
Mill Run Agricultural Service Center, Parkersburg, WV

Attending were:

*** Supervisors Attending ♦ Supervisors by Conference Call**

Ivan Banks, Ritchie County
Norma Collins, Calhoun County
*Delmas Carr, Wood County
*Dexter Graham, Wood County
*Mike Nichols, Ritchie County
*Sam Sheets, Roane County
*Roger Shaver, Wirt County
*Roseann Adams, Wirt County

Others attending or ♦ Others by Conference Call:

Jerry Waybright, Associate Supervisor, Wood County
Mikayla Hayes, LKCD
Jason Crislip, NRCS
♦Pam Yost, NRCS
DJ Allen, LK RC&D
Eleanor Porter, FSA
Jessica Nichols, WVCA

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mike Nichols. Pledge recited by all.

Introduction of Visitors – Their reports and concerns
None at this time

District Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to approve as presented was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reported Items

- *Motion to move District funds in the amount of \$25,000 from the District Checking Account (1779) to Interest Checking Account (2180), General Ledger Account to be assigned by WVCA was made Sam Sheets and seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.*
- Financials reviewed and filed for audit.

Approval of Cooperators

Agreements – Leslie Conant – Roane County – 54 acres

Terminations – None

Motion to approve new cooperator was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roseann Adams.

Majority approved. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Non-Action Items

Please review the items at your leisure.

Correspondence – Action Items –

- Envirothon Assistance Request
Do to ethics the District is unable to directly sponsor individual teams.
- AgEP Funding Request – Southern Conservation District
Send a letter stating we have no funds to spare and are using District funds as well.

Report of Agencies and Others

LKCD Associate Supervisors Report

- JR Hill sent home for hospice care.
- Verbal report given.
- *Motion to pay associate supervisors mileage and meal when presented for reimbursement at the same rate as current supervisors was made by Sam Sheets. Seconded by Dexter Graham. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

Field Staff Report, NRCS, District, Jason Crislip

- 7 more EQIP contracts not on written report.
- Andy Bartlett back to regular duty.
- Please see Appendix A.

Field Staff Report, LKCD, Mikayla Hayes

Discussed written report. Please see Appendix B.

Field Staff Report, Forestry

Unable to attend. Written report sent please see Appendix C.

Field Staff Report, WVCA – Five-year plan for O&M

- Dollars amounts are wrong on POCA and NFHR.
- Correction on when mussel studies are due as well. They are not to be done every year. The next one is due in 2020. Discussion.
- *Motion to approve the five-year plan with the aforementioned changes was made by Delmas Carr. Seconded by Sam Sheets. Call for question. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

Please see Appendix D for additional information.

FSA, Eleanor Porter

Written newsletters are included and information in those were reviewed. Please see Appendix E.

WV DNR Report, Jeff McCrady

Unable to attend.

LK RC&D Report

For report please see Appendix F.

- Grant Check Received
Sam Sheets brought check into the District for the soil and forage testing program.
- Annual Membership Dues – Appendix G
Motion to pay the \$100 in Annual Membership Dues was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Dexter Graham. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Solid Waste Authority Report

Unable to attend.

WVU Extension

Sam Sheets reported that Brandy Brabham will have the Soil Trailer at Geary School.

Special Items of Interest

Emergency Watershed Program/Stream Protection & Restoration Program

Nothing at this time.

North Fork Hughes River Updates & Issues

- Debris Removal Update
Please see written report above. Please see Appendix D.
- Gas Well Update
Pam Yost has been working on this for 10 months. They have over \$220,000 in different accounts. These funds are for recreation work and other final items and will be transferred to DNR. One of the items is for DNR to take responsibility of the gas well. An O&M agreement dated in 2001 discussed the well. A title change needs done. They (DNR) need to take title of the well and either plug or use it. NRCS must have documentation that this is done before DNR will receive any funds from NRCS. Delmas Carr asked if these funds could be used for O&M but they can't. DNR needs to sign the agreement, change the title and submit proof of changes and then the District will be contacted.
- O&M Funding Agreement Update
Mike Nichols discussed meeting with Ritchie County Commission. He and Delmas Carr attended on the Districts behalf. It is felt that things went well and they are hopeful of a favorable outcome.

Bird House Construction

Jason Crislip discussed. Dexter Graham and Sam Sheets will check with people who might like to build these.

Land Judging Contest

Sam Sheets spoke with Ben Hayes. Have it in early May. Wood County - Sam Sheets & Delmas Carr will work on this.

Partnership Plan of Work

It is time to start working on this. Meeting set for March 22nd 10 a.m. with Budget Committee meeting to follow. *Motion to set meetings was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Dexter Graham. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

District Conservation Farmer Recognition Program

Information noted as received. Please see Appendix H. Discussion. The District plans to hold its own recognition program this year.

Supervisors Appointment

Not sure it came out in the Roane County paper. Jessica Nichols will check on this.

Local, National & State Meeting Report

Envirothon Committee –

- Sponsorship
Motion to support the WV Envirothon Contest in the amount of \$1050.00 was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried. Check will be made out to the WV Envirothon but will include a request that if there are teams from our area that it will be used for their benefit. Please see Appendix I.
- Supervisors Attendance
4 to 5 supervisors will attend for various days.

Grazing Conference Committee

Unable to attend.

Grassland Committee

Unable to attend.

Active District Committee Reports

Equipment Committee

- Rental Rate
Motion to leave them as they are, was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Dexter Graham. Majority approved. Motion carried.

- A heavy tarp and tie downs will be purchased for no till in Parkersburg and Roger Shaver will be bring weed wiper to Spencer for repair.

Ag Enhancement Committee/Report

- Request for Cancellation – Rusty Bennett – Water Development - \$1600
Motion to cancel as requested was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.
- Request for revision – Ben Lucky – Exclusion Fence – Appendix J
 - Approved – 1500 feet (\$2,250) Requested revision 2000 feet (\$3,000)
Motion to approve the increase in footage from 1500' to 2000' and dollar amount from \$2,250 to \$3,000 was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried.
- Need a committee meeting to review payment rates and practices.
- Sign up the first two weeks of May was discussed.
- Meeting needs to be held before the April board meeting. Meeting set for April 9th at 10 a.m. Parkersburg office.
- Monthly AgEP Report – Appendix K

Budget Committee –

Budget due by March 30th to be presented on April 10th to SCC. Meeting set March 22nd.

District Manager, Jessica Nichols

Out Thursday and Friday.

WVCA Report, Kim Fisher

Please call with questions on the written report received. Please see Appendix L.

Closing Activities

Calendar of Events

March 22nd – Plan of Work & Budget Committee Meetings

April 9th – AgEP Committee Meeting

April 12th – District Board Meeting

All meetings listed are in Parkersburg at the District office and start at 10 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned

These minutes respectfully submitted by Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary and Jessica Nichols, Recorder.

Mike Nichols, LKCD Chairman

Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary

Date approved: _____



United States Department of Agriculture

Jason Crislip
District Conservationist

- ❖ FO Staff are still working to complete the 1st Round of EQIP funding and we are anticipating the 2nd round of approvals soon.
- ❖ Conservation Stewardship Program application deadline was March 2nd
- ❖ EWP sites for the June 2016 Flood have been completed.
- ❖ Assisted Brandy Brabham with a Youth Conservation Grant Education Grant Application. We provided technical assistance for a pond site at Camp Shepard. The pond will be utilized as an outdoor educational classroom for the public that will be utilized by numerous 4-H camps and church groups to teach youth about the importance of water conservation, aquatic eco-systems, and watershed habitat.

Little Kanawha Conservation District Income

(February 10th – March 9th, 2018)

Typar

3 Rolls (past due) \$1,166.40

Total: \$1166.40

Plates N Bolts

41 sets (past due) \$656.00

Total: \$656.00

Floats

5 Steel \$160.00

1 Steel \$58.00

Total: 218.00

No-Till

22.5 Acres (past due) \$337.50

Total: \$337.50

Tree Tubes:

200 \$700.00

Total: \$700.00

Pipes/Catch Basins:

2 Copper Pipes \$34.00

2 Catch Basins \$73.76

Total: \$107.76

Forage

Field Visit \$25.00

Total: \$25.00

**Total Income
for the Month:
\$3,210.66**

**Difference from
last month:
+ 2,784.14**

**January 1- Now:
\$3,637.18**

Region 3 Landowner Assistance Program Accomplishments for February 2018

161 requests were received in Region 3. 138 of these requests were incidental covering a wide variety of topics such as logging complaints, Fire season, logging classes, etc.

Cabwaylingo State Forest:

A timber bid opening was held for the Wiley Branch sale, consisting of 80 acres.

Camp Virgil Tate 4-H Camp (Kanawha County)

Logging continues on this project.

Capitol Conservation District: (Oxley)

Five water quality contacts were made. 14.5 acres of TSI were marked. 14.5 acres of wood fiber production were marked and 2 insect and disease detections were made.

Guyan Conservation District: (Six, Cook, Turnipseed)

36 acres were marked for cull tree removal and 1 water quality contact was made.

Little Kanawha Conservation District: (Copeland, Stephens, Jelich, Robinson, and Minton)

Thirty one practices plans were written consisting of 505 acres. 65 acres of TSI were marked. Seven reconnaissance were conducted to make recommendations. 304 acres were cruised with an estimated volume of 787MBF and 800 tons of pulp. Two acres of trees were planted for timber production and mine reclamation. Three acres of TSI was marked for wood fiber production and 55 acres for wildlife enhancement.

Upper Ohio Conservation District: (Minton and Wilson)

One reconnaissance was conducted to make recommendations. One stewardship plan was written consisting of 493 acres. Ten acres of TSI were marked for wildlife enhancement.

West Fork Conservation District (Wilson and Jelich)

Seven forest land management plans were written. One reconnaissance was conducted to make recommendations. One acre of TSI was marked for cull tree removal.

Western Conservation District: (Six and Stephens)

One reconnaissance was conducted to make recommendations. 20 acres were cruised for an estimate 80MFB.

Upcoming Events:

February 2018 Watershed Report

CCRs:

- Site 13276-T. Butcher-Bond's Creek-Ellenboro-Ritchie Co.
- This site relates to the funding that is listed on the Co-Administered funds for the Bonds Ck channel OM&R, As per Brian Farkas the funding should be returned so that they may be able to use for any work they deem necessary. The Trustees of the Bonds Creek Watershed Improvement District are listed as receivers and disbursers in the O&M agreement Section II.B.6. We no longer have an agreement and will not be involved in any work on the stream. The current funding amount is \$1,580.73 for Bonds Creek Channel OM&R that is slated to be returned.

Stream Permits: None received

SPRP: None

O&M:

North Fork of the Hughes:

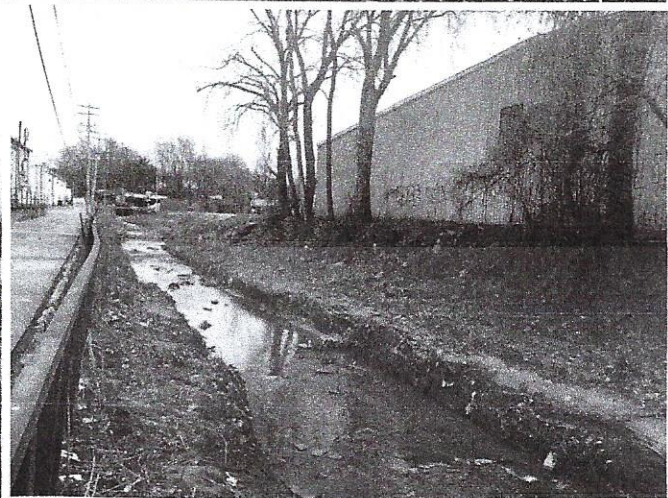
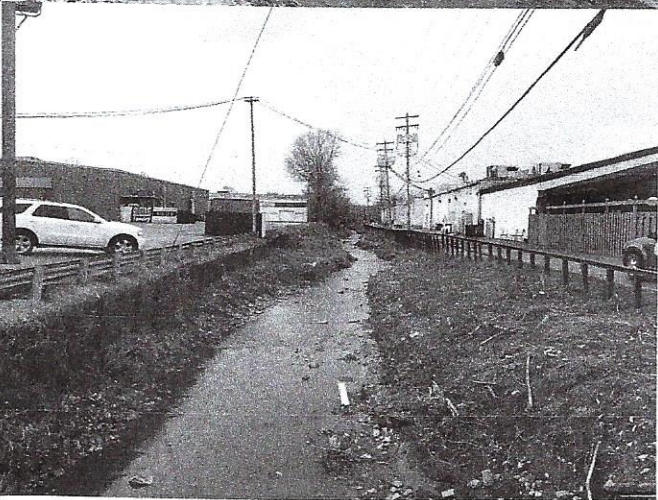
- Jason and I met with Steve Jones, Park Superintendent and monitor of the dam.
- He has designated a place to burn debris taken off the riser.
- He plans to have park personnel mow and weed eat the dam. He is submitting the proposal. The cost will be approximately \$500.00 for the work.

Charles Fork 17: City of Spencer now responsible for EAP, new EAP due 8/5/2018.

- North Fork of the Hughes: EAP Up to Date
- Pocatalico 14: EAP Up to Date
- Pond Run: EAP Up to Date
- Pullman 01: EAP Up to Date
- Walker Creek: EAP Up to Date
- Bonds Creek 01: EAP Up to Date

Pictures have been submitted that shows the work done on Pond Run channel. It has been cut and cleared.

Appendix D



- heirs of the deceased person who would be entitled to payment according to the State law

In order for FSA to release the payment, the legal representative of the deceased producer must file a form FSA-325, to claim the payment for themselves or an estate. The county office will verify and determine that the application, contract, loan agreement, or other similar form requesting payment issuance, was signed by the applicable deadline for such form, by the deceased or a person legally authorized to act on their behalf at that time of application.

If the application, contract or loan agreement form was signed by someone other than the participant who is deceased, FSA will determine whether the person submitting the form has the legal authority to submit the form to compel FSA to pay the deceased participant.

Payments will be issued to the respective representative's name using the deceased program participant's tax identification number. Payments made to representatives are subject to offset regulations for debts owed by the deceased.

FSA is not responsible for advising persons in obtaining legal advice on how to obtain program benefits that may be due to a participant who has died, disappeared or who has been declared incompetent.

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For purposes of this program, targeted underserved groups are women, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all the eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

Payment Limitations by Program

The 2014 Farm Bill established a maximum dollar amount for each program that can be received annually, directly or indirectly, by each person or legal entity. Payment limitations vary by program for 2014 through 2018.

Below is an overview of payment limitations by program.

Commodity and Price Support Programs

The annual limitation for the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and Market Loan Gains is \$125,000 total.

Conservation Programs

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) annual rental payment and incentive payment is limited to \$50,000. CRP contracts approved before Oct. 1, 2008, may exceed the limitation, subject to payment limitation rules in effect on the date of contract approval.

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) has an annual limit of \$200,000 per disaster event. The Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) has an annual limit of \$500,000 per disaster event.

Disaster Assistance Programs

The annual limitation of \$125,000 applies to the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP). The total payments received under ELAP, LFP and LIP may not exceed \$125,000. A separate limitation of \$125,000 applies to Tree Assistance Program (TAP) payments. There is also a separate \$125,000 payment limit for the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

Payment limitations also apply to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) programs. Contact your local NRCS office more information.

For more information on FSA payment limitations by program, visit

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/2015/payment_eligibility_payment_limitations.pdf.

Payments to Deceased Producers

In order to claim a Farm Service Agency (FSA) payment on behalf of a deceased producer, all program conditions for the payment must have been met before the applicable producer's date of death.

If a producer earned a FSA payment prior to becoming deceased, the following is the order of precedence of the representatives of the producer:

- administrator or executor of the estate
- the surviving spouse
- surviving sons and daughters, including adopted children
- surviving father and mother
- surviving brothers and sisters

and determine if a recommendation is sent forward to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for the designation.

For more information on FSA disaster programs and disaster designations, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/disaster.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm reconstitution is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

To be effective for the current Fiscal Year (FY), farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by **August 1 of the FY** for farms subject to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all:

- of the required signatures are on FSA-155
- other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, is submitted.

Total Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and non-ARC/PLC farms may be reconstituted at any time.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Loans for Targeted Underserved Producers

FSA has a number of loan programs available to assist applicants to begin or continue in agriculture production. Loans are available for operating type loans and/or to purchase or improve farms or ranches.

While all qualified producers are eligible to apply for these loan programs, FSA has provided priority funding for members of targeted underserved applicants.

A targeted underserved applicant is one of a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic or gender prejudice because of his or her identity as members of the group without regard to his or her individual qualities.

Rocky Peck
Sarah Wayne

buildings or other facilities and improvements essential to an operation.

Please contact your local FSA Office for questions specific to your operation or county

To do this, applicants must provide FSA with an estimate of the total cost of all planned development that completely describe the work, prior to loan approval and must show proof of sufficient funds to pay for the total cost of all planned development at or before loan closing. In some instances, applicants may be asked to provide certified plans, specifications or contract documents. The applicant cannot incur any debts for materials or labor or make any expenditures for development purposes prior to loan closing with the expectation of being reimbursed from FSA funds.

Construction and development work may be performed either by the contract method or the borrower method. Under the contract method, construction and development contractors perform work according to a written contract with the applicant or borrower. An applicant for a direct loan to finance a construction project must obtain a surety bond that guarantees both payment and performance in the amount of the construction contract from a construction contractor.

A surety bond is required when a contract exceeds \$100,000, an authorized agency official determines that a surety bond appears advisable to protect the borrower against default of the contractor or a contract provides for partial payments in excess of the amount of 60 percent of the value of the work in place.

Under the borrower method, the applicant or borrower will perform the construction and development work. The borrower method may only be used when the authorized agency official determines, based on information from the applicant, that the applicant possesses or arranges to obtain the necessary skill and managerial ability to complete the work satisfactorily and that such work will not interfere with the applicant's farming operation or work schedule.

For more eligibility requirements and information about FSA Loan programs, contact your local FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Emergency Disaster Declarations and Designations

Farmers and ranchers know all too well that natural disasters can be a common, and likely a costly, variable to their operation. The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has emergency assistance programs to provide assistance when disasters strike, and for some of those programs, a disaster designation may be the eligibility trigger. When natural disaster occurs, there is a process for requesting a USDA Secretarial disaster designation for a county. Agricultural producers can play a vital role in this process.

If you have experienced a production loss as a result of a natural disaster you may submit a request to your local FSA county office for your county to be evaluated for a Secretarial disaster designation. Once a request is received, the county office will collect disaster data and create a Loss Assessment Report. The County Emergency Board will review the Loss Assessment Report

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Using FSA Direct Farm Ownership Loans for Construction

The USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) [Direct Farm Ownership loans](#) are a resource to help farmers and ranchers become owner-operators of family farms, improve and expand current operations, increase agricultural productivity, and assist with land tenure to save farmland for future generations.

Depending on the applicant's needs, there are three types of Direct Farm Ownership Loans: regular, down payment and joint financing. FSA also offers a [Direct Farm Ownership Microloan](#) option for smaller financial needs up to \$50,000.

Amongst other purposes, Direct Farm Ownership Loans can be used to construct, purchase or improve farm dwellings, service

office for details. FSA loans are only available to applicants who meet all eligibility requirements and are unable to obtain the needed credit elsewhere.

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Producers can determine if crops are eligible for federal crop insurance or NAP by visiting <https://webapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/actuarialinformationbrowser2017/CropCriteria.aspx>.

Next County

Committee Meeting:
March 21, 2018 @
10:00 am

NAP basic coverage is available at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production, with higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price, including coverage for organics and crops marketed directly to consumers.

Federal crop insurance coverage is sold and delivered solely through private insurance agents. Agent lists are available at all USDA Service Centers or at USDA's online Agent Locator: <http://prodwebnlb.rma.usda.gov/apps/AgentLocator/#>. Producers can use the USDA Cost Estimator, <https://ewebapp.rma.usda.gov/apps/costestimator/Default.aspx>, to predict insurance premium costs.

For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales deadlines, contact the Mill Run FSA office at 304-422-9072 or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

2018 Livestock Losses

The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. LIP compensates livestock owners and contract growers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather, including losses due to hurricanes, floods, blizzards, wildfires, extreme heat or extreme cold.

For 2018, eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2018, and no later than 60 calendar days from the ending date of the applicable adverse weather event or attack. A notice of loss must be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss of livestock is apparent. Participants must provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than 90 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the eligible loss condition occurred.

- Proof of death documentation
- Copy of growers contracts
- Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock, i.e. Adult Beef Cow = 1.5% and Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 5%. These established percentages reflect losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions. Producers who suffer livestock losses in 2018 must file both of the following:

- A notice of loss the earlier of 30 calendar days of when the loss was apparent
- An application for payment by March 31, 2019.

Additional Information about LIP is available at your local FSA office or online at: www.fsa.usda.gov.

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Mill Run FSA Updates

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Farm Loan Manager:
Jennifer L. Fisher

Program Technicians:
Teresa Painter
Sheila Dye

County Committee:
Jeffry McElfresh -Chair
Suzanne Dietz- Vice
Chair
Bryan Sims

Mill Run Producers Urged to Consider NAP Risk Protection Coverage before Crop Sales Deadlines

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to review available USDA crop risk protection options, including federal crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage, before the crop deadline of March 15.

Federal crop insurance covers crop losses from natural adversities such as drought, hail and excessive moisture. NAP covers losses from natural disasters on crops for which no permanent federal crop insurance program is available, including perennial grass forage and grazing crops, fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, ornamental nursery, aquaculture, turf grass, ginseng, honey, syrup, bioenergy, and industrial crops.

The following crops in Pleasants/Ritchie/Wirt/Wood County have a NAP application deadline of March 15, 2018: Alfalfa, Grass, Clover, Mixed Forage, and All Other Annual Crops (vegetables/truck crops).

Little Kanawha RC&D

1014 Volcano Road, Waverly, WV 26184 - 304-679-3639

Project Sharing Warehouse - 304-893-9723

Email: info@lkrcd.com or Coordinator D. J. Allen: dj.allen@lkrcd.com

Mini Grant Program

Thank you to the Little Kanawha Conservation District (and the WV Conservation Agency and the State Committee) for our funding to assist projects in our service area of West Virginia. The Mini Grant funds were presented to council members to distribute at our meeting on March 1, 2018, and progress reports on those funded projects are to be back in our office by May 15th. This is a time crunch and we hope all goes well with that, but we are thankful for being able to assist with needs both great and small. Many communities, counties, and organizations have benefitted from these funds over the year. It is very inspiring to know that by working together, we are all helping improve the areas in which we work and live. Whether the funds go for drainage or erosion improvements or community gardens, these grants are vital to all involved.

Deadline Mar. 16, 2018 – 4:00 PM for Grant Applications

This Friday, Mar. 16th, 4:00 p.m. is the deadline to apply for funding in the 2018 Mini Grant Program of the RC&D. Applications may be emailed (see contact info above). These are for land and water-related projects.

Garden Program

Little Kanawha RC&D is planning for this year's garden program at the Project Sharing site, 2309 Gihon Road, Parkersburg. We started small last year and hope to expand with more people taking advantage of the space we have available right in Parkersburg. The gardens are offered to those who have served in the military and others interested in growing fresh foods! Anyone interested in growing there is encouraged to call or email for more details. Call 304-893-9723 (may have to leave message) or 304-679-3639, or email dj.allen@lkrcd.com. We're excited to know we are putting this ground area to good use.

And the Bigger Picture

The remainder of the grounds area and the greenhouse are available for use at the Project Sharing site. Fresh foods are needed at local markets. A commercial grower would be excellent for this site. Possibilities are endless here and with this convenient location, this could be a huge benefit for the right person(s) or business. Contact info is listed at the top of this report.

Gilmore Elementary Trail

Another big project is checked off our list. This is a project that benefits Jackson County and those who visit the area. Some of the most positive aspects of this is that students at Gilmore Elementary School and senior citizens from the local Senior Center may use the trail, fitness stations and shelter for many educational and fitness functions – or for leisurely walks!! Stop by and check it out!

Project Sharing

Project Sharing assists non-profit organizations to further their mission of assisting the ill, needy, youth and all ages, or to use for their own organization. If you know of non-profits who could benefit, please let them know of Project Sharing (look for our fb page with orange flower). Donations to the Little Kanawha RC&D help keep the program operating and help us provide needed items for redistribution. The warehouse is at 2309 Gihon Road, Parkersburg, and open Wednesdays, 9 AM to 2 PM. Applications are available on site or may be sent via email.

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Resource Conservation & Development Council

1014 Volcano Road
Waverly, WV 26184-9777

Phone: (304) 679-3639
Email: info@lkrcd.com



INVOICE

Date: Feb. 13, 2018

Little Kanawha Conservation District
91 Boyles Lane
Parkersburg, WV 26101

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Annual sponsorship dues for 2019 for Little Kanawha Resource Conservation & Development Council program operations.	\$100.00

Thank You

TOTAL \$100.00

Mission Statement:

"Assist local communities to manage their natural resources in ways
that improve the area's economy and environment."

Vision Statement:

"Leading our communities through partnerships to make things happen."

Greetings,

The West Virginia Conservation Awards Council recently met and approved changes to the West Virginia Conservation Farm Contest. Here is an outline of the changes that have been made. It is the hope of the WVCAC these changes will enhance the program for all interested parties and allow each district to showcase its best Conservation Farmer's.

- ❖ The state will be divided into two areas (East and West) to align with the WVCA's redistricting and two area directors. With this each area will have the opportunity to select up to two similarly scored farms that may represent them in the state judging.
- ❖ Area winning farms will each receive an outdoor sign indicating they are a Conservation Farm of the Year "Finalist."
- ❖ There will no longer be a 2nd and 3rd place Conservation Farm of the Year award, instead a singular winner will be selected from a group of finalists.
- ❖ The panel will tour District nominated farms and may select up to 2 farms per area for statewide consideration. To qualify both farms in the area must be separated by no more than 5 points. If more than two farms fall into this criteria the two highest scoring farms will be chosen.
- ❖ The State Conservation Farm will receive an outdoor sign designating it as the Conservation Farm of the Year.
- ❖ Farms that have won the State Conservation Farm Award will be eligible to compete for the award again after a time period of 8 years.
- ❖ The score sheet has been modified to create a more streamlined approach for judging. We now have three sections that focus on the following:
 - Total Resource Management (20 Points)
 - Establishment of Practices in accordance with Farm Plan (50 Points)
 - Personal Community Development (30 Points)
- ❖ An attached copy of the new scoring criteria is included in this packet for your information.

In addition to the changes, all district, area, and state judges will be briefed on this new format and instructed to follow the score sheet when evaluating farms for this award. To have a successful contest each group of judges **MUST** evaluate the farm based on the same criteria.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Conservation Farm of the Year Contest. We look forward to seeing the conservation works showcased by your farmers.

CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM

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3. [☐] **Farm family demonstrates community resource leadership.** (low score is 1 and highest score is 10) Maximum section points are 30.
- a. [☐] Farmer/Farm family is aware of and involved in local agriculture issues. They serve as leaders in agricultural, natural resource, and community organizations. [award 1-10 points]
- b. [☐] Farm Family utilizes innovative agricultural and conservation practices and techniques in the operation and is recognized by the local farming community as a conservation leader. [award 1-10 points]
- c. [☐] Farm family is willing to share conservation accomplishments with others by hosting field days, participating in peer panels, and participating in the education of school aged children [award 1-10 points].

CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM

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2. [] Farmer commits resources and effort to install and maintain conservation plan and best management practices. (low score for each question is 1 and highest score is 10) Maximum section points are 50.
- a. [] Operates in accordance with soil survey and land capability maps [award 1-10 points].
 - b. [] All ingress or egress routes are properly planned, installed, and maintained or upgraded with no visible signs of excessive erosion [award 1-10 points].
 - c. [] Appropriate ground cover is maintained to reduce erosion (pasture management, cover crops, etc.) [award 1-10 points].
 - d. [] Uses and maintains appropriate management practices when applicable to protect resources (nutrient management, pesticide management, woodlot management, record keeping, pasture management, soil testing, and associated BMPs, etc.) [award 1-10 points].
 - e. [] Uses and maintains appropriate structural practices where applicable to protect resources (fencing, stream bank protection, waste management facilities, livestock pads, diversions, farm ponds, troughs, spring developments, etc.) [award 1-10 points].

WV CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM

Evaluation Sheet Page 1

_____ **Farm**
_____ **County**
_____ **Conservation District**

Section 1	
Section 2	
Section 3	
Total	

1. [] **Farmer understands and is committed to Total Resource Management.**
(low score is 1 and highest score is 10) Maximum section points are 20.

- a. [] Farmer has a conservation plan that adequately states, sets priorities, and treats resource concerns encompassing all resources; soil, water, animal, plant, air and human activities. [award 1-10 points].
- b. [] Farmer is implementing with appropriate documentation the conservation plan on the highest resource priority as identified by the Conservation District [award 1-10 points].

WV CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Basis for Selection (Points System)

1. [20 points] - Total Resource Management (Proper Land Use) Farmer has understanding of and is committed to Total Resource Management.
2. [50 points] - Establishment of practices in accordance with Farm Plan. Farmer has committed resources and efforts installing and maintaining conservation plan and best management practices.
3. [30 points] - Personal/Community development. Farmer demonstrates community conservation leadership.

Nomination Packets

Nomination packets of all District Winners will be submitted to WVCA coordinating contact. Include name, address, and location of farm; (Farm Bio), up-to-date Conservation Farm Plan (plan must include all land used in the farm unit) including a plan map, narrative describing the farm operation and special attributes of the farm and family.

Area Judging

East Area Judging

Eastern Panhandle CD
Greenbrier Valley CD
Monongahela CD
Potomac Valley CD
Southern CD
Tygarts Valley CD
West Fork CD

West Area Judging

Capitol CD
Elk CD
Guyan CD
Little Kanawha CD
Northern Panhandle CD
Upper Ohio CD
Western CD

WV CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM REGULATIONS

Eligibility:

- All 14 WV Conservation Districts.
- Any farmer who has a signed "Agreement of Cooperation" and is in good standing with the district.

Eligibility Exclusion:

- Conservation district supervisors.
- Prior state First Place winners (Farmers within the last 8 years)
- Employees of sponsoring organizations.

Association – Agency	Abbreviation
WV Association of Conservation Districts	WVACD
WVU College of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Design	WVU-ANR&D
WVU Cooperative Extension Service	WVU-CES
WV Department of Education – Agricultural Education	WVDE
WV Department of Agriculture	WVDA
WV Department of Natural Resources	DNR
WV Department of Environmental Protection	DEP
WV Division of Forestry	DOF
WV Conservation Agency	WVCA
WV State Conservation Committee	SCC
USDA - Farm Service Agency	FSA
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service	NRCS
Appointed Member (Selected by membership)	

Selection Process:

1. **District Judging** – Participating Conservation Districts will:
 - Select a district judging panel approved by the district board.
 - Select county winners.
 - Select a district winner from among the county winners.
 - Forward the nomination packet for the district winner to the district's respective WVCA area director by June 1.
2. **Area Judging** – The WVCA will coordinate a judging panel approved by the WVCAC. The panel will tour District nominated farms and may select up to 2 farms per area for statewide consideration. To qualify both farms in the area must be separated by no more than 5 points. If more than two farms fall into this criteria the two highest scoring farms will be chosen.
3. **Statewide Judging** – The WVCA will coordinate a judging panel approved by the WVCAC. The panel will tour Area nominated farms and select the conservation farm of the year.

WV CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM

WV Conservation Farm of the Year

Approved: April 12, 2016

Purpose:

To identify and recognize conservation cooperators in West Virginia who are doing an outstanding job of implementing their conservation plan in conjunction with other community based activities.

Sponsor:

West Virginia Conservation Awards Council (WVCAC), & the 14 Conservation Districts (CD.)

Timelines:

- **May** - County and District judging
- **July** - Area judging
- **August** - Statewide judging
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards at the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners will be honored at local Conservation District annual banquets.

Selection Process:

- County winner – County conservation district supervisors.
- District winner – Conservation district governing body (district supervisors.)
- Area winner – Area judging panel – coordinated by West Virginia Conservation Agency (WVCA.)
- State winner – State judging panel – coordinated by WVCA.

Awards:

The WVCAC sponsors the following awards:

- County Winners – A plaque will be presented at the local Conservation District annual banquet. A poster listing county winners will be displayed at the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference.
- District Winners – A check for \$100 and a plaque to be presented at the local Conservation District annual banquet. A poster listing district winners will be displayed at the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference.
- Area Winners - Special recognition and awards commemorating their level of achievement at the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. (Expense paid trip (farmer – plus one guest) to the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference.) Outdoor signage designating them as Conservation Farm of the Year Finalist.
- State Winners - Special recognition and awards commemorating their level of achievement at the WV Conservation Partnership Conference. (Expense paid trip (farmer – plus one guest) to the WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference.)
 1. First place - \$1,000 check and outdoor signage designating winner as Conservation Farm of the Year.

Contacts:

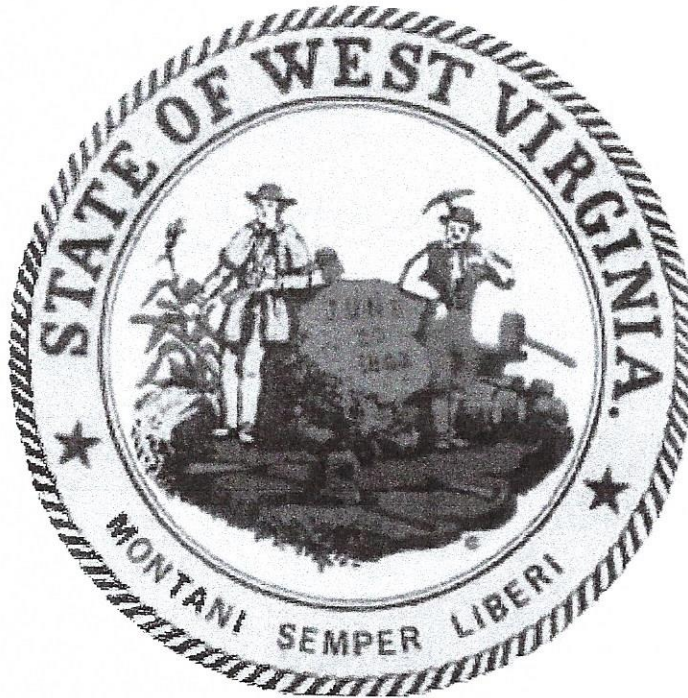
WVCA coordinating contact: Area Director.

District contact: District chairperson or designee.

Bio – Security: Judging panels will practice appropriate bio security measures.

WV CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PROGRAM

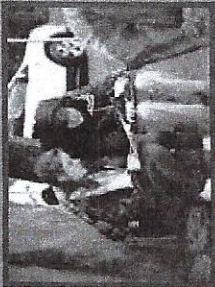
WV Conservation Farm of the Year



**Sponsored by the
West Virginia Conservation Awards Council (WVCAC), and
the 14 West Virginia Conservation Districts (CD).**

Approved by WVCAC March 5, 2018

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West Virginia Envirothon

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Sutton, WV 26601

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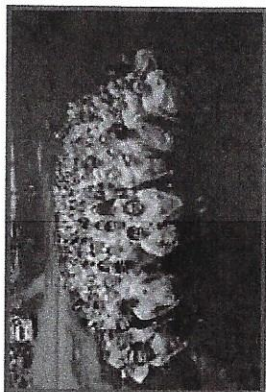
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email: wwacd@yahoo.com

www.wvca.us/envirothon

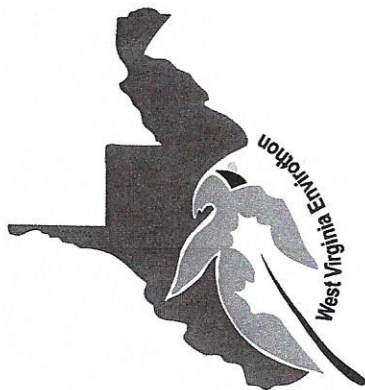
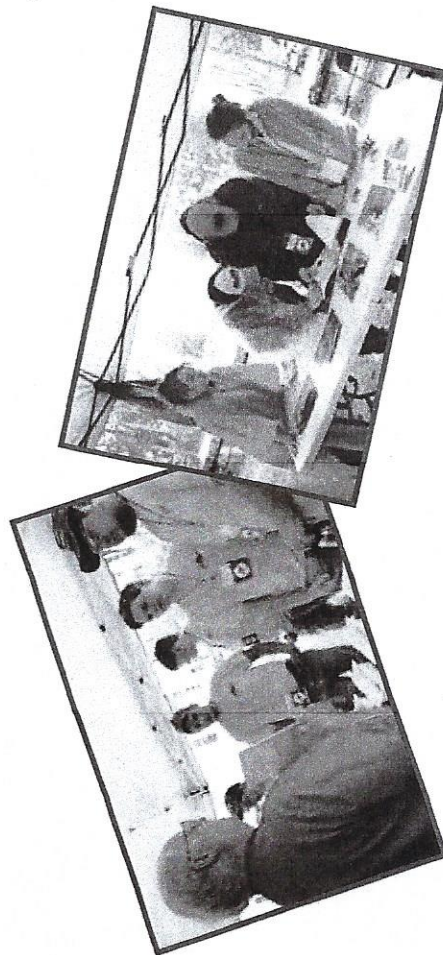


*The State's Premier Conservation Education Program for
West Virginia high school students.*



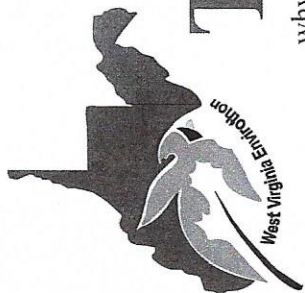
Mission Statement

To help young people to develop the skills, knowledge and desires necessary to achieve and maintain a balance between the quality of life and the quality of the environment.



EXPENSES

Site/Meals & lodging	\$20,000
Scholarships	\$15,000
Awards	\$300
Insurance	\$400
T-shirts	\$4,000
Entertainment	\$500
Supplies	\$1,500
Educational materials	\$1,000
Signs	\$200
Printing	\$1,000
Portable toilets	\$400
National dues	\$500
National team expenses	\$3,500
National team registration	\$1,800
Outreach	\$1,500
Workshops & training	\$4,400
National meeting costs	\$4,000
TOTAL	\$60,000



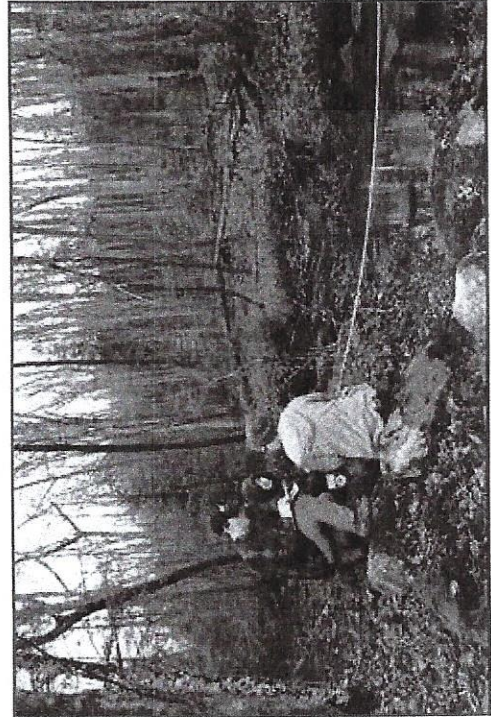
The future of our state and nation's natural resources lies in the hands of our youth. That is why we continue to work tirelessly to keep the West Virginia Envirothon available to our young people. Our goal is to see the Envirothon grow with more of West Virginia's youth able to compete.



We are requesting that you consider joining as a sponsor of this important and critical teaching tool. Our sponsors have contributed the funds to meet the needs. However, as we continue to grow, so too will our financial responsibilities. A copy of our estimated expenses is included for your review.

What is the West Virginia Envirothon?

The West Virginia Envirothon is a conservation education program and competition for students in grades 9 – 12. The Envirothon program encourages students to work as a team to acquire natural resource knowledge and critical thinking skills. By participating in the Envirothon program, students learn about West Virginia's diverse ecosystem and how they can conserve and protect it for future generations.





Forestry



Aquatics



Wildlife



Soils

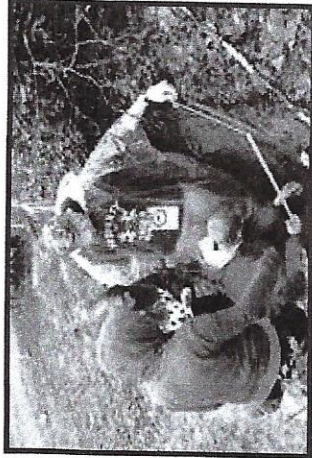
Envirothon Topics

The West Virginia Envirothon focuses on five subject areas: forestry, soils, aquatics, wildlife and a current environmental topic. Each test occurs outdoors, allowing the students a chance to work and learn in a real-world setting, guided by environmental professionals.



Soils

Identify various soils, understand the processes involved in the formation of soil, and identify terrain and soil characteristics and their impacts.



Forestry

Develop basic dendrology skills, understand forest ecology and forest management.



2017 WV Envirothon Contributors

Dominion Foundation
WV Department of Education
Mountain RC&D
Natural Resource Conservation Service
Upshur County Solid Waste Authority
Weyerhaeuser Foundation
West Virginia Conservation Districts

Platinum Level Contributor

\$10,000 and more

Gold Level Contributor

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Silver Level Contributor

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Bronze Level Contributor

\$1,000 - \$2,499

2017 Winners



1st Place
Moorefield Gold Team
\$1,000 per student



2nd Place
Mineral County
\$750 per student



3rd Place
Ravenswood FFA
\$500 per student



4th Place
Doddridge County Gold Team
\$350 per student



5th Place
Jefferson County FFA
\$250 per student



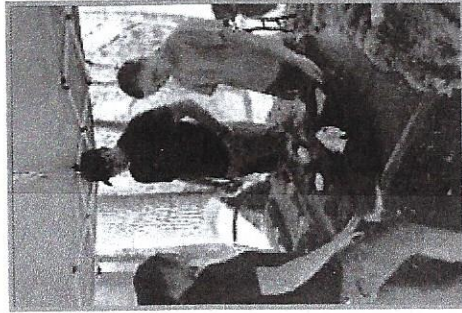
Aquatics

Conduct basic water sampling, identify aquatic insects and microorganisms, understand watersheds and develop solutions to common water quality issues



Wildlife

Identify common wildlife species, understand habitat requirements and devise plans for managing wildlife species.



CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL TOPIC

The Current Environmental Topic, also called the Fifth Topic, changes annually and deals with issues affecting present-day society and environment. The Fifth Topic focuses on theoretical understandings of the issue in relation to the other four competition topics, and the ability to apply this knowledge to a "what if" scenario given in the form of an oral presentation.





Participation

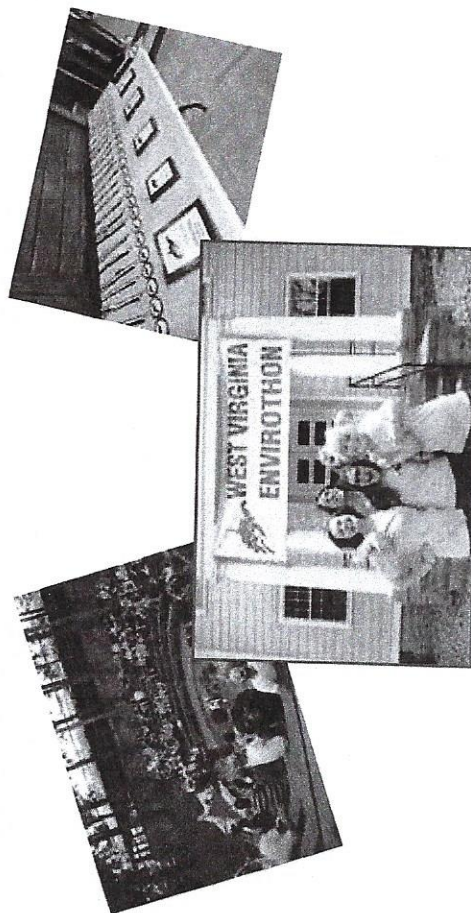
To participate in the West Virginia Envirothon, an adult advisor and a team of five students first register and receive learning objectives and study materials. Then the team prepares itself for the WV Envirothon by learning all it can about natural resources and environmental issues. Each spring, teams from all over the Mountain State come together for a fun, hands-on event that tests their natural resource knowledge, skills and problem solving abilities.



College Scholarships—members of top five teams will receive college scholarships towards a school of their choice.

New Experiences—The WV Envirothon gives students an opportunity to meet and work with professionals from federal, state and local natural resource agencies. These professionals help the students understand natural resource issues and the social, economic, and environmental impacts of their actions.

Travel and Camaraderie—Students will have the opportunity to travel and meet students from various parts of the state. In addition, they may have an opportunity to compete with peers from across North America at the national envirothon.



Nichols, Jessica

From: Murphy, Kaitlyn - NRCS, Parkersburg, WV <Kaitlyn.Murphy@wv.usda.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 11:37 AM
To: Nichols, Jessica
Subject: Ben Lucky fence

Ben Lucky was only approved for 1500ft of fence but built 2000. With the completion rate looking the way it is now, I am wanting to know if you will put it on the meeting agenda to have it changed so that he get paid for the full 2000ft. He's always completed his projects in a timely manner and we've had no trouble with them yet. I would appreciate it.

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	Approved	Paid	Balance	Unfunded
Critical Area Planting	\$3,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
Exclusion Fence	\$9,885.00	\$2,175.00	\$7,710.00	\$9,750.00
Heavy Use Protection Area	\$32,900.00	\$8,000.00	\$24,900.00	\$24,000.00
Invasive Species Management	\$18,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$25,600.00
Lime	\$32,898.97	\$18,375.93	\$14,523.04	\$16,463.92
Pasture Division Fence	\$10,950.00	\$0.00	\$10,950.00	\$30,810.00
Watering System	\$45,505.00	\$13,425.00	\$32,080.00	\$6,050.00
Totals	\$154,238.97	\$47,975.93	(\$106,263.04)	\$112,673.92
Current & Last FY Funds - AgEP	\$ 96,157.14	\$47,975.93	\$ 48,181.21	
Residual Supervisors Support Funds	\$ 25,000.00	\$0.00	\$ 25,000.00	
District Work Crew Funds (prevoiusly CD)	\$ 41,358.79	\$0.00	\$ 41,358.79	
Final Balance			\$8,276.96	

Approved	Clayton	Cox	Trough	2		\$2,600.00							
Paid	Bobby	Cottrell	Water Source	1	\$2,116.92	\$1,725.00	\$1,725.00	12/13/2017	2258				
Approved	Gary	Laughlin	Water Source	1		\$4,200.00							
Paid	Roger	Cunningham	Water Source	1		\$600.00	600	2/15/2018	2277				
Paid	Troxal	Metheney	Water Source	1		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	8/31/2017	2248				
Paid	George	Harper	Trough	2	\$825.13	\$1,700.00	\$700.00	9/27/2017	2243				
Approved	Stephen	Cox	Water Source	1		\$3,100.00							
Approved	Paul	Harold	Trough	1		\$1,000.00							
Paid	James	Metheney	Trough	1		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	9/28/2017	2245				
Unfunded	Russell	Skiles	Water Source	1						\$1,100.00	Rank 100		
Unfunded	Mike	Looney	Trough	1						\$1,450.00	Rank 100		
				TOTALS:	\$4,601.32	\$45,505.00	\$13,425.00			\$6,050.00			

Unfunded	Henry	Longfellow		2000						\$3,000.00	Rank 119
Unfunded	Clark	Hunt		2000						\$3,000.00	117 Cancelled
Approved	Suzanne	Clayton		2000					\$3,000.00		
Approved	Calvin	Nettles		2000					\$3,000.00		
TOTALS:					\$0.00	\$10,950.00	\$0.00			\$30,810.00	

Watering System

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	COMPONENT	NUMBER	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED	NOTES
Paid	Nathanael	Mason	Water Source	1		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	11/29/2017	2255		
Approved	John	Alt	Trough	1		\$1,700.00					
Approved	Christiana	Grow	Trough	2		\$2,600.00					
Paid	Frank	Lane	Trough	2		\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	12/13/2017	2261		
Paid	Elza	McPherson	Trough	1	\$1,165.25	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	12/21/2017	2267		Receipts for trough and pipe only. This does not reflect accurate total cost.
Approved	Phil	Sims	Water Source	1		\$2,500.00					
Approved	Norman	Law	Pipeline	1		\$1,000.00					
Approved	George	Lemon	Trough	1		\$1,000.00					
Unfunded	Angela	Campbell	Trough	1						\$1,800.00	Rank 105
Unfunded	Adam	Kinzy	Water Source	1						\$1,700.00	Rank 105
Approved	Rusty	Bennett	Water Source	1		\$1,600.00					
Approved	Debra	Allman	Trough	1		\$700.00					
Approved	Vernon	Walker	Water Source	1		\$4,900.00					
Approved	Dale	Cunningham	Trough	1		\$880.00					
Paid	James	McKown	Water Source	1	\$494.02	\$1,600.00	\$1,300.00	2/8/2018	2276		Total Cost is for materials only, no labor cost is available.
Approved	Alvin	Hunt	Water Source	1		\$1,800.00					
Approved	Suzanne	Clayton	Trough	1		\$1,200.00					

Approved	Cathy	Blumig		10			\$1,000.00						
Approved	Sylvan	Bales		10			\$1,000.00						
Paid	Vincent	Klicka		10			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	11/9/2017	2253			
TOTALS:						\$603.78	\$18,500.00	\$4,000.00				\$25,600.00	

Appendix K

Lime

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	TONS	ACRES	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED	NOTES
Approved	Michael	Sutton	30.51	14.88		\$396.63					
Approved	Daniel	Archer	72	24		\$1,080.00					
Approved	Mark	Leskiewicz	88.2	34		\$1,323.00					
Approved	Roy	Bartlett	15	5		\$225.00					
Approved	Roger	Casto	45.54	15.18		\$592.02					
Approved	Darin	Affolter	60.84	20.22		\$790.92					
Paid	Greg	Hutchinson	120.9	40.3	\$3,184.92	\$1,934.40	\$1,934.74	12/21/2017	2268		
Paid	Phil	Sims	102.32	50	\$2,592.53	\$1,637.12	\$1,604.48	12/21/2017	2269		
Approved	Pamela	Exline	123	41		\$1,968.00					
Paid	James	Delancy	142.8	47.6	\$5,183.28	\$1,856.40	\$1,856.40	12/13/2017	2262		
Paid	Ryan	Dawson	42.05	16.31	\$1,801.60	\$672.80	\$672.80	12/7/2017	2257		
Approved	Mark	Beverage	93	31		\$1,209.00					
Approved	David	Archer	70	35		\$1,120.00					
Approved	Floyd	Mahaney	36	12		\$540.00					
Paid	Priscilla	Quinn	44.13	21.89	\$1,405.27	\$706.08	\$706.08	10/27/2017	2249		
Approved	Mark	Jones	69	28		\$1,104.00					
Unfunded	Robert	Wigal	99	49.5						\$1,287.00	65 Rank
Unfunded	Robert	Harris	106.3	50						\$1,700.80	65 Rank
Unfunded	Roger	Rawson	66.23	40.66						\$860.99	57 Rank
Unfunded	James	Starr	56.98	28.49						\$854.70	75 Rank
Unfunded	Gary	Mossor	11	8.77						\$165.00	60 Rank
Unfunded	Brian	Rawson	12.6	8.4						\$163.80	55 Rank
Unfunded	Darrel	Frazier	36	18						\$576.00	80 Rank
Unfunded	Jennings	Cunningham	113.54	50						\$1,703.00	60.4 Rank
Unfunded	Alfred	Rhodes	45	15						\$585.00	75 Rank
Unfunded	George	Lemon	85.72	42.77						\$1,371.52	55 Rank
Unfunded	Kevin	Townsend	59.05	29						\$767.65	75 Rank
Paid	Michael	Anthony	150	50	\$3,162.81	\$1,950.00	\$1,916.85	9/27/2017	2247		

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Approved	Jessica	Elias		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	Hayward	Edwards		5						\$500.00									
Approved	Benjamin	Lucky		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	Carl	Straight		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	Michael	Williams		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	Greg	Davis		10						\$1,000.00									
Unfunded	Sam	Jarvis		10													\$1,000.00	Cancelled 75	
Unfunded	Robert	Keen		10													\$1,000.00	Cancelled 60	
Unfunded	Freddie	Bush		10													\$1,000.00	Cancelled 75	
Unfunded	Clark	Hunt		10													\$1,000.00	Cancelled 68	
Unfunded	Michael	McCumbers		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	Mark	Huffman		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	Joseph	Messineo		5													\$500.00	58 Rank	
Unfunded	David	Jones		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	George	Harper		10													\$1,000.00	65 Rank	
Unfunded	Charles	Price		10													\$1,000.00	45 Rank	
Unfunded	Todd	Cole		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	Allison	Spaur		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	Susan	Nichols		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	Erin	Nichols		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	French	Nichols		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Unfunded	William	Freed		10													\$1,000.00	75 Rank	
Approved	Richard	Fisher		10													\$1,000.00	55 Rank	
Paid	Michael	King		10						\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	12/13/2017	2264						
Canceled	Margaret	Morris		10						\$1,000.00								Received note from K. Murphy regarding cancellation.	
Paid	John	Meadows		10					\$603.78	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	12/22/2017	2270						
Approved	Reid	Porter		10						\$1,000.00									
Paid	Matthew	Roberts		10						\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	12/13/2017	2263						
Approved	Hazel	Boggs		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	James	Brodtt		10						\$1,000.00									
Approved	Keith	Kerby		10						\$1,000.00									

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Paid	James	Metheney		4000	\$3,830.94	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	1/11/2018	2273	
Paid	Dale	Cunningham		4000	\$2,877.66	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	12/13/2017	2260	
Unfunded	William	Freed		4000						\$2,000.00 97 Rank
Unfunded	James	Minney		4000						\$2,000.00 100 Rank
Unfunded	Henry	Longfellow		4000						\$2,000.00 112 Rank
Unfunded	Troxal	Metheney		4000						\$2,000.00 112 Rank
Unfunded	David	Collins		4000						\$2,000.00 107 Rank
Unfunded	Stephen	Cox		4000						\$2,000.00 112 Rank
Unfunded	Jeffrey	Boyles		4000						\$2,000.00 110 Rank
Unfunded	Vincent	Klicka		4000						\$2,000.00 110 Rank
Approved	Allison	Spaur		4000		\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00 110 Rank
Approved	Scott	Matheney		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	James	Workman		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	Clayton	Cox		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	James	McKown		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	French	Nichols		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	Erin	Nichols		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	Susan	Nichols		4000		\$2,000.00				
Approved	Kyle	Davis		4000		\$2,000.00				
TOTALS:					\$18,831.40	\$32,900.00	\$8,000.00			\$24,000.00

Invasive Species Management

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	TYPE	ACRES	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED	NOTES
Approved	Janice	Cooper		10		\$1,000.00					
Unfunded	James	Gorby		10						\$1,000.00	55 Rank
Unfunded	Danny	Bunner		10						\$1,000.00	75 Rank
Unfunded	Jason	Enoch		3						\$300.00	58 Rank
Unfunded	Brian	Rawson		10						\$1,000.00	65 Rank
Unfunded	James	Rhodes		10						\$1,000.00	75 Rank
Unfunded	Wayne	Longfellow		10						\$1,000.00	65 Rank
Unfunded	Roger	Rawson		10						\$1,000.00	65 Rank
Unfunded	Darien	Daugherty		8						\$800.00	75 Rank
Unfunded	William	Cunningham		10						\$1,000.00	75 Rank
Unfunded	Alfred	Rhodes		10						\$1,000.00	55 Rank
Unfunded	Lynette	Sasser		10						\$1,000.00	55 Rank

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Critical Area Planting

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	ACRES	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED
Paid	Craig	Marshall	1	\$1,120.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	9/27/2017	2242	
Approved	Charles	Price	1		\$800.00				
Paid	Howard	Parsons	1		\$800.00	\$800.00	9/27/2017	2244	
Paid	Bobby	Cottrell	0.5	\$1,392.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	12/13/2017	2266	
Approved	Mike	Looney	1		\$800.00				
TOTALS:				\$2,512.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,000.00			\$0.00

Exclusion Fence

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	TYPE	FEET	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED	NOTES
Unfunded	Boyce Sisters	Farming LLC	Woodland	500						\$750.00	80 Rank
Unfunded	Robert	Delancy	Woodland	2000						\$3,000.00	85 Rank
Unfunded	Kevin	Townsend	Woodland	2000						\$3,000.00	85 Rank
Approved	Benjamin	Lucky	Woodland	1500		\$2,250.00					
Approved	Debra	Allman	Woodland	1640		\$2,460.00					
Paid	Jeffrey	Boyles	Woodland	1450		\$2,175.00	\$2,175.00	9/27/2017	2246		
Unfunded	Robert	Keen	Woodland	2000						\$3,000.00	80 Cancelled
Canceled	Calvin	Cottrell	Woodland	2000		\$3,000.00					
TOTALS:					\$0.00	\$9,885.00	\$2,175.00			\$9,750.00	

Heavy Use Protection Area

STATUS	FNAME	LNAME	TYPE	SQ FT	TOTAL COST	CS APPROVED	CS PAID	DATE PAID	CHECK #	UNFUNDED	NOTES
Approved	Randy	Vanfossen		4000		\$2,000.00					
Approved	Norman	Law		900		\$900.00					
Approved	Raymond	Sams		4000		\$2,000.00					
Approved	Michael	Sutton		4000		\$2,000.00					
Paid	Nathanael	Mason		4000	\$8,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	12/13/2017	2265		
Unfunded	Frank	Lane		4000						\$2,000.00	112 Rank
Unfunded	James	Delancy		4000						\$2,000.00	97 Rank
Paid	Sam	Jarvis		4000	\$3,622.80	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	12/22/2017	2271		
Unfunded	Alvin	Hunt		4000						\$2,000.00	Cancelled 110
Unfunded	Freddie	Bush		4000						\$2,000.00	97 Rank

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- South: All districts have been notified that we are changing to a fall annual inspection. We will have the quarterly inspections in the spring that they can attend if they so wish but the formal annual inspection will be done in the fall.
- South: All sponsors are receiving reports of the work completed last season.
- South: All districts have received a 5-year work plan with exception of Guyan. DNR does the maintenance on Upper Mud.

Citizens Contact Reports

- Call Log Procedure – a call log procedure has been implemented to assure that calls are directed to the appropriate project section staff. Please call 304-872-4302 and your call will be directed as needed.
- Technicians are performing site and generating stream management plans and blockage removal based on the calls that are received.

EWP

- 1 eligible site in NPCD for current declared event.

Stream Projects

- Buffalo Creek – working on a contract to have a job showing this spring.
- South Fork of Cherry River – will have job showing for Phase II of project with work starting late spring or as soon as weather allows.
- Coal River – working out details for a contract to start process of job showing with work this summer.
- Paint Creek (Kanawha Co) – New DEP project, working on survey.

Dam Rehab

- Gannett 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
 - WVCA continues to work on the permits and mitigation plan.
- 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.

AGEP:

- **Mid-March 2018** - CDs submit recommendations for FY 19 practices
- **March 29 2018** - State AgEP committee to meet and review proposed changes for FY 19
- **April 2018** - Presentation of FY 19 AgEP to SCC
- **June 15, 2018** – Deadline for CDs submit final practice list to WVCA (CDs can submit final list any time after SCC approval)
- **July 1, 2018** - Start of FY 19 program
- **July 31, 2018** - CDs submit annual progress report (per legislative rule)

The state AgEP committee will meet March 29 at 10am in the ECD conference room. If you would like to use videoconference please contact Jennifer to set it up. The focus of the meeting will be to review proposed changes for the FY19 program.

West Virginia Legislature – 2018 Legislative Calendar

March 10, 2018 - Last day of session

The governor has signed House Bill 4162, which modifies state conservation law by granting the State Conservation Committee the authority to contract for services related to natural disaster recovery and stream restoration related to flooding. The bill also gives the SCC the authority to comply with all present and future statutes and regulations relating to natural disaster recovery. The bill unanimously passed both houses before going to the governor's office. House Bill 4162 was developed by the special legislative committee on flooding.

Agricultural Day at the Capitol

The WVCA has formed an Agricultural Conservation Day committee to start the planning of next year's program. If you have suggestions please provide them to your Area Director.

Awards Council

After months of discussion, a special committee appointed by the Awards Council presented its changes to the annual conservation farm contest on March 6. (A one-page fact sheet was prepared to explain the changes)

Revised WVACD Quarterly Meeting Dates/Locations:

April 9 & 10, 2018 Canaan
July 9 & 10, 2018 Flatwoods
October 15 & 16, 2018 Flatwoods Days Inn

State Conservation Committee Meeting Dates

April 10, 2018
July 10, 2018
October 9, 2018

WVCA Project Section:

OM&R

- North: Annual inspections will begin March 13.



March 2018 WVCA Report

Conservation Farm Tour

It is time for districts to be thinking about the farm families to be awarded.

Timelines:

- **May 31** - County and District judging.
- **July** - Area judging.
- **August** - Statewide judging.
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards at WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners at local Conservation District annual banquets.

District Personnel Plan

District Personnel Plans are due to the SCC by **March 1**. Failure to meet the deadline may cause a delay in approving the District's personnel plan and the release of state funds for those positions.

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 these reviews, please disregard this request. **Plans of work are due to SCC in June.**

Conservation District Operation (CDO) Grant Funds

Districts are asked to prepare your CDO budget report for FY19. The budget is to be submitted to Fiscal Services and your Area Director on or before March 30 so it can be presented to SCC in April.

Engineering Expression of Interest

Review your current contract and if needed, prepare to advertise and go through interview/selection process if needed.

The WVCA is interested in working with the district to ensure they retain a firm that has strong civil engineering and is familiar with dams. Under our 50/50, 5-year agreement with NRCS this will be important because we hope to work with the district's engineering firm to perform engineering work on dams if necessary.

Because of questions raised about these agreements, it's important to make sure that the scope of work is clearly defined and an agreement between the district and engineering firm is signed.

Also, the district may want to consider whether it wants an engineering firm that also has the ability to perform environmental assessments.