

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on *February 26, 2018* commencing at 9:02 am at the District Office in Philippi. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sheldon Findley.

Supervisors Present: Sigrid Teets, Joe Shaffer, Bob True, John Sencindiver, Joe Gumm, Donnie Tenney, James Dean, David Bonner

Supervisors Absent: Jim Nester

Others Present: Candice Stone – WVCA, Jeremy Salyer – WVCA via Skype, Joyce Frey –TVCD, Caleb Smith – WVCA, Ben Collier – NRCS, Dan Elliott -TVCD, Rudy Williams-WVDOF, David Gardner-FSA, Todd Bolyard & wife – Visitors

Mr. Gumm led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

February 26, 2018 Agenda: **Mr. Gumm moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**

January 29, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes: **Mr. Tenney moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**

Introduction and/or Recognition of Visitors: David Garner with the FSA introduced himself to the group. Todd Bolyard introduced himself to the group stating that he was here to discuss his bill. Bolyard stated that per his last meeting the Equipment committee was to meet to discuss the price of the bill and he had not been informed of this taking place. Bolyard said that the crew did a good job but was not happy about the amount charged. Per Chairman Findley and the board Mr. Bolyard has 30 days to pay the bill. Due date of the bill is March 26, 2018.

Treasurer Report: Ms. Frey reviewed her reports (copies attached). Commented that Mark Myers overdue account has been sent to the magistrate, and the as of March 1st Tygarts Valley Trucking and Eddie Pharis bills would be past due. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**

District Report: Mr. Elliott reported that Dave Cale will be out on leave due to surgery, waiting on doctors note for return date, and we have a new employee Donald Vannoy who is an operator with his CDL's. Mr. Elliott also stated that the crew will be working on Pecks Run and doing Flood work in Marion County at White Day Creek. All the crew attended a mandatory meeting on February 9th to go over policy, procedures and forms. Mr. Dean asked that the board be given detailed reports on each job completed.

District Manager Report: Ms. Stone reviewed her written report (copy attached).

Dates (District Meetings/Work Sessions) to Remember:

March

- a. Thursday 1st Site Review for Field Day @ IOOF Elkins 10:00 am
- b. Tuesday 6th Education Committee Meeting 10:00 am
- c. Thursday 8th Eat & Reap Dinner 6:00 pm Parsons
- d. Tuesday 13th Elkwater Annual Inspection 9:00 am TVCD Office
- e. Wednesday 14th Pecks & Shooks Run Annual Inspections 9:00 am TVCD Office
- f. Tuesday 20th WesMonTy RC&D Meeting 10:00 am
- g. Thursday 22nd Water Board Committee Meeting 10:00 am
- h. Monday 26th TVCD Regular Board Meeting 9:00 am TVCD Office

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Mr. Salyer reviewed his report (copy attached) and added the districts needed to do their farm tours for the Conservation Farmer of the Year. Additionally, the personnel plans are due by March 1st and we need to check and see if the EOI's are current or if they are up for renewal.

Mr. Smith reported that there is a pilot test screening tool that he will be using during AgEP sign-ups. Smith also shared information about a Poultry Litter Cost Share Program with Chesapeake Bay totaling \$20,000.00. The cost would be between \$28.00 and \$32.00 a ton to have the litter trucked into Belington or Weston. **Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Poultry Litter Cost Share Program totaling \$20,000.00 with Chesapeake Bay; seconded by Mr. True; motion carried.**

WVU Extension: None present.

NRCS: Mr. Collier reviewed his report (copy attached). He stated that the EQIP application deadline has already passed.

FSA: Mr. Gardner introduced himself to the group and that he would be attending the board meetings.

WesMonTy RC&D: Ms. Teets reported that the next RC&D meeting would be on March 20th at the Tygarts Valley Office. She is going to be showing her video at several Eat and Reap Dinners. She also informed us that the seeds that were order should be here by April. Ms. Teets reminded us that mid-year reports are due on March 15th.

DOF: Mr. Williams informed the group of the Division of Forestry having 6 regions. There is a new office in Buckhannon that serves Upshur and Randolph Counties. He also gave us his divisions website of www.wvforestry.com for more information on what each of the regional offices are responsible for.

Others: None present.

Correspondence Received: Brickstreet authorizations, WVU Soils Team National Contest Funding Request; Upshur County Commission Youth Grant Letter Request
Mr. Tenney moved to write a letter of support for the Upshur County Commission, seconded by Mr. Sencindiver; motion carried.

Mr. Sencindiver moved to sponsor the WVU Soils Team with \$300.00; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Farmland Preservation** – Mr. Sencindiver reported that there was an article in The Record Delta
 - **SPRP/OM&R** –
 - **Work Pending:** White Day Creek Flood Work
 - **Completed Work/Invoices:** Shooks Run has been completed and invoiced awaiting payment.
 - **NRCS Elkwater soil core storage:** Mr. Dean asked Mr. Elliott and crew to help move core samples.
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Committee Reports:

Building/Finance/Budget Committee: Mr. True introduced Mike Cvechko with Cvechko Insurance to the group. Mr. Cvechko has been asked to plant a tree for Arbor Day. He is asking the board for approval to do so. **Mr. Shaffer moved to allow Cvechko Insurance to plant the tree for Arbor Day; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.** The tree will be planted at the corner of the parking lot. Mr. Williams with DOF is checking to see if he can get us the tree to be planted. Mr. True reported that there is office space that needs to be rented and that the basement has been painted and cleaned up and is ready to be rented as well. He also stated that there will need to be stairs built of treated lumber at least 6 feet wide and gravel the hillside for vehicle access to the basement. **Mr. Shaffer moved to build the steps and gravel the hillside putting a maximum budget of \$4,500.00 on the project pending there is funding available; seconded by Mr. Sencindiver; motion carried.** Ms. Frey reported that is the districts credit/debit card is in Sencindiver name. She is going to check to see what we need to do about getting a new card and will report her findings at the next board meeting.

Equipment/Safety Committee: Mr. Nester-absent. Mr. Elliott reported that the New Holland tractor needs repairs. He checked with Shrocks and New Holland garage and it will cost \$1,500.00 just for them to look at it.

Education/Publicity/Exhibit Committee: Mr. Sencindiver reported that the committee met on February 16th. The Spring Field Day is scheduled for May 19th at 10:00 am at the IOOF Farm in Elkins, a site visit is set up for March 1st at 10:00 am TVCD crew has been asked to do a demonstration and several speakers have been invited to do a

presentation. Mr. Dean reported that the Farm Bureau would like to have a booth set up at the event. **Mr. Sencindiver moved to approve the field day on May 19th; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.** Mr. Sencindiver reminded the board that the Conservation Farmer of the Year deadline is approaching quickly and nominations need to be made. Ms. Frey reported that the bee keeping classes are going well. She has several speaking engagements lined up over the next few months including the Upshur County Ag in the Classroom.

Mr. Tenney moved to approve Ms. Frey to do the speaking engagements asking that pictures be taken and articles be put in the local newspapers; seconded by Ms. Teets; motion carried.

Legislative Committee: Mr. Gumm commented that the legislative breakfast went well, and that he will be attending the NACD “fly in” in Washington D.C. at the end of March. He also handed out copies of reports that he received at the National Conference in Nashville in January.

Grassland/AgEP Committee: Ms. Teets reported that the AgEP Committee met on February 16th to discuss the practices that would be offered this year. The committee discussed the following adjustments and additions to the cost share programs:

- Invasive Species would be \$1,200.00 maximum at \$30.00 per acre, **Ms. Teets moved to accept the \$1,200.00 maximum at \$30.00 per acre, seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**
- Urban Ag would include rain barrels (if they are connected to a low tunnel or raised bed), low tunnels, and raised beds not to exceed \$100.00 per cost share, **Ms. Teets moved to accept the \$100.00 maximum for rain barrels, low tunnels, and raised beds; seconded by Mr. Sencindiver; motion carried.**
- Exclusion Fence and Watering System (combination practice) maximum \$7,000.00, **Ms. Teets moved to accept \$7,000.00 maximum for exclusion fence and watering system practice; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.**
- Division Fence and Watering System (combination practice) maximum \$7,000.00, **Ms. Teets moved to accept \$7,000.00 maximum for division fence and watering system practice; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.**
- Sign up Period for AgEP is May 14, 2018 – May 25, 2018; **Ms. Teets moved to accept the AgEP sign up dates for May 14, 2018 – May 25, 2018; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.**
- Policy Change Disciplinary Action: If a cooperator has not completed all the practices awarded for 2 years then they must sit out for 2 years of sign ups. **Ms. Teets made a motion for all cooperators who have not completed their AgEP practices for 2 consecutive years are ineligible to sign up for AgEP practices for the next 2 consecutive years; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.**

Conservation Agreements:

- Jamie Evans Upshur County
- Emerald Farms Barbour County

Mr. Tenney moved to approve the agreements as presented; seconded by Mr. Sencindiver; motion carried.

Water Resource Committee: Mr. Shaffer reported that the hold up on the Union Water Project is because of mitigation and the committee will be meeting monthly at the Tygarts Valley Office. The next meeting date is March 22 at 10:00 am.

WVACD Directors Report: (copy attached)

Personnel Committee:

Ms. Teets moved to go into executive session per WV state code 6-9A-4a to discuss a personnel issue; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried. The board went in to executive session at 11:50 PM.

Mr. Tenney moved to resume regular board meeting at 12:50 PM; motion carried.

Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee regarding missing items from the shop and personnel issues seconded by Ms. Teets; motion carried.

New Business:

- **May meeting falls on Memorial Day-** Mr. Tenney moved to have the May Board Meeting on Monday May 21st; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried
- **Static IP address-** Mr. Salyer reported that the static IP address will add \$10 to the monthly internet bill but will allow for more security and consistency for IT troubleshooting problems. **Mr. Tenney moved to approve the \$10.00 a month charge for the Static IP address; seconded by Mr. True; motion carried.**
- **Randolph County Solid Waste Authority Appointment-** Mr. Gumm nominated Jack Tribble to represent the Tygarts Valley Conservation District on the Solid Waste Authority Committee in Randolph County. **Mr. Shaffer moved to have Jack Tribble represent the TVCD on Randolph County Solid Waste Authority; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**
- **Plan of Work-** Look over the handout and make corrections for the next board meeting
- **Tri-County Land Judging-** Date is set for May 10th. The committee is still working on the location.

Report of Individual Supervisors:

Mr. Bonner- attended the Education and AgEP Committee Meetings

Mr. True- attended Ag Days at the Capitol, Eat and Reap Dinner in Elkins, WesMonTy RC&D, Water Board and Appalachian Grazing Committee Meetings

Mr. Dean- attended Ag Days at the Capitol, Eat and Reap Dinner in Elkins, Farm Bureau, AgEP, and Education Committee Meetings

Mr. Tenney- attended Envirothon, Education, Water Board, and AgEP Committee Meetings, Winter Christmas Tree Growers, Ag Days at the Capitol.

Ms. Teets- attended TVCD Crew Training, WesMonTy RC&D, Envirothon, AgEP and Education Committee Meetings

Mr. Gumm- attended NACD, and Ag Days at the Capitol

Mr. Shaffer- attended New Horizon's, WesMonTy RC&D, Education, AgEP and Water Board Committee Meetings

Mr. Sencindiver – attended Farmland Protection, WesMonTy RC&D, Envirothon, AgEP and Education Committee Meetings

Public Comment Period: None

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Findley declared the meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.


Secretary

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA District Manager/ASA 3

February 26, 2018 Regular TVCD Board Meeting Minutes Summary of Motions

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13. Ms. Teets moved to accept \$7,000.00 maximum for Division Fence and Watering System practice; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.
14. Ms. Teets moved to accept \$7,000.00 maximum for Pasture Fence and Watering System practice; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.
15. Ms. Teets moved to accept the AgEP sign up dates for May14-May25; seconded by Mr. Tenney; motion carried.
16. Ms. Teets made a motion to accept the policy change for all cooperators who have not completed their AgEP practices for 2 consecutive years are ineligible to sign up for AgEP practices for the next 2 consecutive years; seconded by Mr. Bonner; motion carried.
17. Mr. Tenney moved to approve the agreements as presented; seconded by Mr. Sencindiver; motion carried.
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 - b. Emerald Farms-Barbour County
18. Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee regarding missing items and personnel issues.; seconded by Ms. Teets; motion carried.

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- 21. Mr. Shaffer moved to have Jack Tribble represent the TVCD on the Randolph County Solid Waste Authority; seconded by Mr. Gumm; motion carried.**