



GREENBRIER VALLEY Conservation District

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Minutes of the GVCD Special Board Meeting April 25, 2018

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors held a special meeting at 9am on April 25, 2018 at the Lewisburg USDA Service Center.

Supervisors present: Gary Sawyers

Supervisors participating by conference call: Avery Atkins, Gary Truex, Jerry Clifton

Supervisors absent: Timothy VanReenen (in New York for conference), Carolyn Miller

Others present: Dennis Burns, Lynn Woods, Barry Level

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gary Sawyers called the meeting to order at 9:06am and stated the purpose of the meeting to establish rental rates for new equipment and adjust the current rental rates on all other equipment. Rates will be effective May 1, 2018.

New Business

Avery Atkins moved and Gary Truex seconded the motion to set a daily rental rate for the Extreme post drivers (identified as #4 and #5) of \$180.00 per day. In discussion, Jerry Clifton stated that he was not opposed to the change, but that he has heard complaints about the proposed rates and the rate increases. It was noted that rates seem to be either in line with, or less than, those charged by equipment rental companies. Regarding the current equipment, it was also pointed out that the district has been losing money due to the rising cost of repairs and maintenance and in order to continue to offer the service a rate increase is warranted. **After additional discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed.**

Based on the same discussion, Avery Atkins moved and Jerry Clifton seconded the motion to increase the current equipment rates according to the proposed rate schedule as follows:

No-till Seeder (Tye 1)	\$12/acre; min \$84.00
No-till Seeder (Tye 2)	\$12/acre; min \$84.00
No-till Seeder (Great Plains)	\$12/acre; min \$84.00
Lime/Fertilizer Spreader (Cricket)	\$98/day
Lime/Fertilizer Spreader (Grasshopper)	\$98/day
Lime/Fertilizer Spreader (Big Silver)	\$98/day
Chemical Sprayer (300 gallon)	\$77/day
Chemical Sprayer (55 gallon mist)	\$77/day
Litter Spreader (#1) Poultry Litter ONLY	\$98/day
Litter Spreader (#2) Poultry Litter ONLY	\$98/day

Portable Scales	\$42/day
Post Driver (#3) Wheathart	\$98/day
Potato Planter	\$98/day
Potato Harvester	\$98/day
Potato Sprayer	\$42/day
Potato Hiller	\$24/day

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Other Business

Gary Sawyers reported that due to the unanticipated unseasonable spring weather, Barry Level has extended the deadline for FY18 AgEP completions until May 15. Not doing so would result in a large number of cancellations.

There was additional discussion about the idea of charging a cancellation fee in addition to the two-year suspension for non-completion of contracts. It was determined that it cannot be pursued for FY19 due to time constraints, but may be considered for the future.

Adjournment

With no further special business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37am.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Sawyers
Chairman



Carolyn Miller
Secretary/Treasurer

GS/CM/lw

Recorded by Lynn Woods, District Manager