

Little Kanawha Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 12, 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:

Bob Buchanan, Associate Supervisor, Wood County
Mikayla Hayes, LKCD
Greg Stone, NRCS
Jason Crislip, NRCS
Kim Fisher, WVCA
Jeff McCrady, DNR
Eleanor Porter, FSA
Jessica Nichols, WVCA
Thanh Ashman, Landowner Roane County

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

- Greg Stone is back and will be able to start attending meetings again.
- Thanh Ashman has turned in information to put her name forth for consideration as an appointed supervisor.

District Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting -

Motion to approve as presented was made by Delmas Carr and seconded by Roseann Adams.

Majority approved Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reported Items –

- Jessica Nichols discussed new report.
- Financials reviewed and filed for audit.

Approval of Cooperators

Agreements – Harry Fields, Roane County, 193 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 –

- Sr. Conservation Camp Sponsorship –
 - Discussion.
 - *Motion to support the camp in the amount of \$800 was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried.*
- Wirt County Wetland Day – *Motion by Roger Shaver to support the event in the amount of \$1,000. Seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.* Set up will be on the 3rd and event, the 4th of May.
- Ritchie County Fair – Vendor Application – Will not participate this year.

Report of Agencies and Others

LKCD Associate Supervisors Report

Nothing at this time.

State Staff Report, Greg Stone

- Verbal report given
 - EQIP
 - Greg Kist
 - Local workgroup
 - Focused program
 - New soil conservationist in Parkersburg - Mitchel King

Field Staff Report, NRCS, District, Jason Crislip

- Verbal report given
 - Training
 - Obligation of funds
 - New contracts
 - Mitchel King has no start date at this time.

Field Staff Report, LKCD, Mikayla Hayes

- Written report. Please see Appendix A
- Equipment Update
 - Acre meter placed on no till drill
 - Back rack off of Lanco lime spreader

Field Staff Report, Forestry
Written report. Please see Appendix B

Field Staff Report, WVCA
Written report. Please see Appendix C

FSA, Eleanor Porter

- Newsletters – Appendix D and verbal report
 - Farm loans
 - Storage building loans

WV DNR Report, Jeff McCrady

- Verbal report
 - Bear damage and potential solutions
 - Chronic wasting disease - testing/monitoring with lengthy discussion/questions

LK RC&D Report

- Verbal report by Sam Sheets
 - Grant applications
 - County funding received was reduced

Solid Waste Authority Report

- Bob Buchanan verbal report
 - Kids First Training and other children's education
 - Collection days (tires, paint, computers, etc.) will be coming up soon
 - Youth Conservation Day at North Bend State Park
 - Grant to recycle furniture
 - Where funds come from
- Sam Sheets verbal report
 - Received grant for recycle
 - LK RC&D Grant was awarded as well.

Special Items of Interest

Emergency Watershed Program/Stream Protection & Restoration Program

- Pictures on Reedy Creek.
 - Discussion of blockage
 - Cost share program is due to start soon

North Fork Hughes River Updates & Issues

- Debris Removal Update – Nothing new at this time
- Gas Well Update – Nothing new at this time
- O&M Funding Agreement Update - Mike Nichols reported success of the request.

Bird House Construction - Update

- Sam Sheets showed examples.
- Thanh Ashman has a group that could build them.

Motion to have the group of students build the boxes and purchasing supplies to produce 25 boxes was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Land Judging Contest - Update

Motion to sponsor one team per county if they wish to attend the Memorial Land Judging was made by Roseann Adams and seconded by Ivan Banks. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Partnership Plan of Work

- Please see Appendix E
- Make copies for supervisor's folders.
- *Motion to approve as presented was made by Delmas Carr and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

Promotional Items

Request samples of "Month per view" calendars.

Supervisors Appointment

Motion to recommend Thanh Ashman to the State Conservation Committee for appointment was made by Roger Shaver seconded by Sam Sheets. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Local, National & State Meeting Report

Envirothon Committee –

- Sponsorship – Update
 - Sam Sheets discussed

Motion to send \$390 instead of the previously proposed \$1050 was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Roseann Adams. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Grazing Conference Committee

No update

Grassland Committee

Contest tomorrow.

Active District Committee Reports

Equipment Committee

Reported earlier by Mikayla Hayes.

Ag Enhancement Committee/Report

- Minutes - Please see Appendix F

Motion to allow the AgEP Committee to make appropriate changes to application forms was made by Roseann Adams and seconded by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried.

- Request for Cancellation –
 - Gary Laughlin – Water Development - \$4200
 - David Perkins – Lime – \$768

Motion to approve cancelations was made by Sam Sheets and seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.

D/M Budget Committee

- Minutes - Please see Appendix G
- Budget - Please see Appendix H

Motion to approve the Conservation District Operational Budget as presented was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Sam Sheets. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Motion to increase supervisors per diem from \$60 a day to \$80 a day with a start date of April 1, 2018 was made by Roger Shaver and seconded by Sam Sheets. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Conservation Farmer Contest Committee – Minutes - - Please see Appendix I

Motion to approve the recommendations of the committee for landowners and meeting dates was made by Roseann Adams and seconded by Delmas Carr. Majority approved. Motion carried.

District Manager, Jessica Nichols

Nothing additional at this time.

WVCA Report, Kim Fisher

- Written report – Please see Appendix J
- Verbal report
 - New Supervisor Directory needs pictures
 - Oath of office will be sent to Jessica Nichols.
 - Supervisors training/handbooks
 - Northeast NACD Meeting
 - AgEP practice list needs turned in
 - AgEP dollar amount should be close to last year
 - WVACD July meeting date changed. July District board meeting changed to the 19th.

Closing Activities

Calendar of Events

LK RC&D Meeting – April 26th

AgEP Sign Up – April 30th thru May 18th

Wirt County Wetland Day – May 4th, Elizabeth

State Holiday – Election Day – May 8th – State Offices Closed

District Board Meeting - May 10th – 9:30 a.m. – Smithville Community Center, Smithville

Memorial Day – May 28th – Offices Closed

District Board Meeting – June 12th – 9:30 a.m. – Mill Run Ag Service Center, Parkersburg
State Holiday – WV Day – June 20th – State Offices Closed
Independence Day – July 4th – Offices Closed
State Conservation Committee Meeting – July 10th
WVACD Quarterly Meeting – July 11th & 12th
District Board Meeting – July 12th – 9:30 a.m. – Sportsman’s Park, Elizabeth
District Board Meeting – August 14th – 9:30 a.m. – Spencer Ag Service Center, Spencer
Labor Day – September 3rd – Offices Closed
District Board Meeting – September 11th – 9:30 a.m. – West Fork Park, Arnoldsburg
District Board Mtg. – October 11th – 9:30 a.m. – Mill Run Ag Service Center, Parkersburg
District Board Mtg – November 13th – 10:00 a.m. - Mill Run Ag Service Center, Parkersburg
District Board Mtg.– December 13th – 9:00 a.m. – Mountwood Park Admin Bldg., Waverly

Motion to Adjourn – Roseann Adams

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

Mike Nichols, LKCD Chairman

Norma Collins, LKCD Secretary

Date approved: _____

Little Kanawha Conservation District Income

(March 10th – April 10th, 2018)

Typar

48 feet	\$48.00
60 feet	\$60.00
60 feet	\$60.00
1 Roll	\$388.80
2 Rolls	\$777.60
2 Rolls	\$777.60

Total: \$2,112.00

**Total Income
for the Month:
\$4358.20**

Lime Spreaders

2 ton	\$50.00
2 ton	\$50.00
2 ton	\$50.00
4 ton	\$70.00

Total: \$220.00

Floats/ Pipe

Value Replacement	\$34.00
28- 6" PVC Pipes	\$67.20

Total: \$101.20

**Difference from
last month:
+ 1,147.54**

Tree Tubes:

250	\$875.00
300	\$1,050.00

Total: \$1,925.00

**January 1- Now:
\$7,995.38**

Region 3 Landowner Assistance Program Accomplishments for March 2018

188 requests were received in Region 3. 164 of these requests were incidental covering a wide variety of topics such as logging complaints, Fire season, logging classes, etc.

Cabwaylingo State Forest:

Right Fork of Spruce Creek is out for bid.

Camp Virgil Tate 4-H Camp (Kanawha County)

Logging continues on this project.

Capitol Conservation District: (Oxley)

Nothing at this time.

Guyan Conservation District: (Six, Cook, Turnipseed)

10 acres were marked for cull tree removal, three water quality contact were made and three logger assists were made.

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

Twenty-five practices plans were written consisting of 396 acres. 78 acres of TSI were marked. Four reconnaissance were conducted to make recommendations. 578 acres were cruised with an estimated volume of 7560MBF and 578 tons of pulp. Four acres of trees were planted for timber production and mine reclamation. Two acres of TSI was marked for wood fiber production and 75 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. 13 acres of TSI were treated. 793 acres were cruised with an estimated volume of 3259MBF and 7,390 tons of pulp.

West Fork Conservation District (Wilson and Jelich)

One program was held with a total of 40 seat hours.

Western Conservation District: (Six and Stephens)

Six reconnaissance were conducted to make recommendations. 30 acres were cruised for an estimate 100MFB and 40 tons of pulp. Ten acres were marked for TSI and one acre was planned for site prep.

Upcoming Events:

April 2018 Watershed Report

CCRs:

- Site 13276-T. Butcher-Bond's Creek-Ellenboro-Ineligible

Stream Permits: None received

SPRP: None

O&M:

Five-year plan of work: Corrections

- The mistakes noted for the **NFHR** and **Poca 14** dam are acknowledged. The mistake was caught and corrected before morning of the last board meeting. You received the packet that was already printed by mistake. The corrected sheets are attached.
- The mussel survey was not included in the 5-year plan. The plan states location of where to cut and weed eat on the outlet channel and was used for the reference point only. The cutting is up to the area that is marked specifically by the sign designating the mussel survey area.

- 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

Note* Jason Crowder has moved to the 319 program with Pam Russell and will no longer be working in the Watershed Section.

Little Kanawha District- 5 Year Plan

III. North Fork of the Hughes

A. 2018

1. Mow and weed eat area located below the downstream face, including the weed eating of the groin to keep a 25' footprint of the dam free of brush. Mow and weed eat the ASW inlet and outlet. Remove the small sapling that has grown within the outlet fencing area. Cut outlet channel to marked area for mussel survey. Complete soil test.

Estimated Cost for 2018- \$1200.00

2. Burning of woody debris, including pit burner, excavator and laborer, including fuel. **Estimated Cost 2018- \$4000.00**

B. 2019

1. Mow and weed eat area located below the downstream face, including the weed eating of the groin to keep a 25' footprint of the dam free of brush. Mow and weed eat the ASW inlet and outlet. Cut outlet channel to marked area for mussel survey. **Estimated Cost for 2019- \$1100.00**

C. 2020

1. Mow and weed eat area located below the downstream face, including the weed eating of the groin to keep a 25' footprint of the dam free of brush. Mow and weed eat the ASW inlet and outlet. Cut outlet channel to marked area for mussel survey. Complete soil test. **Estimated Cost for 2020- \$1100.00**

D. 2021

1. Mow and weed eat area located below the downstream face, including the weed eating of the groin to keep a 25' footprint of the dam free of brush. Mow and weed eat the ASW inlet and outlet. Cut outlet channel to marked area for mussel survey. **Estimated Cost for 2021- \$1100.00**

E. 2022

1. Mow and weed eat area located below the downstream face, including the weed eating of the groin to keep a 25' footprint of the dam free of brush. Mow and weed eat the ASW inlet and outlet. Cut outlet channel to marked area for mussel survey. Complete soil test. **Estimated Cost for 2022- \$1100.00**

Total Estimated Cost for 5 Years- \$9,600.00

Little Kanawha District- 5 Year Plan

VI. Pocatalico 14

A. 2018

1. Mow and weed eat upstream and downstream embankments. Weed eat around plunge pool. Weed eat standing grass in flood pool to furthest reach from bank. Keep footprint of dam to 25' clear of brush from the gutters. Weed eat in outlet channel to top of bank from basin approx. 65'. Fill and repair three holes near the right upstream gutter. Sediment in channel below will be checked to maintain open flow. Sediment in channel below will be checked to maintain open flow. Complete Soil test.

Estimated Cost for 2018- \$2300.00

B. 2019

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Estimated Cost for 2019- \$2000.00

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Estimated Cost for 2020- \$2000.00

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Estimated Cost for 2021- \$2000.00

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Estimated Cost for 2022- \$2000.00

Total Estimated Cost for 5 Years-\$10,300.00

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Mill Run FSA Updates

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Bryan Sims

Malted Grains and Maple Syrup Eligible for Farm Storage Facility Loans

Malted small grains and maple syrup are now eligible for Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) through the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

FSFLs provide low-interest financing to producers to build or upgrade storage facilities and to purchase portable (new or used) structures, equipment and storage and handling trucks.

The eligible commodities have been expanded to include malted small grains and maple syrup. Eligible malted small grains include barley, oats, rice, rye and wheat. Maple sap is used to produce maple syrup.

The low-interest funds can be used for:

- bottler or filling systems for maple syrup, excluding containers
- equipment to improve, maintain, or monitor the quality of stored FSFL commodities, such as cleaners, moisture testers, heat detectors, along with a proposed storage facility

Ivan Banks
Audra Cunningham

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

- handling and drying equipment determined by the County Committee to be needed and essential to the proper functioning of a storage system
- electrical equipment, such as pumps, lighting, motors, and wiring, integral to the proper operation of the storage and handling equipment, excluding installing electric service to the electrical meter.

FSFLs are not available for the actual processing of the small grain into the malted commodity or maple sap into maple syrup. Additionally, purchased commodities are not eligible for FSFLs.

The following storage and handling equipment is ineligible for FSFLs:

- boiling equipment
- feed handling and processing equipment
- production and feed facilities
- structures of a temporary nature not having a useful life of the term of the loan
- maple sap tubing and pumping systems.

Loans up to \$50,000 can be secured by a promissory note/security agreement and loans between \$50,000 and \$100,000 may require additional security. Loans exceeding \$100,000 require additional security.

Producers do not need to demonstrate the lack of commercial credit availability to apply. The loans are designed to assist a diverse range of farming operations, including small and mid-sized businesses, new farmers, operations supplying local food and farmers markets, non-traditional farm products, and underserved producers.

To learn more about the FSA Farm Storage Facility Loan, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport or contact your local FSA office.

MAL and LDP Policy

The Agricultural Act of 2014 authorized 2014-2018 crop year Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), with a few minor policy changes.

Among the changes, farm-stored MAL collateral transferred to warehouse storage will retain the original loan rate, be allowed to transfer only the outstanding farm-stored quantity with no additional quantity allowed and will no longer require producers to have a paid for measurement service when moving or commingling loan collateral.

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans, and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. MALs provide producers interim financing after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such a payment is available. Marketing loan provisions and LDPs are not available for sugar and extra-long staple cotton.

FSA is now accepting requests for 2017 MALs and LDPs for all eligible commodities after harvest. Requests for loans and LDPs shall be made on or before the final availability date for the respective commodities.

Before MAL repayments with a market loan gain or LDP disbursements can be made, producers must meet the requirements of actively engaged in farming, cash rent tenant and member contribution.

Commodity certificates are available to loan holders who have outstanding nonrecourse loans for wheat, upland cotton, rice, feed grains, pulse crops (dry peas, lentils, large and small chickpeas), peanuts, wool, soybeans and designated minor oilseeds. These certificates can be purchased at the posted county price (or

adjusted world price or national posted price) for the quantity of commodity under loan, and must be immediately exchanged for the collateral, satisfying the loan. MALs redeemed with commodity certificates are not subject to the actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, Adjusted Gross Income provisions or the payment limitation.

To be considered eligible for an LDP, producers must have form [CCC-633EZ](#), Page 1 on file at their local FSA Office before losing beneficial interest in the crop. Pages 2, 3 or 4 of the form must be submitted when payment is requested.

The 2014 Farm Bill also establishes payment limitations per individual or entity not to exceed \$125,000 annually on certain commodities for the following program benefits: price loss coverage payments, agriculture risk coverage payments, marketing loan gains (MLGs) and LDPs. These payment limitations do not apply to MAL loan disbursements or redemptions using commodity certificate exchange.

Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) provisions were modified by the 2014 Farm Bill, which states that a producer whose total applicable three-year average AGI exceeds \$900,000 is not eligible to receive an MLG or LDP. Producers must have a valid CCC-941 on file to earn a market gain of LDP. The AGI does not apply to MALs redeemed with commodity certificate exchange.

For more information and additional eligibility requirements, please visit a nearby USDA Service Center or FSA's website www.fsa.usda.gov.

Submit Loan Requests for Financing Early

The Farm Loan team in Pleasants, Ritchie, Wirt, and Wood County is already working on operating loans for spring 2018 so it is important that potential borrowers submit their requests early so they can be timely processed. The farm loan team can help determine which loan programs are best for applicants.

FSA offers a wide range of low-interest loans that can meet the financial needs of any farm operation for just about any purpose. The traditional **farm operating and farm ownership loans** can help large and small farm operations take advantage of early purchasing discounts for spring inputs as well expenses throughout the year.

Microloans are a simplified loan program that will provide up to \$50,000 to eligible applicants. These loans, targeted for smaller operations and non-traditional operations, can be used for operating expenses, starting a new agricultural enterprise, purchasing equipment, and other needs associated with a farming operation. The staff at the Mill Run County FSA office can provide more details on farm operating and microloans and provide loan applications. Loans to beginning farmers and members of underserved groups are a priority.

Other types of loans available include:

Marketing Assistance Loans allow producers to use eligible commodities as loan collateral and obtain a 9-month loan while the crop is in storage. These loans provide cash flow to the producer and allow them to market the crop when prices may be more advantageous.


Farm Storage Facility Loans can be used to build permanent structures used to store eligible commodities, or for storage and handling trucks, or portable or permanent handling equipment. A variety of structures are eligible under this loan, including bunker silos, grain bins, hay storage structures and refrigerated structures for vegetables and fruit. A producer may borrow up to \$500,000 per loan.

Please call the Mill Run office if you have questions about any of the loans available through FSA.

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**A Special 2018 Ag Day Message from:
Roger Dahmer, State Executive Director,
West Virginia Farm Service Agency**

National Agriculture Day Celebrates American Food and Fiber Production

It's National Agriculture Day, a day designated each year by the [Agriculture Council of America \(ACA\)](#) to celebrate the accomplishments of agriculture. West Virginia [Farm Service Agency \(FSA\)](#) joins the council in recognizing farmers, ranchers and foresters for their contributions to the nation's outstanding quality of life.

Rocky Peck
Sarah Wayne

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

This year's theme, **Agriculture: Food for Life**, spotlights the hard work of American producers who diligently work to provide food, fiber and more to the United States and countries around the world. To ensure a prosperous future for American agriculture, FSA provides continuous support to agriculturalists across the country.

FSA is rural America's engine for economic growth, job creation and development, offering local service to millions of rural producers. In fiscal year 2017, [USDA Farm Loan programs](#) provided \$6 billion in support to producers across America, the second highest total in FSA history. FSA also distributed \$1.6 billion in [Conservation Reserve Program \(CRP\)](#) payments to over 375,000 Americans to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion and increase wildlife habitat.

For agricultural producers who suffered market downturns in 2016, USDA is issuing approximately \$8 billion in payments under the [Agriculture Risk Coverage \(ARC\) and Price Loss Coverage \(PLC\) programs](#). USDA also continues to provide extensive assistance in response to natural [disasters](#) throughout the country, including last year's hurricanes in Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, drought in the northern high plains, wildfires in the west and central plains, floods, tornados, freezes and other catastrophic weather events.

To support [beginning farmers and ranchers](#), Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a Memorandum of Understanding with officials from [SCORE](#), the nation's largest volunteer network of expert business mentors, to support new and beginning farmers. The agreement provides new help and resources for beginning ranchers, veterans, women, socially disadvantaged Americans and others, providing new tools to help them both grow and thrive in agribusiness.

I am honored to administer programs that enable our producers to manage their risks when the agriculture industry faces hardship. On behalf of the West Virginia Farm Service Agency, I would like to thank our agricultural producers for continuing to feed our nation and the world.

Update Your Records

FSA is cleaning up our producer record database. If you have any unreported changes of address, zip code, phone number, email address or an incorrect name or business name on file they need to be reported to our office. Changes in your farm operation, like the addition of a farm by lease or purchase, need to be reported to our office as well. Producers participating in FSA and NRCS programs are required to timely report changes in their farming operation to the County Committee in writing and update their CCC-902 Farm Operating Plan.

If you have any updates or corrections, please call your local FSA office to update your records.

CRP Participants Must Maintain Approved Cover on Acreages Enrolled in CRP and Farm Programs

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants are responsible for ensuring adequate, approved vegetative and practice cover is maintained to control erosion throughout the life of the contract after the practice has been established. Participants must also control undesirable vegetation, weeds (including noxious weeds), insects and rodents that may pose a threat to existing cover or adversely impact other landowners in the area.

All CRP maintenance activities, such as mowing, burning, disking and spraying, must be conducted outside the primary nesting or brood rearing season for wildlife, which for West Virginia is March 15 through . However, spot treatment of the acreage may be allowed during the primary nesting or brood rearing season if, left untreated, the weeds, insects or undesirable species would adversely impact the approved cover. In this instance, spot treatment is limited to the affected areas in the field and requires County Committee approval prior to beginning the spot treatment. The County Committee will consult with NRCS to determine if such activities are needed to maintain the approved cover.

Annual mowing of CRP for generic weed control, or for cosmetic purposes, is prohibited at all times.

Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

Stop by the county office for help preparing and processing the application forms.

Payment Limitations

Program payments are limited by direct attribution to individuals or entities. A legal entity is defined as an entity created under Federal or State law that owns land or an agricultural commodity, product or livestock. Through direct attribution, payment limitation is based on the total payments received by the individual, both directly and indirectly. Qualifying spouses are eligible to be considered separate persons for payment limitation purposes, rather than being automatically combined under one limitation.

Payments and benefits under certain FSA programs are subject to some or all of the following:

- payment limitation by direct attribution
- payment limitation amounts for the applicable programs
- actively engaged in farming requirements
- cash-rent tenant rule
- foreign person rule
- average AGI limitations
- programs subject to AGI limitation
- effective date of implementation of AGI limitation

No program benefits subject to payment eligibility and limitation will be provided until all required forms for the specific situation are provided and necessary payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations are made.

Payment eligibility and payment limitation determinations may be initiated by the County Committee or requested by the producer.

There are statutory provisions that require entities, earning program benefits that are subject to limitation, to provide the names, addresses, and TINs of the entities' members to the County Committee.

All applicable payment eligibility and payment limitation forms submitted by producers are subject to spot check through the end-of-year review process.

Producers selected for end-of-year review must provide the County Committee with operating loan documents, income and expense ledgers, canceled checks for all expenditures, lease and purchase agreements, sales contracts, property tax statements, equipment listings, lease agreements, purchase contracts, documentation of who provided actual labor and management, employee time sheets or books, crop sales documents, warehouse ledgers, gin ledgers, corporate or entity papers, etc.

A determination of not actively engaged in farming results in the producer being ineligible for any payment or benefit requiring a determination of actively engaged in farming.

Noncompliance with AGI provisions, either by exceeding the applicable limitation or failure to submit a certification and consent for disclosure statement, will result in the determination of ineligibility for all program benefits subject to AGI provisions. Program benefits shall be reduced in an amount that is commensurate with the direct and indirect interest held by an ineligible person or legal entity in any legal entity, general partnership, or joint operation that receives benefits subject to the average AGI limitations.

If any changes occur that could affect an actively engaged in farming, cash-rent tenant, foreign person, or average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) determination, producers must timely notify the county Office by filing revised farm operating plans and/or supporting documentation, as applicable. Failure to timely notify the County Office may adversely affect payment eligibility.

Submit Loan Requests for Financing Early

The Farm Loan team in West Virginia is already working on operating loans for spring 2018 so it is important that potential borrowers submit their requests early so they can be timely processed. The farm loan team can help determine which loan programs are best for applicants.

FSA offers a wide range of low-interest loans that can meet the financial needs of any farm operation for just about any purpose. The traditional **farm operating and farm ownership loans** can help large and small farm operations take advantage of early purchasing discounts for spring inputs as well expenses throughout the year.

Microloans are a simplified loan program that will provide up to \$50,000 to eligible applicants. These loans, targeted for smaller operations and non-traditional operations, can be used

for operating expenses, starting a new agricultural enterprise, purchasing equipment, and other needs associated with a farming operation. The staff at the local county FSA office can provide more details on farm operating and microloans and provide loan applications. Loans to beginning farmers and members of underserved groups are a priority.


Other types of loans available include:

Marketing Assistance Loans allow producers to use eligible commodities as loan collateral and obtain a 9-month loan while the crop is in storage. These loans provide cash flow to the producer and allow them to market the crop when prices may be more advantageous.

Farm Storage Facility Loans can be used to build permanent structures used to store eligible commodities, or for storage and handling trucks, or portable or permanent handling equipment. A variety of structures are eligible under this loan, including bunker silos, grain bins, hay storage structures and refrigerated structures for vegetables and fruit. A producer may borrow up to \$500,000 per loan.

Please call the local county office if you have questions about any of the loans available through FSA.

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Little Kanawha Conservation District FY19 Annual Partnership Plan of Work
Calhoun, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt & Wood Counties
July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

Cooperating Agencies:

Little Kanawha Conservation District
 USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
 USDA - Farm Service Agency
 WV Conservation Agency
 WVU Extension Service
 WV Division of Forestry
 Little Kanawha RC&D
 WV Department of Natural Resources

Objective 1: Implement Grassland & Conservation Programs within the District

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Utilize 100% of allocated AgEP funds.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
2. Two AgEP news releases per year to all media	Apr-18	Sep-18	Nichols, Conservation Specialist		
3. Support the use of forage and manure testing by providing two free samples per cooperator. Up to budget limit. See budget attached.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Ext. Agent, LKCD representative or employee		Forage- Fall, Manure- Spring
4. Maintain & work with state/federal legislators to increase funding for NRCS technical assistance and increase funding for conservation programs.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Banks, Graham, Carr		
5. Provide conservation planning assistance to land users. Refer to County NRCS Goals. See attached	Jul-18	Jun-19	Crislip, Conservation Specialist		
6. Provide technical assistance and emphasize installation of conservation practices. Refer to County NRCS Goals. See attached	Jul-18	Jun-19	Crislip, Conservation Specialist		
7. Carry out a comprehensive grassland planning effort to the Resource Management System level. Refer to County NRCS Goals.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Crislip and NRCS Staff		

8. Provide information on Farmland Preservation Program. Submit one informational program to the District and one news release to the public.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Sheets		
9. Promote and assist with Farm Bill programs. Convene at least one local work group for farm bill programs.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, Local Partners		
10. Encourage new producers and landowners to become cooperators with the District. Four new per county per year.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors		
11. Promote use of District supplies and equipment by actual display or information handouts at county fairs (as attended), workshops and Ag days.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Nichols, LKCD Supervisors, NRCS		
12. Write Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans. See attached.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS		
13. Assist DNR to re-evaluate game management practices. By providing information on wildlife population and mortality.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors, McCrady, WVU Extension, NRCS		
14. Provide and support technical assistance on the improvement of livestock winter feeding areas, extended grazing and extension grazing.	Jul-18	Jul-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, Conservation Specialist		

Objective 2: Provide Conservation Education Programs within the District

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Work with 4H Clubs, FFA and sponsor one each of District Land Judging, Forestry Contests and Envirothon Program.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors, Conservation Specialist, WVU Ext., NRCS, WVDOP, FFA		
2. Support Producer group and/or Youth Adult programs.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, EXT, FSA, LKCD Supervisors, Conservation Specialist, FFA		
3. Support conservation field day and educate students on wetlands and other environmental issues.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Wirt County School Staff, NRCS, WVDNR, WVDOP, EXT, LKCD Supervisors, Conservation Specialist,		
4. Provide scholarship documentation to each county for High School Seniors. To apply for WVACD Scholarships.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors, Nichols		

5. Sponsor Conservation Farmer Cooperator, Century Farm Program, outstanding grassland farmer program, and outstanding woodland management cooperator program.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors, NRCS, WVDOF		
6. Set up district display during Environmental Education Programs & County Fairs	Jul-18	Jun-19	Conservation Specialist, Nichols, LKCD Supervisors		
7. Coordinate forms for distribution for Conservation Camp Scholarships.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
8. Prepare and post Little Kanawha District Board Meeting Notices to appropriate media as needed.	Jul-18	Jun-19	Nichols		
9. Sponsor at least one Agricultural Field Day and a Pasture walk within the District	Jul-18	Jul-19	LKCD Supervisors, NRCS, Conservation Specialist		
10. Work with DEP, REAP, Solid Waste Authority & DNR to encourage the education and enforcement of litter recycling and air quality laws.	Jul-18	Jul-19	LKCD Supervisors		

Objective 3: Expand Efforts to Improve Water Quality

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Support the efforts of the County Solid Waste Authorities by attending one county meeting per year.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
2. Invite all district Solid Waste Authority representatives to attend board meetings.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
3. Work with land users to improve water quality by offering technical assistance in developing filter strips and Riparian Buffers, heavy use areas and pasture management.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS		

Objective 4: Improve Forest Management throughout the District

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Monitor the impact of gypsy moth and emerald ash borer and provide landowner education for the proper control of the gypsy moth and emerald ash borer.	Jul-18	Jun-19	WV Dept. of Ag, WVDOF		
2. Provide Stewardship planning and technical assistance during application to land users.	Jul-18	Jun-19	WVDOF, NRCS		

Objective 5: Emphasize Special Program Interests such as RC&D and Watersheds

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Provide Operation & Maintenance on the Pocataico Site 14, Pullman, Bonds Creek, Pond Run Walker Creek and North Fork of the Hughes River dams and Pond Run Channel. Annually	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors, NRCS, WVCA		
2. District Supervisor with technical training to attend each quarterly O&M inspection.	Jul-18	Jun-19	N. Collins, Carr, Sheets, WVCA		
3. Continue to support the local RC&D by appointing representatives to the council.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
4. Continue to work with and support Watershed Associations.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
5. Work with City and County Officials and other individuals to make them aware of the need for floodplain management. Attend one County Commission meeting per year, per county.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		
6. Review the Partnership Plan of Work on a Quarterly-Annual basis.	Jul-18	Jun-19	LKCD Supervisors		September, January, April, June
7. Review annual O&M inspection report and establish rehabilitation plan priority accordingly.	Jul-18	Jul-19	NRCS, Local Sponsors, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA		

Objective 6: Promote Civil Rights, Equal Employment Opportunity and Community Outreach

Action Items	Start	End	Responsible Person(s)	Progress	Comments
1. Provide Program Information and technical assistance to all clients in a non-discriminatory manner.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA, WVDOR		
2. Make employment information available to interested people.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA, WVDOR		
3. Conservation Employment information will be given to under-represented groups.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA, WVDOR		
4. Incorporate EEO & CR items into employees performance plan.	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA, WVDOR		
5. Hold and conduct Multiagency Producer Information Meetings	Jul-18	Jun-19	NRCS, LKCD Supervisors, WVCA, WVDOR, WV Ext		

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:

- Mikayla Hayes, LKCD
- Jessica Nichols, WVCA

Documentation is very important. Especially on non-completion.

Signup will be set for 3 weeks and 1 additional week will be allowed for completion of documentation used to finalize the application. If not received the application will be considered null and void.

The question was asked if the number of practices should be limited. The consensus of the committee is to limit each cooperator to 2 practices.

W9's will be obtained at the time the landowner signs the Contract/Agreement.

Supplemental forms, brochure, etc. will need to be up dated with changes that are decided on.

Sam Sheets will work with Kaitlyn Murphy on updating the Water System form. Other forms will be sent to Jessica Nichols to update with information she noted during the committee meeting. These will then be sent back to Sam Sheets and Kaitlyn Murphy for final review.

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Others attending or ♦ Others by Conference Call:

Jerry Waybright, Associate Supervisor, Wood County

Mikayla Hayes, LKCD

Jessica Nichols, WVCA

Meeting called to order by Dexter Graham at 10:00 a.m.

Review of past budgets.

Discussion of reporting of expenditures to WVCA.

Jessica Nichols will work on bring budget spreadsheet up to date for review at the next board meeting.

It was stated that the District has worked to use funds wisely. The excess funds from last year “supervisors support” are being used to supplement the AgEP program. The Committee discussed possible uses of supervisors support excess funds from this current year. Roseann Adams stated that possibly the District is getting no response for the open supervisor’s positions due in part to low per diem rate. Consensus of the committee is to recommend increasing the per diem from \$60 to \$80. *Motion to recommend an increase of per diem to the whole board was made by Roseann Adams and seconded by Sam Sheets. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned.

Conservation District Operations (CDO) Grant and Supplemental Funds Report Fiscal Year 2019

Conservation District Name	Little Kanawha Conservation District						
Date Prepared	March 22, 2018						
CDO Cash Assets as of June 30, 2018	Explanation of Assets						
Checking Account	\$0.00						
Money Market Account	\$0.00						
Saving Account	\$0.00						
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00						
Other Cash Investments	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
Total Current (Cash) Assets	\$0.00						
CDO Encumbrances as of June 30, 2018 for next fiscal year	Explanation of Encumbrances						
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
	\$0.00						
Total Encumbrances	\$0.00						
Total Remaining Unencumbered Funds	\$0.00						
	FY 2019 Budgeted	FY 2019 Actual	Variance				
CDO Income							
CDO Grant Funds	\$38,900.00	\$0.00	\$38,900.00				
Total CDO Income	\$38,900.00	\$0.00	\$38,900.00				
CDO Expenses							
Advertising/Marketing	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00				
Appraisal Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Bank	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Conference Registration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Dues and Subscriptions	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00				
Employee/Supervisor Training	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00				
Forage/Manure Testing	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00				
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Janitorial Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Lab Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Landscaping	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Legal and Professional	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Maintenance and Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Office Rent	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00				
Salary, Benefits, & Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Promotional Items	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Rental Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Sponsorship	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00				
Speaker Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Soil Testing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Storage Facility Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Supplies - Events	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00				

Supplies - General	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00				
Supplies - Office	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Supplies - Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Surveying Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
T-Shirts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Cell Phone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Electric	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Garbage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Gas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Telephone	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Utilities - Water and Sewer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Administrative	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00				
Conservation Services	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00				
CD Internet	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00				
Book Keeper	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$5,400.00				
Education/Contest	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	\$6,600.00				
Total CDO Expenses	\$38,900.00	\$0.00	\$38,900.00				
Net CDO Income (Expenditure)		\$0.00					
	FY 2019 Budgeted	FY 2019 Actual	Variance				
Supplemental Income							
Auditing Service Reimbursement	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00				
Employees	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00				
Equipment Purchase	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00				
OM&R	\$32,843.00	\$0.00	\$32,843.00				
District Supervisor Travel/Per Diem/FICA Match	\$57,055.00	\$0.00	\$57,055.00				
*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Total Supplemental Income	\$122,898.00	\$0.00	\$122,898.00				
Supplemental Expenses							
Auditing Services	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00				
District Supervisor Per Diem	\$34,200.00	\$0.00	\$34,200.00				
District Supervisor Per Diem FICA Match	\$2,616.30	\$0.00	\$2,616.30				
District Supervisor Travel	\$20,238.70	\$0.00	\$20,238.70				
Employee Salary, Benefits, & Taxes	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00				
Conservation Equipment & Testing	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00				
OM&R	\$32,843.00	\$0.00	\$32,843.00				
*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00				
Total Supplemental Expenses	\$120,398.00	\$0.00	\$120,398.00				
Net Supplemental Income (Expenditure)		\$0.00					
		Supervisor Signature					
		Date					

Attending were:

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Jerry Waybright, Associate Supervisor, Wood County

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Jason Crislip, NRCS

Jessica Nichols, WVCA

Conservation Farmer Contest Meeting.

One per county

May – Ritchie County – Smithville and plan for the group to do the food. Starting at 9:30

June – Wood County – covered dish – Starting at 9:30

July - Wirt at Sportsman's Park – covered dish – Starting at 9:30

Aug – Roane County – Eating at local restaurants. Starting at 9:30

Sep – Calhoun County – West Fork Park and plan for the group to do the food – Starting at 9:30

Jimmy Higgins – Wood

Steve Full or Darrell Frazier – Wirt

Bill Heely – Ritchie

Eugene Parsons – Roane

Farmer not selected for Calhoun at this time.

April 2018 WVCA Report

WVACD Quarterly Meeting –

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts Board of Directors will be held **April 9 & 10, 2018 at Canaan Valley**.

Conservation Farm Tour Timeline:

- **May** - County and District judging.
- **June 1** – Deadline for submitting District farms and documentation to Area Directors.
- **July** - Area judging. West Area – July 23-27, 2018
- **August** - State judging. August 27-31, 2018
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards at WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners at local Conservation District annual banquets.
- 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)

New Supervisor Directory

Davin White will create a new directory in electronic form.

DMs will be taking a current photo of all district CD supervisors who are **not** up for re-election in May 2018 with a cell phone, and forward those photos to Davin White at dwhite@wvca.us. He will create a new electronic supervisor directory. Please include their county, and updated address, phone number, and email address.

After the May 8th election, please take and send Davin a current photo of the newly elected supervisors with their county, address, phone number, and email address, so Davin may complete the directory. We need to have this completed before the July Association meeting.

New Supervisor Oath of Office

If contacted, please have newly elected supervisors go to their respective county courthouses to receive their oaths of office. A copy of the oath should be given to the DMs so the new supervisors can receive travel and per diem expenses.

Agreed Procedures Engagement (Audit)

Please verify your engagement is current. If it needs to be extended or rebid, please begin the process.

Conservation District Plan of Work

Conservation Districts are encouraged to prepare a District Plan of Work. Please submit your Plan of Work to Guthrie before June 15th.

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.

Legislative Update

The Legislature passed, and the governor sign, two bills that affect how the SCC/WVCA are able to respond to natural disasters.

SB282 goes into effect June 8 and allows the SCC/WVCA to bypass purchasing requirements during times of declared natural disasters. The bill gives the agency greater flexibility to respond to such events.

House Bill 4162 authorizes the SCC to enter into contracts directly related to natural disaster recovery and stream restoration related to flooding. It also authorizes the SCC to comply with current and future state or federal provisions relating to natural disaster response. The bill goes into effect on May 16.

Supervisor Handbook

The WVCA, in partnership with the WVACD, will be reviewing and updating the supervisor handbook. This effort comes out of the recent 14 district listening session. Suggested changes are encouraged. Please provide any suggestions to Kim or Jeremy.

Northeast Conservation District Discussion

WVACD President Timothy VanReenen, Eastern Panhandle District Chairman Linn Dunham and Brian will be attending a 2-day summit April 23-25 to discuss revitalizing conservation districts, developing the next round of leaders and strengthening the conservation partnership. Information on the effort will be forthcoming.

AGEP:

- **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)

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. Agricultural Day at the Capitol will be January 30, 2019.

WVACD Quarterly Meeting Dates/Locations:

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

Watershed OM&R

- North Annual inspections began March 13 and will continue through April 20.
- Work orders along with proposed contracts for the upcoming season will be prepared and presented at the board meetings following annual inspections.
- All districts statewide will be changing to fall annual inspections. Supervisors are invited to attend quarterly inspections that will be performed in the spring.

- Five-year work plans will be developed for all districts.

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.

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.
 - The contractor moved onsite December 11, 2017 and continues to work on temporary measures to prepare for construction.
- NPCD, SCD, MCD and PVCD – Please track hours that District Supervisors attend any rehab meetings.
- Rehab meetings have been suspended at this time with the exception of Upper Deckers 1. This call takes place on Mondays at 9:00 am.