

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2019

I. Call to order

Vice-Chairman Art Mouser called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at 9:30 a.m. on, **January 10, 2019**, at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV. **Jim McDonald** led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Vice-Chairman Art Mouser introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Ed Utterback, Jean Conley, Jim McDonald, Art Mouser and Richard Abel. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Dustin Adkins (NRCS), H.R. Scott (Extension), Gene Saurborn (WVCA), Caleb Smith (WVCA), Amanda Pitzer (Friends of Cheat), Madison Ball (Friends of Cheat), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA-video), Penny Hott (WVCA- video), Hillary Bright (District Attorney), Andy Deichert (NRCS), Tim Ridley (NRCS), Eric Neast (Gannett Fleming-video), Chris Apperson (Triton Construction), and Greg Ferri (Triton Construction). **Excused:** Mark Myers

III. Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Rick Abel moved to approve the December 6, 2018 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of financial statements

- a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements- Ed Utterback moved to approve the December 2018 credit card statement and receipts. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.*
- b) *General/CDO financial statements- Rick Abel moved to approve the December financial statements. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*
- c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements- Jean Conley moved to approve the December Co-Administered Funds. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.*

V. Visitors Comments – none.

VI. Cooperating Agencies

WV Division of Forestry- No report.

Watershed Division

Upper Buffalo Watershed- Gene reported he was in the watershed before Christmas looking at some possible flood mitigation work on behalf of the Governor's office. Jim reported there is a site that needs cleaned up on the Big Run location.

Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1 Rehab Contract and Project-LOR- \$666,464.71

Gene reported he and Art drove the watershed and the dams look pretty good. The channel still needs a great deal of work.

Greg Ferri provided a report- *attached*

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Amy reported \$666,464.71 of the funds has been requested to be transferred back to Guthrie to pay five invoices from Gannett Fleming for the Upper Decker's Creek Site 1 Rehab project

Ed Utterback moved to approve the request to transfer \$666,464.71 of the Upper Decker's Creek Site 1 Rehab Project to pay the five invoices from Gannett Fleming. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

EWP and SSRP- Gene reported the SSRP program is still in development and there are no EWP sites.

Conservation Technician-AgEP trend report

Caleb reported he has a teleconference for discussion on the Ag Strategic Planning Committee. He also has a couple conferences he will be attending in the next month.

AgEP-Elizabeth Foley- Winter Grazing- \$173.40, Sharon Ball- Fertilizer- \$681.00, Mike Morris- Winter Grazing- \$226.00

Caleb reported the AgEP Committee approved the above listed payments. *Minutes attached*

Rick Abel reported he feels the review Caleb did in the committee meeting was outstanding.

WVU Extension

-**Bill Shockey**- report provided.

-**H.R. Scott**- reported he just returned from St. Louis where he attended a Grassland Conference. Some of the counties are reinstating their Master Gardener Programs. The Small Farm Conference is in February.

-**Samantha Cogle**- report provided.

NRCS- Dustin reported the round 1 EQIP funding cycle got interrupted. Round 2 sign-ups have a deadline of January 18th.

FSA- No report, furloughed.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report.

Marion County SWA- Jim reported their grants are up to date and turned in. They have a great deal more recyclables this month. Prices are still down a great deal. The papermill is still planning on expanding their facility.

Preston County SWA- Amanda reported there hasn't been a lot of activity. In memory of Mr. Pace, they are giving a recycling award to a youth in Preston County.

District Manager Update- tree sale supplies

Amy reported unfortunately there will not be a tree sale this year. However, she would like to focus on the pollinator garden and the rain barrel demonstrations.

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Jean Conley moved to change the March meeting from, March 7, 2019, to Tuesday, March 5, 2019, but the time will remain the same, 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- Jeremy provided his report.

VII. Invoices

Mark Matheny Accountant December - \$233.20

Jean Conley moved to approve the invoice for Mark Matheny's accounting services in the amount of \$233.20. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

VIII. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Art Mouser-\$ Jean Conley- \$ Richard Abel- \$

Ed Utterback-\$ Mark Myers- \$ Jim McDonald- \$

No action this month.

IX. New Business

Friends of Cheat- bacteriological monitoring program- Amanda Pitzer reported the Cheat was removed from the impaired list in 2012 and it now has a healthy group of walleyes. *Report attached*

Rick Abel moved to support the bacteriological monitoring program in the amount of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Preston County SWA- Amanda Pitzer reported/stated her resignation will be sent to the Board in March as the MCD representative on the Preston County Solid Waste Authority Board. Annie Brode submitted a letter of interest to replace Amanda as the MCD representative.

Purchase of pictures for conference room- Amy requested assistance with pursuing more information on this matter.

Art Mouser appointed Jean Conley to work with Amy on gathering more information on the purchase of pictures.

Appalachian Grazing Conference- Discussion was held on how many scholarships to initially fund until the board sees how many people are interested.

Rick Abel moved to sponsor 2 individuals per county to attend the Appalachian Grazing conference. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- the committee selected Bookwise Business Service as the new accountant.

Education- no report.

Legislation/Policy- no report.

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Grasslands- there is a state meeting tomorrow.

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- committee will meet on January 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Ag Enhancement- previously discussed.

XVII. Correspondence- None.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Mark Myers** – no report.
- **Ed Utterback** – reported the sheep are lambing and they had one calf born. They are trying to get the maple lines in before spring.
- **Art Mouser** – reported they had 44 people for Christmas this year. It was a good month for his family.
- **Jim McDonald** – reported he's doing well.
- **Jean Conley** – no report.
- **Richard Abel** – no report.

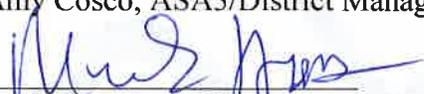
XX. Adjournment

Rick Abel moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is February 7, 2019 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by:


Mark Myers, Chairman

2-19-19
Date

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1/8/2019

To the Monongahela Conservation District:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Preston County Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Board.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from Northern Arizona University. Environmental conservation and sustainability has always been a focus and priority for me. However, I've found myself working in fields that deal with people and the public. Currently, I am the Executive Assistant to the President at Clear Mountain Bank in Bruceton Mills. I should also mention that my fiancé and I recently bought a house in Bruceton Mills and are happy to call Preston County our home.

Reducing waste going to landfills is a priority of mine. My fiancé and I do what we can at home to reduce our waste by composting and recycling. Upon moving to Preston County last spring, I started inquiring about the recycling program in the county. I spoke with Amanda Pitzer, and she informed me that there was recycling in Bruceton and other communities. She also invited me to start coming to the Preston County SWA board meetings and asked if I might be interested in serving on the board.

I have attended several Preston County SWA Board meetings since May of 2018 and feel that I have an understanding of the plans the board is working on moving forward. I think that I would offer a fresh perspective to the board as I have lived in many other communities but am also familiar with Preston County and the challenges the SWA faces. I also think that my connections with my colleagues at Clear Mountain Bank's branches throughout Preston County could also prove to be helpful to the board in organizing volunteers for litter pick-up, open dump clean ups and general education about solid waste management in the county.

I am eager to be involved in the community and serve on the SWA board. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Annie Brode

UPPER DECKER'S CREEK

MCD MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY 01/10/19.

- **CONTINUED COVERING AND HEATING OF UPSTREAM DAM EMBANKMENT @ACB EXCAVATION.**
- **COMPLETED STRUCTURAL EARTHFILL OF ACB ANCHOR TRENCH AND SLOPED EMBANKMENT ABOVE ACB'S.(12" BELOW FINISHED GRADE)**
- **STRUCTURAL EARTHFILL MOISTURE & COMPACTION TESTING RECORDED BY TERRACON CONSULTANTS. EMBANKMENT WAS SURVEYED FOR AS-BUILTS.**
- **(12") TOP SOIL / STRAW MULCH APPLIED / GRADED AT UPSTREAM EMBANKMENT ABOVE ACB'S. SURVEYED**
- **TOP SOIL INSTALLED IN ACB CELLS AS DESIGNED PER CONTRACT DRAWINGS**
- **COMPLETED ACB TOE WEDGE / MOISTURE AND COMPACTION TESTING WAS PERFORMED.**
- **HAULED REMAINING CONCRETE (IMPACT BASIN DEMO) FROM SITE. MULCHED AREA FOR STABILIZATION.**
- **REMOVED & STORED EXISTING BRONZE PLAQUE AND DEMO CONCRETE STRUCTURE.**
- **INSTALLED RISER SUMP @ UPSTREAM LOCATION. WATER LEVEL RECORDED AT 11.6 ON 01/09/19. -ALL TIME LOW.**
- **RECEIVED BALANCE OF SLUICE GATE MATERIAL (SS STEMS)**
- **STOCK PILED RCC AGGREGATES, COARSE 3673 TON, FINE 2874 TON**
- **WORKED ON 30" TEMPORARY SPILLWAY CONDUIT TO RIP RAP APRON "A"**
- **DRESSED UP BORROW PIT AND STABILIZED/ STRAW MULCH**

- **E&S INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED (WV D.E.P VISITED SITE)**
- **CONCRETE SUBMITTAL IN HAND, REVIEWED. CENTRAL TO MAKE A FEW CORRECTIONS.**
- **RCPP SUBMITTAL IN HAND, AWAITING (1) OUTSTANDING ITEM FOR SUBMISSION.**



Friends of the Cheat Monitoring Program Support
Monongalia Soil Conservation District - December 5, 2018

Amanda Pitzer, Executive Director
Madison Ball, Monitoring Coordinator

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Friends of the Cheat

Background

Since the group's creation in 1994, Friends of the Cheat (FOC) has collected data on rivers and streams in the lower Cheat River watershed. Focused primarily on monitoring for impacts from acid mine drainage (AMD) pollution, FOC has established itself as a leader in stream monitoring, data analysis, and AMD restoration.

In 2016, FOC became aware of the Town of Rowlesburg's illegal discharge of untreated sewage into the Cheat River. In response, FOC launched our bacteriological monitoring program and became an affiliate to Swim Guide, an international data sharing organization. Program startup funds came from WVDEP's Watershed Improvement Branch and the Walbridge Family Foundation.

Program Overview

FOC staff monitor 10 popular recreation sites on the Cheat River and at Cheat Lake for E.Coli and process samples in our own lab. During prime recreation season (April-October), FOC samples twice a month and once a month during the off months. Results are analyzed and posted to the Swim Guide website for public viewing: <https://www.theswimguide.org/>

While FOC currently samples popular river access sites for safe recreation, FOC is looking to become a state-certified laboratory in order to use samples for future Watershed Based Planning and bolster justification for restoration efforts within the Cheat River Watershed. FOC could also offer our lab services to local Health Departments and home inspectors.

Program Needs

Funding for FOC's Bacteriological Monitoring Program expired in September 2018.

2019 Program Cost Breakdown:

- Lab Processing at \$7/sample, 11 total samples - \$77/sampling effort
- Mileage (153 miles at \$0.545 reimbursement rate) - \$83.39/sampling effort
- Staff time (\$19/hour, 9 hours per sampling effort) - \$171/sampling effort

Sampling schedule: Sample approximately 20 efforts a year

Program costs are approximately **\$6627.80/year**, without funding for additional reconnaissance of E.Coli sources.

Local Support

In 2018, 14 donors provided over \$1500 in donations for FOC's bacteriological monitoring program. Volunteers also donated over \$600 in match hours in 2018. FOC has a grant proposal pending with the Cheat Lake Rotary Club for partial program funding.

There have been requests to further the program to investigate the sources of E.coli present at Cheat Lake Beach as well as other popular access sites.

