



GREENBRIER VALLEY

Conservation District

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Minutes of the GVCD Regular Board Meeting February 21, 2019

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, February 21, 2019 in the conference room of the Lewisburg USDA Service Center. Those attending were:

Supervisors:

Timothy VanReenen
Gary Sawyers
Gary Truex
Jerry Clifton
Avery Atkins
Carolyn Miller

Others:

Linda Ortiz (NRCS)
Jeremy Salyer (by Skype)

Lynn Woods

Call to Order

Chairman Gary Sawyers called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Timothy VanReenen and seconded by Jerry Clifton to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 regular board meeting. Motion passed.

Guests

- None

District Manager Report

- Lynn Woods stated that she would report as agenda items were addressed.

Funding Requests

- None

Cooperating Agency Reports

- NRCS – Linda Ortiz reported on the status of NRCS applications and submitted a written report (copy attached.)
- WV Division of Forestry – not present
- FSA – not present

- WVCA - Jeremy Salyer submitted a written report which is attached. He deferred his time to the end of the meeting as much would be covered by the agenda.

Unfinished Business

- Lynn Woods presented information on promotional items discussed during committee meetings. **Timothy VanReenen moved and Jerry Clifton seconded the motion to spend up to \$610.00 on customized sorting sticks and up to \$200.00 on customized pens. Motion passed.** Lynn will also check on a re-order of shirts for Supervisors who need replacements.
- Jeremy Salyer reported that SSRP is still on hold while waiting for the State budget to pass.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

Financial Report:

- *General and CDO Funds Report* – Gary Truex moved to accept the General and CDO Funds Reports and file for audit. **Seconded by Carolyn Miller. Motion passed.**
- *WVCA Restricted Funds Report* – Timothy VanReenen moved to accept the WVCA Restricted Funds Reports and file for audit. **Seconded by Carolyn Miller. Motion passed.**
- *Payment of all General Funds bills*— Gary Truex moved to pay all General Funds bills, per payables list, as presented. **Seconded by Timothy VanReenen. Motion passed.** List is attached.

Agricultural Enhancement Program Committee:

- Timothy VanReenen presented one AgEP invoice for payment:
 - Stella Callison – Lime - \$1,170.00**Timothy VanReenen moved on behalf of the committee and Avery Atkins seconded the motion to pay the invoice. Motion passed.**
- Timothy VanReenen reported that the committee had had extensive discussion regarding allocation and scheduling for the upcoming AgEP year and encouraged Supervisors to continue thinking about what can be done to maximize conservation benefit and to give cooperators adequate time to complete their practices. A decision will need to be made by June.
- Timothy will attend the State AgEP meeting on March 18, 2019.

Grassland Committee:

- Gary Truex moved on behalf of the committee and Jerry Clifton seconded the motion to pay the registration fee for up to two farmers from each county in the district to attend the Appalachian Grazing Conference. In discussion it was clarified that this would be by request, on a first come, first served basis with one registration fee per household reimbursed upon presentation of receipt. **Motion passed.**

- **Gary Truex moved on behalf of the committee and Avery Atkins seconded the motion to pay all expenses for WV Conservation Farm of the Year winner, Frank Masters, to attend the Appalachian Grazing Conference if he wishes to attend.** In discussion, it was clarified that this would NOT count as one of the Greenbrier County farmers from the previous motion. **Motion passed.**

Building/Equipment Committee:

- Avery Atkins reported that the committee had decided at this point to wait until summer for insulation to pursue a lower price and to hold off on installation of cameras until after the insulation is completed.

Other Committees

- The annual Policy Review took place on February 13, 2019 along with regular committee meetings and a list of proposed policy changes was presented (copy attached). **Timothy VanReenen moved and Avery Atkins seconded the motion to accept the changes.** In discussion, Lynn Woods noted that information regarding adding other supervisors as authorized users to the District credit card has not yet been received and that will need to be addressed at a later date. **Motion passed.**

Watershed Reports

- *WVCA O, M & R Report* - Gary Sawyers reviewed the written report sent by Judith Lyons (copy attached). There was discussion about why the Meadow River site was ineligible. Jeremy Salyer will discuss with Judith.
- **Avery Atkins moved and Timothy VanReenen seconded the motion to pay the invoice from L.D. Hanna in the amount of \$2,250.00 for completion of GVCD 2019-01-11 SPRP MOA WSS Memorial Park. Motion passed.**

319 Committee:

- Jerry Clifton stated that project updates were given at the 319 committee meeting but no actions were needed at this time. There were no payments, new contracts, or LORs for approval.

Actions Between Board Meetings

- None

Correspondence

- Gary Sawyers shared a letter received from Jim Foster requesting sponsorship of the Appalachian Grazing Conference. The consensus was that the District is supporting the conference by the sponsorship of farmers approved earlier in the meeting.
- Gary Sawyers shared a letter from the WVU Soils Team requesting sponsorship. It was noted that the Board's preference is to sponsor teams at the local high school level.
- Lynn Woods read a thank-you note from the Pocahontas County 4-H Livestock Club for donations (made from personal funds) in memory of Lyndsee Gay Lambert.

New Business

- **Gary Truex moved and Timothy VanReenen seconded the motion to co-sponsor with Southern Conservation District a Land Judging on April 24, 2019 at the Plant Materials Center in Alderson.** Discussion ensued regarding what can and cannot be provided for the event and the potential for partnering with other sponsors. Katy McBride and Aron Sattler of NRCS will be preparing the pits and Lynn Woods and Becky Floyd of SCD will make other arrangements. A budget will be put on the agenda for March. **Motion passed.**
- It was suggested that the District participate somehow in Farmers Day, which is a huge annual event in Monroe County, held on the first Saturday in June. Some of the ideas for participation mentioned were Supervisors and/or Conservation Farm Winners in parade, partnering with Tractor group, setting up information booth and using Ag Day displays, and showcasing rental equipment. There would be very little cost involved and it would be an excellent opportunity for outreach and visibility within our targeted demographic. Consensus was to move forward with this idea and see what staff would be available and willing to do.
- There was discussion about the need to solicit Expressions of Interest for Engineering Firms. Our current agreement with CEC, which was originally a two-year agreement and then was extended for another year, will expire in May. Jeremy Salyer explained that some agreement language needs to be clarified, including language about how many extensions of existing agreements are allowed. **Timothy VanReenen moved and Gary Truex seconded the motion to advertise for Expressions of Interest for Engineering Firms.** In discussion, it was asked whether this is required to be a legal ad or a regular ad. Jeremy will inquire. **Motion passed.**
- A CD Personnel Plan was presented for review. All existing items from previous year remained unchanged and an addition was made for an equipment coordinator assistant (copy attached). **Gary Truex moved and Timothy VanReenen seconded the motion to submit the plan as presented. Motion passed.**
- The Board's first choice date of September 26, 2019 was available and the WVU Building at the Fairgrounds has been reserved for the annual Legislative and Awards Banquet. Planning has begun.
- **Timothy VanReenen moved and Avery Atkins seconded the motion to hold the GVCD regular board meeting for June on June 18, 2019 at 7pm instead of June 20, 2019 due to the West Virginia Day holiday. Motion passed.**
- Lynn Woods reported that Katy McBride had requested volunteers from the District to assist with Envirothon, as two regular volunteers are unable to help this year and the GVCD has not had representation in recent years. Since no Supervisors were available to attend, Lynn requested and was granted permission from the Agency to volunteer. Barry Level has also agreed to volunteer. Lynn pointed out that she would be unable to attend both Envirothon and the April board meeting and asked the Board which they would prefer her to do. Gary Sawyers suggested the date of the meeting could be changed in order to accommodate both events. **Timothy VanReenen moved and Jerry Clifton seconded the motion to hold the GVCD regular board meeting for April on April 16, 2019 at 7pm instead of April 20, 2019 due to the schedule conflict with Envirothon. Motion passed.**
- Gary Sawyers reminded the group that it is time to consider nominees for the Conservation Farm contest. He asked Linda Ortiz to consult with her staff for suggestions as well.

Approval of Conservation Agreements & Terminations

- None

Approval of Conservation Plans

- Gary Truex moved and Carolyn Miller seconded the motion to approve the Conservation Plans submitted by NRCS for Deborah Cochran, Thomas Richardson, James Raymond Pastuszak, Doug Goodwin, Alex P. Lopez II, William H. Zink IV, and J. David Rapp. Motion passed.
- Jerry Clifton asked Linda Ortiz to check on the status of Conservation Agreements in Pocahontas County as he was told they weren't being submitted. Linda was not aware of any issues but agreed to inquire.

CREP

- None

Other Business

- Timothy VanReenen gave a report on the quarterly WVACD meeting held in January and noted the following:
 - Envirothon to be held April 17-18 at Canaan Valley
 - Century Farm applications due to John Sencindiver by April 1
 - WVACD scholarships have been increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00
 - Conservation Camps were announced
 - Grassland Evaluation and Beef Expo was announced
 - Auction Items need to be identified by June 1 (contact Mark Fitzsimmons). This year items will be juried and advertised prior to the fall meeting to hopefully improve the fundraising event.
 - District Operations is making changes and making a policy manual. Suggestions should be directed to Jim Foster.
 - Due to the cost of a developing their own website, the WVACD has decided to keep using the WVCA's website. However, they will soon have a Facebook page.
 - Sign-ups for the State Fair – see Lynn.
 - Ideas for Supervisor training should be directed to Wayne McKeever.
 - Participation in the Appalachian Grazing Conference was encouraged.
 - SPRP/SSRP is on hold.
 - Commissioner Leonhardt shared WVDA success stories and encourages hemp production to compete with neighboring states.
 - WVU Extension will be offering a summer internship for soils testing which would earn fall credits for students. Cost of this internship would be the responsibility of the host agency/district. More information from Ronnie or Jennifer.
 - John Vandevender retired from the Plant Materials Center and was wished a happy retirement.
 - Budget and summary of accounts is available for review.
- The floor was given to Jeremy Salyer to complete his report. He said we had covered most everything but he wanted to thank everyone for their Ag Day efforts. He thought the new displays worked well and that the House and Senate recognition of our farmer gave validity to the contest. He asked for suggestions and ideas for improvement. Gary Sawyers commented that the addition of the Conservation Farmer to the breakfast presentation was also very good and that Frank had done an excellent job.
- Gary Sawyers had Lynn Woods read the one of the thank you letters drafted for Delegate Campbell and Senator Baldwin to express our gratitude for their orchestration of the House and Senate recognitions at Ag Day.

- Gary Sawyers noted that Jeff Campbell's mother had passed away and flowers had been sent on behalf of the district from personal funds.
- Gary Truex noted that he and Gary Sawyers still need to visit the bank to close the non-interest bearing account and Gary Truex still needs to do the application for sewer service at Clearview Drive.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,



**Gary Sawyers
Chairman**



**Carolyn Miller
Secretary/Treasurer**

GS/CM/lw

Recorded by Lynn Woods, District Manager



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NRCS Progress Report: Linda Ortiz- District Conservationist

Farm Bill Programs Applications, Obligations and Deadlines:

- Contacting/Following-up with active contract holders (~285) to check on the status of planned/contracted practices from previous years and for this year.
- New deadlines are on-hold for now (2019 applications/contracts), until we get more guidance regarding to the new Farm Bill.

Farm Bill Programs and Staff Activities:

- Katy McBride participated of the AgDay in Charleston on January 30th and was part of the Senate/House recognition event for Frank Masters.
- Christopher Elliot got his Nutrient Management certification on February 1st.
- Staff participated on an internal Engineering and Planning Training on February 6th and 7th in Lewisburg, WV.
- The Golden-Winged Warbler Biologist (Tiffany Beachy) started working at the Buckeye Field Office on February 11th, 2019.
- Annual easements monitoring for the FRPP easements in Pocahontas Co. were completed on February 13th, 2019. We will be coordinating efforts with the Greenbrier and Monroe Farm Protection Board members to be able to complete the rest of the easements (11 Greenbrier and 16 Monroe).
- Silas Sattler participated of the WV Small Farms Conference on February 14th and 15th.
- Staff continues to work with active contract, practice certification, designs and payments.



February 2019 WVCA Report

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.

The district personnel plan is due to SCC in March, so please add to your February agenda for review and approval.

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.

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 can perform environmental assessments.

Conservation Farm Tour

It is time for districts to be thinking about the farm families to be awarded. CDs should have their district winners by May 31.

Agricultural/Conservation Day at the Capitol

Brian would like to thank all the Conservation Districts and Supervisors for your help and support at the recent Ag/Conservation Day. We would also request that you continue to stay in contact with your representatives and support our Budget and Bills.

2019 WVACD Quarterly Meeting Dates/Locations:

April 22 & 23	Pipestem State Park
July 15 & 16	Highlands Event Center, Triadelphia
October 21 & 22	Flatwoods

AGEP:

January 31 - Deadline for CDs to submit program comments

Early February – Review and organize comments received, develop options based on comments, have AgEP staff meeting to review comments received

February - Comments reviewed and forms revised

Late February - Revisions sent to CDs/staff for review

Mid-March - CDs submit recommendations for upcoming FY practices

Late March - State AgEP committee meeting to finalize upcoming FY AgEP, including allocation formula

April - Presentation of upcoming FY AgEP to SCC

West Virginia Legislative Calendar

February 12, 2019 - Last day to introduce bills in the House

February 18, 2019 - Last day to introduce bills in the Senate

February 24, 2019 - Bills due out of committees

February 27, 2019 - Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin

March 19, 2019 - Last day of session

O&M Sponsor letters

Brian is in the midst of meeting with all current O&M sponsors to review and renew O&M agreements that comply with Attorney General's opinion. When meeting dates are set, Belinda will send a note to DMs notifying them of the time and location of the local district meeting. Supervisors are encouraged to attend these meetings.

SSRP Program

SSRP (Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program) is on hold pending passage of the budget and outcome of discussions with the National Guard relating to flood mitigation projects.

WVCA Project Section:

OM&R

- The total spent for OM&R for 2018 to date is \$752,036.68. Final numbers will be provided to the Districts by the Watershed Managers as final invoices are approved for 2018.
- Brian Farkas will be meeting with OM&R sponsors across the state. Some meetings have already taken place and others are planned. Area Directors will notify Districts as these meetings are scheduled.
- Five-year work plans including estimates have been developed for all districts.
- Supervisors are always welcome to attend inspections. Please contact the Watershed Manager in your area for an updated schedule.

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 visits and generating stream management plans in response to the calls that are received.

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.

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02/21/19

Greenbrier Valley Conservation District
A/P Aging Summary
As of February 21, 2019

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>> 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BJW Printing & Office Supplies	68.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.50
City of Lewisburg	43.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.55
First Citizens Bank	282.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	282.64
Komax, LLC	296.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	296.17
Mon Power	20.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.54
Mountaineer Gas Company	171.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	171.57
Sherry W. Ferrell	525.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00
Suddenlink	219.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.50
The Monroe Watchman	27.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00
TOTAL	<u>1,654.47</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,654.47</u>

Greenbrier Valley Conservation District

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Register: 10003 · Bank of Monroe Ck 2603 General

From 01/18/2019 through 02/28/2019

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Matt Tuckwiller	X		130.00	371,748.18
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Kenneth Baker	X		294.00	372,042.18
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Aviagen Turkeys	X		1,050.00	373,092.18
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Bill Canterbury	X		80.00	373,172.18
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Stephanie Judy	X		132.85	373,305.03
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Roy Young	X		50.75	373,355.78
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Dean Hanson	X		150.50	373,506.28
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Jann L. Holwick	X		65.00	373,571.28
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Warren Haynes	X		200.47	373,771.75
01/23/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Michael Callison	X		196.00	373,967.75
01/23/2019	4634	Rayetta's Lunch Box	20000 · Accounts Paya...	WVU Ext-Poca...	100.00			373,867.75
01/23/2019			-split-	Dec rent \$1908...	X		20,599.75	394,467.50
01/23/2019			-split-	Reimb Ck 457...	X		279.64	394,747.14
01/28/2019	4637	Carolyn J Miller	-split-		1,223.65			393,523.49
01/31/2019			40500 · Interest Revenue	Interest	X		16.47	393,539.96
01/31/2019	4635	Barrett L Level	-split-		869.05	X		392,670.91
01/31/2019	4636	Barrett L. Level	20000 · Accounts Paya...	Reimbursement	250.65	X		392,420.26
02/07/2019	ACH	United States Treasur...	-split-	55-6008337; 1s...	1,388.71			391,031.55
02/07/2019	ACH	Consolidated Public ...	-split-	X58300	387.51			390,644.04
02/07/2019	ACH	WV State Tax Depart...	21040 · State Payroll T...	1048-0059	175.00			390,469.04
02/15/2019	4638	Barrett L Level	-split-		869.05			389,599.99
02/15/2019	4639	Barrett L. Level	20000 · Accounts Paya...	Reimbursement...	150.12			389,449.87
02/19/2019			-split-	James Hunter			265.26	389,715.13
02/19/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Aviagen Turkeys			1,050.00	390,765.13
02/19/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Greg Riffey			290.50	391,055.63
02/19/2019			12000 · Undeposited F...	Rick Nichols			115.00	391,170.63
02/19/2019			65100 · Soil/Forage La...	Waters Ag Lab...			15.00	391,185.63
02/21/2019	4640	BJW Printing & Offi...	20000 · Accounts Paya...	844570S & 84...	68.50			391,117.13
02/21/2019	4641	City of Lewisburg	20000 · Accounts Paya...	Account 05328	43.55			391,073.58
02/21/2019	4642	First Citizens Bank	20000 · Accounts Paya...	-5650	282.64			390,790.94
02/21/2019	4643	Komax, LLC	20000 · Accounts Paya...	AR96296 & A...	296.17			390,494.77
02/21/2019	4644	Mon Power	20000 · Accounts Paya...	110 121 466 186	20.54			390,474.23
02/21/2019	4645	Mountaineer Gas Co...	20000 · Accounts Paya...	525479-679446	171.57			390,302.66
02/21/2019	4646	Sherry W. Ferrell	20000 · Accounts Paya...	Invoice 1575	525.00			389,777.66
02/21/2019	4647	Suddenlink	20000 · Accounts Paya...	100001-2323-7...	219.50			389,558.16
02/21/2019	4648	The Monroe Watchm...	20000 · Accounts Paya...	One Year Subs...	27.00			389,531.16
02/28/2019	4649	Barrett L Level	-split-		952.50			388,578.66
02/28/2019	4650	Barrett L. Level	20000 · Accounts Paya...	Reimbursement	266.54			388,312.12

GVCD Policy Committee

Proposed Policy Revisions

The Policy Committee met on 2/13/19 and will recommend the following revisions to the Board on 2/21/19:

Article II, Section I, Annual Report

- Item a: Change the last words from “and to the general public” to “be made available to the general public”

Article III, Section I, Chain of Command

- Item c: Change “Secretary/Treasurer” to “Chair of the Building & Equipment Committee”
- Item d: Change “Secretary/Treasurer” to “Chair of the Grasslands Committee”

Article III, Section II, Authorization to Sign Agreements and Other Documents

- Item a: Change the third sentence to “On binding agreements, the Chairman or acting Chairman will sign for the District Board or a contracting officer will be appointed for specific projects.”
Delete remainder of item.

Article IV, Section II, Credit Procedures

- Item b: Delete “such as float valves, and other water facility materials, fish fingerlings, or materials needed for equipment-related items as authorized by the Equipment Committee Chair.”
- Item c: Clarify by changing to: “The District has credit cards through First Citizens Bank with a total credit limit for all cards of \$7,500.00. Authorized card holders are Grassland Technicians, Equipment Coordinator (each with a \$1,000.00 limit), and the Secretary Treasurer.”
 - (This may also be changed to include other board members as authorized users, depending on information obtained from First Citizens.)

Article IV, Section X, Credit Sales

- Item a: Add to end: “Grass Techs and Equipment Coordinator will be provided a copy of aged accounts receivable from monthly financial reports to determine service eligibility.”

- Add Item b: “Cooperator will be responsible for any and all collection costs related to delinquent accounts, including court costs.”

Article IV, Section XI, Fixed Assets Policy

- Item b: Delete “Advertisement will be a legal ad, posting at the County Court house, publicly posted flyers, etc.”
- Item b: Change “Sealed bids will be used for sales” to “Sealed bids will be used for sales or the property will be consigned to an approved live auction.”

Article V, Section I, Services

- Item c: Change to “The Equipment Committee shall determine rates for services and equipment. The Equipment Lease Agreement will be reviewed and updated as needed.”

Article V, Section II, Equipment

- Item a: Delete list and change to: “It shall be the policy of the GVCD to provide specialized agricultural equipment related to conservation practices for lease to cooperators. Available equipment will depend on cost, condition, and demand.”
- Item b: Delete this item as this account was closed by board action.

Article VI, Section I, Contests

- Item a: Remove footnote “waiting on official opinion...”

Article VI, Section II, Other Conservation Activities

- Item a: Remove footnote “waiting on official opinion...”

Article X, Section I, Employment Policies

- Item b: Update EEO statement to “The District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws.”

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- Update to current/relevant dates

Proposed Full-time Personnel Policy Revisions

- None at this time.

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February 2019 Watershed Section Report

Site Visits Conducted:

CCRs:

- Site 11103-Betsy Bittinger-White Sulphur Springs-Greenbrier Co.-Ineligible
- Site 12233-D. Buzzard-Dunmore-Pocahontas Co.-In Progress
- Site 13336-R. Boone-Sulphur Branch-Caldwell-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 13391-H. Dohme-Greenbrier River-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 4585-Leg. Dolin/Graham-White's Draft-White Sulphur Springs-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 13484-J. Patrick-Howards Creek-Caldwell-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 4650-D. Clinebell-Howards Creek-White Sul. Springs-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 13336-R. Boone-Sulphur Branch-Caldwell-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress
- Site 13484-J. Patrick-Howards Creek-Caldwell-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress

I received a call from the County Commission Tammy Tincher regarding a tree down in Meadow River at McRoss. The DOH is replacing a bridge there and Justin Tincher had looked at the tree before. We will check it again but it previously was not eligible for our program. If the new program begins, we can work with them to get it removed.

Stream Permits:

- Site 5787-H. Fraley-Unnamed Stream-White Sulphur Springs-Greenbrier Co.-In Progress

Dams:

EAPS up to date



Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design

5 February 2019

Gary Sawyers
Chairperson, Greenbrier Valley Conservation District
179 Northridge Drive
Lewisburg, WV 24901

Dear Mr. Sawyers:

The West Virginia University Soils Team is preparing for the 2019 National Collegiate Soils Contest in San Luis Obispo, California, on April 18 and 19. I am writing to seek support from the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District for these students to participate in this valuable learning experience. The WVU students will be competing against teams from 25 other universities as they endeavor to build upon the individual and team success that WVU has achieved since 2006—including nine top-ten finishes (two team national championships) and seven top-ten individual finishes (two individual national champions).

Collegiate soil judging provides training and practical experience for students learning proper methods of soil and site evaluation used by professional soil scientists and soil conservationists. The six members of the WVU Soils Team represent specializations from across the WVU Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design. As their coach, I am pleased with their enthusiasm and commitment to learning about soils. In October the team traveled to the Southeast Regional Soils Contest in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where they qualified for the national contest by placing fifth out of 12 teams. The students are now preparing to travel to California in April and spend four days practicing and learning about the different properties of the local soils prior to the two-day contest.

Total student expenses will be around \$7,500 for the competition. This includes transportation, lodging, and meals for the six students. I am thankful for the recurring support that has been provided to the WVU Soils Team by the Greenbrier Valley District. A renewed contribution from the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District will be used to reduce the students' personal expenses associated with the trip to California. Your financial support will be combined with resources from WVU, the WV Association of Professional Soil Scientists, the WV Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society, and donations from alumni of the WVU Soils Team. To make a donation, you can send a check payable to the "WVU Soils Team" to me at the address below. Alternatively, if the Greenbrier Valley Conservation District cannot contribute directly to the WVU Soils Team but still wishes to provide financial support, a check payable to "WVU" can be sent to Mr. Tom Green, Assistant Dean of the Davis College, recommending that the funds be used to assist the WVU Soils Team.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of my request. If you would like to learn more about the team, our upcoming trip to California, or the National Collegiate Soils Contest, please contact me at my office phone at 304-293-2921, or via Email at james.thompson@mail.wvu.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Thompson' in a cursive style.

James A. Thompson
Professor and Coach of the WVU Soils Team

Division of Plant and Soil Sciences

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Appalachian Grazing Conference

February 10, 2019

To: All Conservation Districts

The Appalachian Grazing Conference is fast approaching on March 7-9, 2019 at the Water Front Marriott in Morgantown. The Planning Committee is once again asking all Conservation Districts to sponsor farmers from your district to attend. The degree of sponsorship is left to your discretion.

The Committee also needs your help on Thursday, March 7th to help with set up starting at 10:00 am to prepare the handouts for all attendees.

The Committee thanks all the districts for their past support and are looking forward for your help in making this event the best ever.

Thanks in advance,


Joe Gumm, Chairman