

August 2018 Meeting Agenda Wednesday August 21, 2019 9:00 am Cross Lanes USDA Service Center - 418 Goff Mountain Rd. Cross Lanes, WV 25313 - Phone 304.759.0736 email: ccd@wvca.us

Attendance

Terry Hudson---Chairman Clyde Bailey—Co-Chairman Valerie Thaxton-Treasurer Richard Sams—Secretary Sally Shepherd-Supervisor Tony Leadbeter-Associate Supervisor-Absent Sue Brand-District Manager Kim Fisher-Area Director Russell Young-Conserv. Specialist-Absent Julie Stutler--NRCS

CALL BOARD MEETING TO ORDER- 9:02am

APPROVAL OF JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES- Valerie Thaxton made motion & Clyde Bailey 2nd, all in favor FINANCIAL REPORTS/INVOICES (M) Co-Administered, Grant, District Funds Report. Supervisor Per Diem & Travel. Bills to be paid as funds permit and coordinated by office staff and filed for audit—Valerie Thaxton 1st made motion and Clyde Bailey 2nd motion, all was in favor

REPORTS

1. WVCA August 2019 Report-Kim Fisher -

a. Discussed the Conservation Farm Tour Timeline -State Judging held August 27,28 & 29, 2019-October will presentation of Area & State awards at WV Conservation Partnership Annual Conference. County and District winners at local Conservation District annual banquets. Items to consider are Carroll Greene nomination-forms must be turned in to Belinda Withrow by September 1, 2019-WVACD Honorary Member at Large-form to be turned in to Joe Gumm by September1, 2019-WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member for due to Joe Gumm by September 1, 2019.

CDO Budget Expenditure Report FY19 due September 1, 2019 to Guthrie—Agreed Procedures Engagement Audit to completed soon to close out FY 19- 2019 WVACD Quarterly Meeting Dates/Locations: October 21&22 Flatwoods

AGEP- October 31, 2019-Deadlines for CDs to submit allocation formula proposal and new practices for FY 21 program year. November /December2019-Stte AgEP committee mid-year meeting to review allocation formula proposals and practices.

February 2020 Comments and reviewed and forms revised

March 2020-State AgEP committee meeting to finalize upcoming FY AgEP

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May/June/July 2020-CDs to finalize upcoming FY program, update AgEP agreement addendum, action to approve LORs.

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2. WVCA Watershed Report-Judith Lyons-Chairman Hudson-

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- Permits has been submitted to the COE and the DNR for approval.
- Land rights will be obtained for construction.
- 3. Kanawha County Solid Waste Minutes from July 16,2016--(Rodney Lotfis)-Chairman Hudson-
 - Meeting held July 16, 2019-the meeting was called to order by Gerald Burgy at 10:09 am. David moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Rodney seconded. Nicole mentioned the baler issue, stating that one thing they have talked about is the extension that they don't know what is going on with the baler, but they do know they did not have it and needed an extension by July 1st, 2019. They are concerned about the plans they have money. David said he and Nicole were going to meet but have not had the chance. Nicole stated that she is not able to add this issue with the baler to the agenda. David also stated that Commissioner Carper does not think they are in breach of their agreement by

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- 5. Russell Young AgEp -No report- Russell in training
- 6. Supervisor, Committee, Associate Supervisor Reports-Supervisors
 - a. Clyde Bailey-07/18-Appalachian Grazing Conference call
 - 07/19- Attending the dedication of the Charleston Community Gardens/East End Community Park-AARP
 (2) \$15,000.00 grants
 - 08/02- attended the Legislative Committee meeting
 - 8/12- attended workshop and came to office to sign checks and paperwork
 - Clyde also attended and worked the WV State Fair the new item was "Spin the Wheel" for prizes.
 - b. Richard Sams- West Virginia State Fair
 - 8/12-attended the State Fair and worked the booth
 - 8/13-attended the State Fair and worked the booth
 - Attended/visited the# 14 Dam on Hunter Road
 - c. Sally Shepherd-
 - Sally stated she has done very little supervisor work but will do better
 - With the help of Chairman Hudson build a high tunnel
 - d. Valerie Thaxton-
 - 7/30-met Chairman Hudson at 5th Third Bank to deposit left over supervisor monies from FY19 into CD
 - 8/10-attended and worked the WV State Fair
 - 8/11-attended and worked the WV State Fair

e. Terry Hudson-

- 7/18-Office to sign checks and paperwork
- 7/19-Office for meeting with Julie Stutler w/NRCS on High Tunnel Workshop
- 7/23-Office for meeting with Julie Stutler/NRCS
- 7/25-Meeting at Dam #14 with Judith Lyon and GIA
- 7/26-Met with Tracy Cunningham at Community Gardens on Nancy Street, Charleston, Wv
- 7/26-Met with Lauri Andress at WV State University on Food Deserts
- 7/29-Meeting with Julie Stutler/NRCS and Christy/WVSU at WV State
- 7/30-Met with Valerie Thaxton at 5th Third Bank to deposit FY19 Supervisor monies into a CD
- 7/31-Traveled to Flatwoods, WV to meet with Russell Young and pick up State Fair supplies
- 8/2-Worked at East End Gardens

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Terry Hudson-

- 8/5-Office to sign checks and paperwork and them on to Lowes
- 8/9-Traveled to WV State Fair and worked the booth
- 8/10-Worked the WV State Fair
- 8/16-Traveled to the Community Gardens Raised Beds
- 8/17-Traveled to Big Ugly to work on Raised Beds
- 8/19-traveled and worked on Raised Beds at the Community Gardens
- 8/21-traveled to the office for the monthly board meeting.

7. District Manager Report-Sue Brand

- Reviewed the CDO Expenditure Sheet-board Voted to call special meeting (Monday August 26,2019 @ 8:30am) to review and complete the form before September 1, 2019
- Picture of all Supervisors was taken for Shirley Hyre

NEW BUSINESS

1. (D) WV Flood Plan Discussion WV Code S7-1-3U-Clyde Bailey-

- This WV Code is about the protecting people and property from floods, counties and municipalities are hereby empowered to re-channel and dredge streams: remove accumulated debris, snags, rocks and any other kinds of obstructions from streams, straighten stream channels, and carry out erosion and sedimentation control measures and programs. For stream treatment to prevent floods as provided in this section, counties and municipalities are hereby further empowered to levy, within all Constitutional and statutory limitations: acquire property by purchase, exercise of the right of eminent domain, lease, gift or grant; accept any and all benefits, monies, services and assistance which may be available from the federal and state government or any private source; issue and sell bonds within the Constitutional and statutory limitations prescribed by law for the issuance and sale of bonds by counties and municipalities for public purposes generally. Any such levy shall be equal and uniform throughout the country or municipality. The power and authority granted in this section, may be exercised by any county or municipality in cooperation with each other or separately as provided in section three-I of this article. Any county or municipality which exercises any power or authority set forth in this section shall comply with all applicable provision of federal and state laws and rules and regulations lawfully promulgated thereunder. The term "stream" as used in this section means any watercourse, whether natural or man-made distinguishable by banks and a bed, regardless of their size, through which water flows continually or intermittently, regardless of its volume.
- 2. (D/M) Women in Agriculture Conference November 15-16, 2019-Chairman Hudson-
 - To be held on November 15 & 16 at Stonewall Jackson (held at Roanoke, WV)-not to exceed \$300.00 per person—Clyde Bailey made motion and Sally Shepherd 2nd motion—all in favor –sponsor two persons to attend.
- 3. (D) Discussion and follow up on Weed wiper-
 - 5 persons rented the weed wiper and a few canceled due to weather

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- Suggestion was brought to the board attention to try this program again next year FY20 spring/summer
- 4. (D/M) Annual "JUST ONE" Scholarship Auction-Chairman Hudson-
 - Discussed with all board members that Just One auction that going to be held and that CCD donated a handmade Rocking chair
- 5. (D) WVACD Quarterly Meeting-Chairman Hudson-
 - Chairman Hudson discussed with the Board Member to consider hosting the Quarterly Meeting in January or July. Also added to the September Agenda for (D/M)
- 6. (D/M) CCD to provide lunch for Washington Lee University students coming to work on the Community Gardens August 28, 2019—Chairman Hudson-
 - Board voted to donate up to \$300.00 for the lunch plus bottled water for the students coming to work on the Community Gardens
 - Clyde Bailey made motion and Valerie Thaxton 2nd motion, all was in favor
- 7. (D/M) Trash Racks of our dams-Chairman Hudson-
 - Discussion was on whether to stay with State Contract or the Local Contract
 - Clyde Bailey made the motion to stay with the State Contract and Sally Shepherd 2nd motion, all was in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to discuss

CORRSPONDENCE

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- 2. WVU Foundation Thank You Letter—Thanks you letter
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Meeting adjourned @ <u>10:50am</u>

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Items to be thinking about and placed on your agendas in the coming month:

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CDO Budget Expenditure Report for FY19

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Agreed Procedures Engagement (Audit)

Conservation Districts are asked to begin the Agreed Procedures Engagement (APE) (audit) soon after the close of the fiscal year on June 30th. It is important that each district read their audit, and then take steps to correct any findings noted by the auditors. Audits reports are due to Guthrie in January/February. If you have questions, ask Kim or Jeremy.

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Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority

July 16th, 2019

Present: Beverly Hobbs, Haley Burrows, John Luoni, David Armstrong, Nicole Hunter, Rodney Loftis, Gerald Burgy, and Kay Summers (arrived late).

Call to Order: 10:09 by Gerald Burgy

David moved to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting. Rodney seconded.

Nicole Hunter mentioned the baler issue, stating that one thing they have talked about is the extension that they don't know what is going on with the baler, but they do know we did not have it and needed an extension by the 1st of July. They are concerned about the plans we have with the money. They ask that they are kept "in the loop" a little more.

David said he and Nicole planned to meet but never did. He says that SWA is not hiding anything, that we were under the impression that this was all understood.

Nicole stated that the only issue is that now she will not be able to add this to their agenda tomorrow and Mark will have to try to figure things out for this round. They do not wish to see us get behind the ball again.

David stated that Commissioner Carper does not think we are in breach of our agreement by seeking another vendor, given that Excel Manufacturing has failed to communicate with us, and we can move forward if another vendor will honor the price we have already been given. He stated that Excel gave the lowest bid and then they dropped out after they received our down payment.

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Nicole agrees with David that this is a good idea.

Gerald entertained a motion.

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Motion by David on the floor to amend the FY 2019-2020 WV SWMB grant application once it is approved or denied by the WV Solid Waste Management Board, in the amount of \$ 25,000 dollars for emergency funds to replace what we have lost with Excel Manufacturing.

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David moved that we allow Chairman Summers to sign the resolution. Gerald seconded. All were in favor.

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David moved we allow Chairman Summers to sign this in compliance with WV Solid Waste Management Board requirements. Gerald seconded. Everyone voted in favor.

John stated that Blue Fin Solutions raised their annual fee. Last year we paid them \$ 600. So far this year we have paid them almost \$ 2,000 for website work. John said we need to get these costs under control.

John also says we got a healthy monthly check from Waste Management in June. It was about 1000 dollars higher than normal. And the state check was also higher than normal. This allowed us to have about an 800-dollar gain in finances for June.

David moved approval that the financial report is submitted. Rodney seconded. Everyone voted in favor.

David asks to go back to day to day operations because he wanted to mention that 70 feet of the fence around the property was torn out by Waste Management by accident. We were contacted by them and viewed it on camera. Now after fighting with their insurance they are going to pay the full claim for the damage. We also contacted our insurance over another matter and talked with them about this and then they reached out to Gallagher and Bassett, which is Waste Management's insurance company. We received a check from Gallagher and Bassett today for about 3300 dollars to fix the fence. David said it should be fixed by the end of the month by McNeil Fence.

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It is mentioned that we only had 14 cars this past Saturday (2nd Saturday in July) to come into recycle from 8-12. It is also stated that we even stayed open until about 3:00.

David stated that we said we would do this for 12 months and suggests that we continue to this until the 12 months is up.

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West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program (AgEP)

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ADMINISTERED BY WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA CONSERVATION AGENCY

West Virginia Agricultural Enhancement Program's (AgEP) mission is to assist the agriculture cooperators of West Virginia's Conservation Districts with the voluntary implementation of best management practices (BMPs) on agricultural lands in order to conserve and improve land and water quality. The program offers technical and financial assistance as an incentive to implement suggested BMPs.

Each conservation district has the ability to modify the program to address specific agricultural issues in their area.













AgEP Committee Members

Contact a member of the AgEP Committee: Clyde Bailey (CCD), John Pitsenbarger (ECD), Floyd Kursey (EPCD), Bill Stewart (GCD), Timothy VanReenen (GVCD), Sam Sheets (LKCD), Jean Conley (MCD), Mark Fitzsimmons (NPCD), George Leatherman (PVCD), Dennis Bailey (SCD), Sheldon Findley (TVCD), Bill Gellner (UOCD), Oscar Harris (WCD), Bill Coffindaffer (WFCD), J.R. Wolfe (WV NRCS) If you have questions or concerns related to AgEP, please contact: Cindy Shreve at cshreve@wvca.us or (304) 941-3293 Jennifer Skaggs at jskaggs@wvca.us or (304) 941-3134

Program Updates & Reminders

AgEP Administration Agreement

The purpose of the Agricultural Enhancement Program Administration Agreement is to provide conservation districts a format in which to document CD policies. Conservation Districts should document local AgEP policies on the addendum, and review district policies annually. Addendums must be submitted to WVCA on an annual basis.

Deadlines

The program year is July 1 - June 30. All practices must be completed and receipts submitted prior to June 30 of each year. Completion dates within the program year shall be set according to the program schedule established by each conservation district, and districts should enforce set deadlines. Those practices not completed within the program year shall be canceled. If applications are canceled, cooperators may reapply during the next application period. Extensions/carryovers to the next fiscal year are not permitted.

FY 20 Allocations

The formula approved by the state AgEP committee for FY 20 includes number of farms, farmland acres and average payments from FY 16–FY 18, and is based on the \$880,000 budget. 2017 Ag Census data was used.



For Conservation District contact information, visit: http://www.wvca.us/directory/cdo.cfm

FY 19 Summary Per Practice

Information per AgEP Database

Practices Completed in FY 19				
Practice	Unit Totals	Number of Paid Applications		
Cover Crop	29.5 acres	5		
Critical Area Planting	1 acre	1		
Exclusion Fence	49,461 feet	36		
Exclusion Fence/Watering System	1 system / 300 feet	1		
Frost Seeding	1,325 acres	33		
Hay/Pasture Seeding	940 acres	35		
Heavy Use Protection Area	66 areas / 99,343 sq. ft.	66		
Invasive Species Management*	251 acres	50		
Lime	7,952 acres / 16,827 tons	234		
Nutrient Management	1,743 acres	66		
Pasture Division Fence	110,946 feet	71		
Pasture Division Fence/Watering System	1 system / 1,800 feet	1		
Pollinator Planting	6 plots	6		
Pond Clean Out	4 ponds	4		
Urban Agriculture	17 components	17		
Watering System	53 components/systems	53		
Winter Grazing	133 acres	5		
*ISM acres include brush acres.	TOTAL:	684		

State Totals:

 \Rightarrow Total FY19 applications received - 1,247

*Based on AgEP database, total includes "canceled," "paid," and "unfunded"

 \Rightarrow Number of FY 19 applications processed - 1,069

*Based on AgEP database, total includes "canceled" and "paid"

 \Rightarrow Number of applications paid in FY 19 - 684

*Based on AgEP database

 \Rightarrow Total Payments - \$857,765.85

*Based on WVCA FY 19 fiscal report

 \Rightarrow Total cost - \$1,795,659.44

*AgEP payment + Cooperator's Cost = Total Cost

⇒ Number of different cooperators paid in FY 19 - 512

AgEP Financial Report

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Conservation District	AgEP Dollars Paid 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	Number of AgEP Paid Applications 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	Number of AgEP Unfunded Applications 7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019
Capitol Conservation District	\$6,037.83	21	0
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$80,283.21	59	0
Elk Conservation District	\$51,853.48	62	0
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$86,230.72	53	16
Guyan Conservation District	\$15,128.53	20	0
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$60,366.17	40	71
Monongahela Conservation District	\$39,688.93	39	0
Northern Panhandle Conservation District	\$137,376.34	58	0
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$50,996.16	67	0
Southern Conservation District	\$46,133.84	40	36
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$95,212.47	92	41
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$23,227.80	27	0
West Fork Conservation District	\$62,698.37	43	0
Western Conservation District	\$102,532.00	63	14
TOTAL:	\$857,765.85	684	178



- **Invasive Species Management** \Rightarrow
- \Rightarrow Lime
- \Rightarrow **Micro Irrigation**
- Nutrient Management \Rightarrow
- **Pasture Division Fence** \Rightarrow

AgEP FY 19 Weather Impacts

The 12-month period of July 2018 to June 2019 was one of the wettest on record. This resulted in significantly lower rates of practice implementation through AgEP.

In April 2019 WVCA was approached by the WV Department of Agriculture about a revegetation program to assist cooperators with reseeding impacted winter feeding areas. Eleven of the fourteen conservation districts participated in the emergency program, and technical guidance was provided by WVU Extension and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

A total of 194 applications were received statewide and 151 applications were paid. This resulted in the reseeding of approximately 2,004 acres.



Conservation District	Dollars Paid	Number of <i>Paid</i> Applications	Number of Acres Planted
Capitol Conservation District	\$420.00	1	7
Eastern Panhandle Conservation District	\$2,877.60	4	47.96
Elk Conservation District	\$1,230.00	2	20.5
Greenbrier Valley Conservation District	\$12,036.00	5	200.6
Guyan Conservation District	\$3,105.00	8	51.75
Little Kanawha Conservation District	\$13,956.76	22	232.61
Potomac Valley Conservation District	\$37,961.80	34	632.7
Southern Conservation District	\$11,460.00	12	191
Tygarts Valley Conservation District	\$13,822.30	23	230.37
Upper Ohio Conservation District	\$300.00	1	5
Western Conservation District	\$23,073.00	39	384.55
TOTAL:	\$120,242.46	151	2,004





WV Code §7-1-3U

§7-1-3u. Authority of counties and municipalities to treat streams to prevent floods.

To protect people and property from floods, counties and municipalities are hereby empowered to rechannel and dredge streams; remove accumulated debris, snags, sandbars, rocks and any other kinds of obstructions from streams; straighten stream channels; and carry out erosion and sedimentation control measures and programs.

For stream treatment to prevent floods as provided in this section, counties and municipalities are hereby further empowered to levy, within all Constitutional and statutory limitations; acquire property by purchase, exercise of the right of eminent domain, lease, gift or grant; accept any and all benefits, moneys, services and assistance which may be available from the federal and state government or any private source; issue and sell bonds within the Constitutional and statutory limitations prescribed by law for the issuance and sale of bonds by counties and municipalities for public purposes generally. Any such levy shall be equal and uniform throughout the county or municipality.

The power and authority granted in this section, may be exercised by any county or municipality in cooperation with each other or separately as provided in section three-i of this article. Any county or municipality which exercises any power or authority set forth in this section shall comply with all applicable provisions of federal and state laws and rules and regulations lawfully promulgated thereunder.

The term "stream" as used in this section means any watercourse, whether natural or man-made, distinguishable by banks and a bed, regardless of their size, through which water flows continually or intermittently, regardless of its volume.

West Virginia Flood Plan Discussion

The floods of 2016 have heightened everyone's awareness of a need to rethink our approach to pre and post disaster recovery. Currently there is no funding model in place to implement proactive planning to diminish effects of disasters.

Funding is the barrier to deciding what actions can be taken pre and post disaster. Our current reaction to disasters is to restore communities to normal as soon as possible and sometimes losing opportunities to make changes that would alleviate future damages.

West Virginia needs a State Flood Plan that acts as a guide to state and local flood control policy. The state plan must include an evaluation of the condition and adequacy of flood control infrastructure on a county or regional basis that protects against the loss of life and property, develop a statewide ranking of proposed flood control and mitigation projects and analyze completed and ongoing projects as to their benefits. This plan, to be successful, will require bringing all stakeholders to the table. The WV Conservation Agency and district supervisors could take the lead along with flood plain managers in development.

Local or regional planning can be effective in planning by holding public meetings to gather suggestions and recommendations as to issues, provisions, projects and strategies that should be considered for inclusion in a local or regional plan. Planning, using updated mapping, scientific data and properly designed projects, must be required.

It is important that there is increased state resources for implementation of mitigation activities, which may include support for policy considerations, increased technical assistance, data collection, updated flood mapping and coordinated watershed based flood planning.

Public Invited

Annual "Just One" Scholarship Auction

Tuesday Evening, October 22, 2019 At the Days Hotel & Conference Center Flatwoods, WV

Item 1- Weekend Getaway Potomac Valley, 2 tickets Potomac Eagle, Lodging, & Dinner for 2

Item 2 - Thomas Work Wooden Original

Item 3 - 2 Tickets on the Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad

Item 4 - Northern Pan Gift Basket - Fiesta, Blown Glass, Artisan Cutting Board, Culinary Specialty Products

Item 5 - 16" x 20" Dolly Sods Canvas Print

Item 6 - "Fall is in the Air" Handmade Lap Quilt/Wall Hanging

Item 7 - One of a Kind - Handmade Bentwood Rocking Chair

Item 8 - Eagle Manufacturing OSHA Approved Safety Can, 5 Gallon

Item 9 - WV Produced—Aroma of the Andes, Specialty Coffee

Item 10 - 3 Day Rental - WV Soil Trailer

Item 11 - Anna Mouser Homemade "Secret Recipe" Fudge

Item 12 - Dorothy's Famous "Award Winning" Needlework

Item 13 - New in Box - 20V DeWalt Grease Gun Kit

Item 14 - Upper Ohio Culinary Specialty Basket

Item 15 - Gat Caperton Rocker

ltem 16 - Canaan Valley Resort State Park Getaway - 2 night lodging plus golf or ski package (Sun - Thur) Item 17 - New in Box - Stihl Weedeater More Items Added Daily

Sponsored by:

West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts Auctioneer: Mark B. Pitzsimmons, WV Lic 168

Absentee bids accepted—304-845-5324

Please call and place your bids prior to Sunday, October 20

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District Supervisors,

The WVACD voted to hold the 2020 Quarterly Meetings on April 20, 21, 2020 and July 20, 21, 2020 at different locations around the State. The locations of the meetings will be determined by asking Conservation Districts that are interested in hosting to submit bids for locations within their District.

This will give Conservation Districts a chance to exhibit agricultural enterprises, agribusiness or other points of interest in their District as well as provide a program for the Association's Quarterly Meetings.

Please complete the attached form if your district wishes to make a bid for these dates. The deadline for submitting a bid is October 1, 2019.

Please contact me at 304 771 3174 or Wayne.mckeever@gmail.com for more information.

WV ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

BID FORM FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Site	
Contact Person	Title
Address	
Telephone Email	
Dates Requested: 1 April 20-21, 20 2. July 20-21, 202	
Lodging Available for 50 people YES Cost of rooms per night	NO
Large Assembly Room for 75-100 people YES Cost for room per day	NO
3 Break-out Rooms for 25 people YES Cost per room per day	NO
IT Connections YES NO	
Refreshments/Coffee/Tea/Water YES Please provide price list Coffee/Tea/Water Cookies	NO

Lunch YES_____ NO_____

Please provide price list Buffet_____ Sandwich/Soup_____

Can your District sponsor an afternoon/evening farm tour, Agri-business tour or other related activity for the group during the meeting? YES_____NO____

Would a meal be included? YES_____ NO_____

Cost per person _____

Please provide specific details below:

Please return by October 1, 2019 to:

Wayne McKeever, WVACD 1st Vice-President Wayne.mckeever@gmail.com (304-771-3174)