

Southern Conservation District
October 10, 2019
Minutes of Board Meeting

The Southern Conservation District October 10, 2019 board meeting was held at their office, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley, WV. Virgel Caldwell asked for a moment of silence to be held in memory of Don Windon who passed away October 7. Randy Prince led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Randall Patton opened the meeting with prayer. Virgel called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Supervisors Present

Virgel Caldwell	Randall Patton
Randy Prince	Oscar Vecellio
Bill Harris	Curtis Murphy
John Farrell	Dennis Bailey

Supervisors Absent

Ray Lafferty
John Breneman

Others Present

Becky Floyd, WVCA	Marty Walker, WVCA
Dave Parkulo, SCD	Susy Daubert, NRCS
Katy McBride, NRCS	Carl Gower, NRCS
Lynn Woods, GVCD	

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the September 12, 2019 board meeting as mailed. Randall Patton seconded. Motion carried.

Lynn Woods was introduced to the board. Lynn will be assisting Jeremy with filling in for Becky once she has retired until the position can be filled by the Agency. Lynn will be at the SCD office approximately one day a week.

Southern Conservation District Financial Reports

Randall Patton moved to approve the September district financial reports as prepared by Akers and Associates. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the September accounts receivable report as prepared by Akers and Associates. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Southern Conservation District Crew/Technician Supervisor Report

Dave Parkulo reported on OM&R and farm work completed during the last month. All the tile has been installed in the district offices except for the floor molding.

He is working with Little Kanawha CD on an estimate for channel work.

Dave is continuing to work with Gene Saurborn on the lime plan for the district flood control dams.

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report

Becky Floyd presented the September financial reports for the co-administered funds as prepared by WVCA fiscal staff. **Randall Patton moved to approve the September financial reports for the co-administered funds as prepared by WVCA fiscal staff. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.**

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Becky presented the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Southern CD and WV Conservation Agency. **Randall Patton moved to approve the MOU as presented. Bill Harris seconded. Motion carried.**

Becky reported Rod Lowe with Lowe and Associates has completed the field visit for the FY19 Agreed Upon Procedures engagement and hopes to have the report to the board before October 25.

Becky reminded board members of the upcoming October 18 banquet.

Becky reported the annual fall OM&R inspections will be held October 15, 16 and 17th. Judith Lyons will meet board members at the SCD office at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the 15th.

The following invoices were presented for board approval:

SCD invoice 4858	OM&R work	\$800.00
SCD invoice 4859	OM&R work	\$800.00
SCD invoice 4860	OM&R work	\$800.00
SCD invoice 4861	OM&R work	\$800.00
SCD invoice 4862	OM&R work	\$800.00
SCD invoice 4867	OM&R work	\$4,365.00
SCD invoice 4879	OM&R work	\$950.00
SCD invoice 4880	OM&R work	\$2,000.00
SCD invoice 4881	OM&R work	\$1,000.00
SCD invoice 4882	OM&R work	\$1,200.00
SCD invoice 4883	OM&R work	\$2,250.00
SCD invoice 4884	OM&R work	\$2,000.00
SCD invoice 4885	OM&R work	\$4,225.00

Oscar Vecellio moved to approve the invoices presented for payment. Bill Harris seconded. Motion carried.

Becky discussed the WVCA/SCC approved emergency drought program. Districts are asked to review the cost share program and set an application period if they want to participate. Payments for water tanks and associated fittings can be approved retroactive to September 1 and through November 22, 2019. The maximum cost share per cooperator would be 50% up to \$400.00.

Becky reported the residual dollars from the emergency seed program will be used towards the drought program. Marty stated additional funds may be available from the Agency upon review of applications received by each district.

Marty reviewed the application form and other program forms related to the drought exigency program.

Bill Harris moved to approve the WVCA/SCC drought assistance program and to participate according to the WVCA program policy. Curtis Murphy seconded. Motion carried.

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Bill Harris moved the application dates to sign up for the drought assistance program be set for October 21-25, 2019 ending at 4:00 p.m. In the 25th with receipts being accepted retroactive to September 1, 2019 and through November 22, 2019. Randy Prince seconded.

Randall Patton moved to approve a letter of request for the drought assistance cost share program funds once the board knows the amount of funds to request. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Harris moved the board authorize the SCD/AgEP Committee to approve actions on the emergency drought assistance cost share program in between board meetings if necessary. Randall Patton seconded. Motion carried. The committee will report at the next board meeting if any actions are taken.

WV Conservation Agency Conservation Specialist Report

Marty Walker presented the following AgEP completed contracts for payment approval:

Lime Contracts

Robert Bohn	\$1749.55
Wayne Sears	\$993.57
Jim Tolliver	\$767.43
Jim Hatfield	\$836.00
James Webb	\$916.85
Sheila Arthur	\$793.38
Gene Glover	\$35.00
Rhonda Dortch	\$1,105.00
Monroe Eads	\$1,858.83
Kenneth Borsman	\$2,000.00
Anthony Raines	\$2,000.00

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the completed lime contracts for payment. Randall Patton seconded. Motion carried.

Pond Cleanout Contracts

James White	\$1,550
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Randall Patton moved to approve the completed pond cleanout contract for payment. Randy Prince seconded. Motion carried.

Heavy Use Protection Area Contracts

Shannon Daniel	\$1,000
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Dennis Bailey moved to approve the heavy use protection area completed contract for payment. Bill Harris seconded. Motion carried.

Marty asked the SCD/AgEP Committee to schedule a date to meet in October to review fence applications and the remaining amount of FY20 budgeted AgEP funds. The committee will meet October 30 at the SCD office at 10:00 a.m.

WV Association of Conservation Districts

John Farrell encouraged supervisors to attend the WVACD October annual meeting.

Visiting Agencies

WV Conservation Agency

Becky Floyd reported Jeremy Salyer is out on sick leave today. Becky reviewed the WVCA October report highlighting AgEP deadlines and quarterly meeting dates including the Northeast Region Listening Session being held October 23.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Suzy Daubert reported Gary Redden resigned September 27. Katy McBride will be acting DC for Gary's counties until further notice. Suzy introduced Carl Gower the contractor forester for NRCS housed in USDA NRCS office in Beckley. Carl distributed a sheet of information on his forestry position with NRCS.

Suzy distributed information on the proposed South Area ASTC Field Operations Organizational Chart. The plan has to be approved prior to vacant positions being filled.

Supervisor Reports

Curtis Murphy reported Ray Lafferty is back in the hospital due to complications from his recent back surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Virgel Caldwell

Chairman



Bill Harris

Secretary