



Potomac Valley Conservation District

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Minutes of Meeting Special Board Meeting Teleconference March 20, 2020

The Potomac Valley Conservation District held a special Board meeting by teleconference on Friday, March 20, 2020, beginning at 1:00 pm.

SUPERVISORS: Ronald Miller, John Hicks, J.W. See, Kent Spencer, Brian Dayton, Frank Weese, George Leatherman and Gerald Sites

OTHERS: Jeremy Salyer and Nadene Jewell

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

The purpose of the special meeting is to discuss concerns over coronavirus and the effects on District activities and operation. Everyone needs to use caution and have limited in person contact.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT: Discussion was held regarding the district rental equipment. All were in agreement that this is an important service for the producers and needs to continue – very busy time of year. Tony can continue to deliver equipment – no in person contact. If he feels uncomfortable, needs to contact Board members. Should wear protective equipment and sanitize between uses. A motion was made by John Hicks and seconded by J.W. See to continue with the rental equipment – Tony to deliver and take safety precautions as discussed. Motion carried.

INTERVIEWS: District continues to accept applications for the seasonal crew positions. Deadline is Friday, 3/27 at 4 pm. Board in agreement to review applications and hold interviews next month. Should hold at the shop – outside and practice social distancing during interviews. Tony should also participate. Applications will be given to Hicks and committee members for review after the deadline.

APRIL BOARD MEETING: Discussion was held regarding the date of the April meeting. As previously discussed, the meeting date was changed to 3/25/20; however, the District Manager training has been cancelled. All were in agreement to hold meeting on the regular date of 4/1/20 @ 7:00pm. Also, unable to hold in person meetings due to restrictions for coronavirus – must be held by teleconference. All in agreement to hold as a teleconference. The District Manager to schedule the call, distribute information and post notice. Discussion also held regarding new meeting location in the future. Ron Miller reserved

the conference room at the Farm Credit Building in Moorefield. Once in person meetings resume, Board will meet at this location.

DISTRICT TREE SALE: Discussion was held regarding concern over the tree sale. The pickup date is scheduled for Friday, April 10. Suggested to move date 2 weeks later – concerns expressed over being too late to plant trees. Also addressed concerns over travel restrictions into PA to pick up the trees. The suggestion was made to cancel the spring sale and possibly hold a fall tree sale. Following some discussion, a motion was made by J.W. See and seconded by George Leatherman to delegate authority to John Hicks to work with the District Manager and make the final decision on the tree sale. Should cancel for spring and contact the nurseries to inquire about a fall sale – if unable to hold the trees / refund the customers. Motion carried.

CONSERVATION FARM PROGRAM: Jeremy Salyer indicated the district should postpone selecting a farm – should not make visit during this time. He will keep the Board updated on the issue.

ENVIROTHON: The Envirothon has been cancelled for April. The committee is working to hold a modified competition later in the summer. In process of locating a venue – Canaan Valley not available in June. The Envirothon committee inquired about funds provided by the District for team sponsorship – should they refund. PVCD Board was in favor of the Envirothon holding the funds as this time.

WVACD: The WVACD Quarterly Meeting for April 20-21, 2020 at Cross Lanes has been cancelled.

WATERSHED FUNDS: The interest on the watershed funds has been transferred into the District General Fund and the project funds have been allocated for watershed rehabilitation and other projects as requested by the Board.

NEW CREEK SITE#17: Correspondence received from NRCS indicating funding has been approved for the design phase of New Creek Site #17 rehabilitation project.

DISTRICT TRUCK PURCHASE: Discussion held regarding the need to purchase a newer used truck for the crew / equipment delivery. The new truck has been ordered but it will probably be delayed with all of the ongoing issues. The suggestion was made to sell other trucks and have only 2 trucks. All in agreement to investigate purchase of newer used truck. Should put on April meeting agenda for action.

Discussion on Wardensville bull sale – information received that it was going to be held online only.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm by motion of Kent Spencer. Seconded by George Leatherman. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm by **teleconference ONLY**.

Chairperson

Secretary

Date