

**ELK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DRAFT Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2020**

Supervisors Present:

Donald Burroughs
Larry Greynolds
Shirley Hyre
Rebecca Lilly (via call in)
Clark Mollohan
Mike Smalley
Ken Stowers

Supervisors Absent:

Maria Moles

Others Present: Suzie Steele, WVCA/ECD DM; Kirk Burroughs, ECD Equip./OM&R Manager; Tammy Hoover, ECD DA;
Following Via Call In: Russell Young, WVCA Cons. Spec.; Kim Fisher, WVCA Area Director; Andy Sentz, NRCS DC;
Brian Sparks, WVU Ext. Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mollohan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Ms. Hyre**.

AGENDA: **Ms. Hyre moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.**

MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2020: **Ms. Hyre moved to approve (copy attached); Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT/JUNE 2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: **Ms. Hyre reported that all accounts are in good order. Ms. Hyre moved to approve the financials and file for audit; Mr. Smalley seconded; motion passed.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS: **Ms. Hyre moved to approve the payment of bills (list provided at meeting and attached); Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.**

REPORTS

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/OM&R MANAGER: **Kirk Burroughs** reported that 4 of the 5 Salt Lick dams have been mowed. All the additional items for the Ventrac have been received. Weed wiper, lime spreaders, and seeder have been rented. Need to order a new carpet roll for the weed wiper.

DISTRICT MANAGER: **Mrs. Steele** reviewed her written report. (copy attached). She also reported on the upcoming Master Gardener class to be held virtually.

DISTRICT ASSISTANT: **Ms. Hoover** reviewed her written report. (copy attached). She also reported that the voting was done at the WVACD Quarterly Meeting for their poster, photo, and district of the year contests. Results will be disclosed at the October meeting.

WVCA CONSERVATION SPECIALIST: **Mr. Young** reported on the District's first round AgEP rankings for FY21, the compacted soils project at the Braxton County Soccer Complex, soil testing issue at the WVU lab, and reporting for the agency. The statewide AgEP committee will possibly be reviewing the lime program standards later this year.

AREA DIRECTOR: **Mrs. Fisher** reviewed the WVCA written report. (copy attached).

WVCA PERSONNEL: **Mrs. Steele** reviewed **Ms. Lyons'** written report. (copy attached).

SWA: **Ms. Hyre** reported that the Braxton recycling center has received a \$10,000.00 grant from the Solid Waste Management Board. The center's audit is complete, and no issues were found. She is also working on grant reports. **Mr. Stowers** reported that the Nicholas SWA met last evening. The transfer station is making money and they were able to rewrite their 5% loan to a 1% loan. Lawsuit with contactor is in the discovery phase.

NRCS Personnel Report: **Mr. Sentz** reported that they are working on cost share agreements and additional funds may be acquired. Their fiscal year ends September 30. They have 12 CSP applications and all should be funded. Interviews have been held for the open positions in Nicholas and Braxton counties. Should have those filled within the next 2 months. They are doing HEL spot-checks tomorrow. Their offices are operating but no public is admitted. They are visiting farms as cooperators allow.

FSA Personnel: **Mr. Sentz** asked that the board refer cooperators to the FSA office if they are needing assistance with losses pertaining to livestock because of COVID

WVU Personnel: **Mr. Sparks** thanked the district for their assistance with newsletter. There were 1350 sent out. He also thanked the district for the support of their winter dinner meetings. Extension offices are operating but limited contact and meetings are being held virtually. Their Master Gardener class was attended by over 100 individuals. There is a new 4-H

WVU Personnel (cont.):

agent, Amy Walker (native of Webster County) for Nicholas County. They helped with a kid's potato project in Nicholas County and the Summersville Rotary Club sponsored. His office assisted the Birch River Elementary High Tunnel in cooperation with their master gardeners and school staff after school cancellation because of COVID. They planted a cover crop after all was harvested. The Nicholas County Farm Safety Day is being planned and will probably be a virtual event. He reminded everyone that fall plantings can be done now as there are approximately 70 days left before the first frost should hit.

Forestry Division: Mrs. Steele reviewed the report received from Mr. King. (copy attached)

DEP: None

CD SUPERVISORS: Mr. Burroughs reported on attending the WVACD Quarterly Meeting. He inspected the weed/tree growth at the district's building in Gassaway. Spraying needs to be done and the gutters need cleaned also. He is also going to gather more information on the seeders for sale at GVCD. Mr. Greynolds reported on attending the WVACD Quarterly Meeting. He plans to attend the October meeting also. He also reported on a Brush Management field day to be held in the LKCD (Ritchie County) on August 15. Mr. Smalley reported that he has planted 5,400 strawberry plants. Ms. Hyre reported on the new WVACD officers elected. The WVACD bylaws are being reviewed and will be distributed to all supervisors. Supervisor training is being planned for the October WVACD Quarterly Meeting. WVACD meeting dates for 2021 are January 19 & 20, April 19 & 20, July 19 & 20, and October 18 & 19. The January and October meetings will be held at the Flatwoods Days Inn. The April and July meetings have been offered to CCD & EPCD, since they were unable to host those meetings in 2020 due to Covid. There will be an Envirothon meeting/picnic on August 10 at Holly Gray Park.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

AG ENHANCEMENT: None

BUILDING: None

COMMUNICATION: There is a call-in meeting tomorrow. Ms. Hoover will be participating.

EDUCATION: None

EQUIPMENT: None. A meeting does need to be held to discuss reviewing rental rates.

FINANCE: None

FORESTRY: None

GRASSLANDS: None

LEGISLATIVE: None

PROJECT: None

WATER QUALITY: None

Chairman Mollohan updated the committee appointments. (copy attached)

OLD BUSINESS

- **2020 Conservation Farms** – Mrs. Steele reported that she is waiting to hear back from a couple farmers and is working on a visitation schedule. She will send out the information as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- **ECD Annual Banquet** – Mrs. Steele reported on locations and contacts in Clay County. She will gather more information to be presented at next meeting.
- **Member at Large Nomination** – Mr. Burroughs nominated John Pitsenbarger; Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.
- **Honorary Member Nomination** – Information will be provided at next meeting
- **Muddlety Nature Trail** – Mr. Greynolds moved to recode the money in this account to the outdoor classroom account; Mr. Stowers seconded; motion passed. If a location is secured in any other county for an outdoor classroom/nature trail, grant funding will be pursued.
- **Appoint Representative to WVACD Special Legislative Committee** – Chairman Mollohan appointed Mr. Stowers.
- **OM&R Funding Agreement with BC Commission** – Mr. Smalley moved to submit the agreement to the Braxton County Commission for review and approval; Mr. Stowers seconded; motion passed.

COOPERATOR AGREEMENT

Danny Foster – Nicholas County
Joann Hughes – Nicholas County
Kevin Kniceley – Braxton County
William Lowther – Braxton County
Jarod Lyons – Nicholas County
Roger McCumbers – Braxton County
Philip & Alfreda Neil – Nicholas County
Jacob O'Dell – Nicholas County
John O'Dell – Nicholas County
George Ragland – Nicholas County
Colin Raynor – Braxton County
Nolan Reeder – Braxton County

Ms. Hyre moved to approve the cooperator agreements; Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.

AgEP APPLICATIONS

Burroughs, Brenda – Braxton County – Cover Crop - \$120.00 **Approved per state policy. (copy of approval attached)**
Campbell, Richard – Braxton County – Lime - \$1,400.00
Crawford, Larry – Nicholas County – Lime - \$630.00
Foster, Danny – Nicholas County – Lime - \$2,000.00
Foster, Danny – Nicholas County – Cover Crop - \$150.00
Foster, Danny – Nicholas County – Fencing - \$1000.00
Harper, Donna – Braxton County – Cover Crop - \$150.00
Hartley, Merle – Nicholas County – Lime - \$315.00
Herndon, Harold – Braxton County – Lime - \$860.00
Johnson, Harold M. – Braxton County – Lime - \$332.50
Keiper, Brandon (L Tyrce) – Nicholas County – Lime - \$1,512.00
Keiper, Brandon (Brookstone) – Nicholas County – Lime - \$1,837.50
Keiper, Brandon (Lynn) – Nicholas County – Lime - \$306.25
Keiper, Brandon – Nicholas County – Fence - \$1,000.00
Keiper, Brandon – Nicholas County – Fence - \$1,000.00
Keiper, Brandon – Nicholas County – Fence - \$1,000.00
Kniceley, Kevin (PUSH) – Braxton County – Lime - \$875.00
Lowther, William – Braxton County – Lime - \$235.08
Lyons, Jarod – Nicholas County – Lime - \$815.50
McCumbers, Roger – Braxton County – Lime - \$735.00
Mullens, Ben – Nicholas County – Lime - \$2,000.00
Neil, Philip or Alfreda – Nicholas County – Lime - \$420.00
O'Dell, Jacob – Nicholas County – Lime - \$1,085.00
O'Dell, John – Nicholas County – Lime - \$1,750.00
Perry, Justin – Nicholas County – Lime - \$731.50
Ragland, George – Nicholas County – Lime - \$2,000.00
Raynor, Colin – Braxton County – Lime - \$466.55
Reeder, Nolan – Braxton County – Lime - \$1,750.00
Salisbury, Jerry – Clay County – Fence - \$1,000.00
Singleton, Johnny – Braxton County – Cover Crop - \$150.00
Singleton, Johnny – Braxton County – Fence - \$1,000.00
Smarr, Brian (Nettles) – Braxton County – Lime - \$840.00
Smarr, Brian (Minnie's) – Braxton County – Lime - \$490.00
Smith, Charles – Braxton County – Lime - \$876.40
Smith, Charles – Braxton County – Cover Crop - \$150.00
Stalnaker, Charles – Nicholas County – Lime - \$682.50
Underwood, John – Nicholas County – Lime - \$364.00
Williams, Boyd – Clay County – Lime - \$1,837.50

Ms. Hyre moved to approve the applications as submitted with the fence applications approved pending final rankings; Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.

DATES TO REMEMBER: (OFFICE CLOSED/ECD MEETINGS)

Aug 10	Envirothon meeting/picnic at Holly Gray Park
Aug 11	ECD Executive Committee Meeting - 10 AM
Aug 25	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Sep 7	ECD Office Closed - Labor Day
Sep 8	ECD Executive Committee Meeting - 10 AM
Sep 22	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Oct 12	ECD Office Closed - Labor Day
Oct 13	ECD Executive Committee Meeting - 10 AM
Oct 19-20	WVACD Quarterly Meeting @ Flatwoods Days Hotel
Oct 27	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Nov 3	ECD Office Closed - Election Day
Nov 11	ECD Office Closed - Veterans' Day
Nov 17	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Nov 26-27	ECD Office Closed - Thanksgiving
Dec 15	ECD Board Meeting - 10 AM
Dec 24-25	ECD Office Closed - Christmas
Dec 31-Jan 1	ECD Office Closed - New Years

Being no further business to attend to and on motion by Mr. Burroughs; seconded by Mr. Stowers; Chairman Mollohan declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.