

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on October 26, 2020, commencing at 9:00 am at the District Office and via skype. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Tenney.

Supervisors Present: James Dean, Jim Nester, Doug Bush, Joe Shaffer, Donald Adams

Supervisors Via Skype: Joe Gumm, Teresa Gerard, Tom Short

WVCA Via Skype: Candice Stone, Jeremy Salyer, Cindy Shreve

TVCD Present: Terrie Hedrick

NRCS Present: Jared Nestor, Robert Shomo

Mr. Shaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: Mr. Jerry Righman requested to speak to the group about AgEP deadlines and invasive species program. He was not happy with the deadlines due the time of year everything must be completed by.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

September 14, 2020 Minutes; **Mr. Bush moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

October 26, 2020 Agenda: **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

Treasurer Report: Ms. Hedrick reported there is enough money to cover payroll and bills for this pay period. There is roughly \$30,000.00 in outstanding invoices to be paid to the district. Mary Goldsborough paid her bill there was an issue with the address we had on file. She still owes \$548.00 from court fees. **Mr. Nester moved not to pursue the \$548.00 payment however if she requested more work in the future this must be paid in advance; seconded by Mr. Dean; motion carried. Mr. Shaffer moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.**

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Mr. Nestor reported the crew had completed mowing at the National Cemetery in Grafton. He also stated the crew had been working hard to complete several other jobs and there is a lot of work coming up to keep them busy for the winter season.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Mr. Salyer reviewed his written report (copy attached). He stated that the AgEP State Committee will meet on December 4 via skype. The District Managers title has been changed to Administrative Specialist. Ms. Shreve reported that Mr. Shomo has taken another job and the position is to be posted and hopefully filled by January 1, 2021.

NRCS: Mr. Nester reported that Mr. Shomo has filled a vacancy in their office and Mr. Wilsoncroft is now working in the Weston Office. The building renovations still need to be completed. The NRCS staff will move the files and will need a few days notice to do so. The crew will move all furniture to complete the job.

WesMonTy RC&D: Chestnut Tree Project and Deer Fencing Project are well under way.

Old Business:

Committee Reports:

Building/Budget/Finance Committee:

- Meeting will be held on November 5th @ 10am via skype and at the office

Equipment/Safety Committee:

- Mr. Nester reported he had a safety meeting with the crew this morning. Also the Powertrac breakdown is still under warranty.

Education Committee:

- Mr. Bush reported the Charm Farm was the district winner.

Grassland/AgEP Committee:

- Committee Meeting will be held on November 5th @ 9:30am via skype and the office
- **Mr. Dean moved to approve the following Conservation Agreements John G. Haddix, John A Haddix and Leonard Lucas-Taylor County, Jason Wolfe-Barbour County; seconded by Mr. Shaffer; motion carried.**

Legislative Committee:

- Banquet for 2020 cancelled

WVACD Directors Report: Mr. Nester reported that the auction went well. They raised \$5,100.00 which was exceptional for everything happening with COVID. He also mentioned there are going to be poultry little houses going in around Mt. Storm in Tucker County and hopes this will give us an opportunity at more CBay Funding. Mr. Tenney stated the next meeting is in Flatwood in January.

New Business:

LOR: #12502 CD Employee Reimbursement \$9,263.64 **Mr. Shaffer moved to approve LOR #12502 CD Employee Reimbursement \$9,263.64; seconded by Mr. Short; motion carried.**

Elkwater Emergency Action Plan: Mr. Nester moved to approve the Elkwater Emergency Action Plan; seconded by Mr. Bush; motion carried

Upshur County Flood Dam and Control Plan: Mr. Adams moved to approve the Upshur County Flood Dam and Control Plan; seconded by Mr. Nester; motion carried.

December Board Meeting: Mr. Shaffer is checking to see if we can have it at the church in Taylor County

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Tenney declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA District Manager/ASA 3