

Little Kanawha Conservation District

Board of Supervisors Meeting
January 14, 2021, 10:00 AM
Call in Meeting Only

Minutes

Attending were:

* Supervisors Attending ♦ Supervisors by Conference Call

- ♦ Ed Martin, Ritchie County
- ♦ Bob Buchanan, Wood County
- ♦ Jeff McElfresh, Wood County
- ♦ Mike Nichols, Ritchie County
- ♦ Sam Sheets, Roane County
- ♦ Russell Wade, Roane County
- ♦ Roger Shaver, Wirt County
- ♦ Roseann Adams, Wirt County
- ♦ Dale Cunningham, Calhoun County
- ♦ David Cain, Calhoun County

Others attending or ♦ Others by Conference Call:

- ♦ Sierra Cox, Roane County Associate Supervisor
- ♦ Wayne McKeever, Supervisor Upper Ohio CD
- ♦ Kim Fisher, WVCA
- ♦ Mikayla Hayes, NRCS
- ♦ DJ Allen, LK RC&D
- ♦ Jessica Nichols, WVCA

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

- Bob Buchanan called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.
- Dispensed with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance for this meeting.

Introduction of Visitors – Their reports and concerns
None today.

District Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the November 2020 minutes as presented was made by Roger Shaver and second by Russell Wade. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Reported Items – District meeting packet pages 1-11 & 11A-11N

- Audit - \$2,900 for one year or \$2,800 per year for a two-year commitment.
Dale Cunningham moved to accept a two-year contract. Second by Roger Shaver. Majority approved. Motion carried.

Approval of Cooperators

Agreements – None

Terminations – None

Correspondence – Action Items – None currently.

Report of Agencies and Others

LKCD District Supervisors Report

No current report.

LKCD Associate Supervisors Report

No current report.

Field Staff Report, NRCS, District, Jason Crislip

Bob Buchanan reported that most staff are currently working from home.

Field Staff Report, Forestry

No current report.

Field Staff Report, WVCA

District meeting packet pages 12-12B. Please call with questions.

FSA

Monthly newsletters forwarded by email to supervisors using an email service.

WV DNR Report –

No current report.

LK RC&D Report

- DJ Allen reported the mini grant program is underway.
 - Applications are available.
 - For projects in land and water conservation as well as land management.
 - Awards increased to up to \$1500.00.
 - March the 11th at 4 p.m. is the deadline.
- Working on crop grant at project sharing.
- Planning for community gardens at the location.
- Project Sharing is open Wednesday's still.

Solid Waste Authority Report

- Mike Nichols reported that the Ritchie County Solid Waste building burnt. The building has been taken down and the site is looking good, but they are not sure where to rebuild. There is a Meeting tonight. Discussed difficulties caused by loss of equipment.

- Russell Wade reported that he attended a meeting Monday. He would like to have some advice regarding solid waste.
- Bob Buchanan stated the Wood County director has retired but will assist Andy Hartleven in his new position as director.

WVU Extension – District meeting packet pages 19-20
 Report sent regarding the Webinar series offered.

Special Items of Interest

Emergency Watershed Program/Stream Protection & Restoration Program
 Nothing currently.

North Fork Hughes River Updates & Issues

- Debris Removal Update –
 - Bob Buchanan discussed conversation with Potesta and NRCS. The information has been sent to NRCS and they will find and review the information. Bob Buchanan will forward the message he received from Andy Deichert.
 - Discussed the engineering cost for the project but only guesses were offered. Specifics would have to be researched.
 - It is possible that this project will be underway in 2021.
- Gas Well Update – Bob Buchanan reported that he signed the contract. Copy in the office.
- Mussel Study –
 - Study completed. There are no more studies required.
 - The report has been received and a copy is filed at the office.

NACD Annual Meeting

- Wayne McKeever discussed the details of the meeting.
- The cost is only \$50 and there are to be good quality speakers.
- It is the first week in February. There are no limits for people being able to call in.
- There is a possibility of scholarships being offered. More information will be coming soon.
- Sam Sheets talked about his virtual attendance of a meeting last year.

LKCD 2021 Meeting Dates

Feb 9 – This will be offered as an in-person meeting either at the office or Mountwood Park.
 March 9
 April 15
 May 11
 June 8
 July 15
 August 10
 September 14
 October 14

November 9

December 14

These meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will offer call in opportunities. In person meetings will be dependent on COVID.

Promotional Items – Pens

Motion to purchase 200 at 99 cents per pen was made by Roger Shaver. Second by Roseann Adams. Majority approved. Motion carried.

District Post Office Box

Bob Buchanan discussed the need for a post office box at the post office location off Dudley Avenue. *Roseann Adams made a motion to rent a medium size post office box. Second by Russell Wade. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

Local, National & State Meeting Report

Local, National or State Meeting Report

Bob Buchanan attended the SCC meeting. Discussed a new pilot program for invasive species and weeds.

WV Envirothon Committee

- Wayne McKeever discussed the virtual contest that will be held on April 15th and 16th.
 - Individual test is timed.
 - Location of the test is to be monitored by supervisors and must have access to the internet.
 - \$17,000 in scholarship awards.
 - Cost is only \$50.00.
- Registration deadline is March 15th.
- All new information is added to their website or Facebook page.
- It is felt that the virtual contest will allow for teams to compete that haven't been able to travel to the site for the contest in the past.
- Bob Buchanan asked about reaching out to the schools. Bob Buchanan will write a letter to the advisors in our District.
- The process for the oral portion of the competition was discussed.
- Wayne McKeever will send the information for school and FFA contacts to Bob Buchanan.

Appalachian Grazing Conference Committee

Still scheduled to go in 2021

Grazing Land Committee

- The Beef Expo is still planned for this spring, but changes could occur due to COVID.
- They are in discussion on a new site for the 2021 state field day.

Communications Committee

We need to update the District Supervisor directory. Need head shots of each supervisor.

Active District Committee Reports

Equipment Committee

- Nothing is broken and everything is running smoothly.
- The new online scheduling for equipment is working well.

LKCD Jr. Envirothon Committee

- A committee meeting will be set for February 9th following the board meeting.
- Roseann Adams has information that she will send to Jessica Nichols.

Ag Enhancement Committee – District meeting packet pages 13-17F

- AgEP Payments
 - Eddie Ross – Invasive Species - \$625.00
 - Brian Rawson – Invasive Species - \$625.00
 - Tony McVey – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - Adam Linkinoggor – Exclusion Fence - \$2,877.00
 - Robert Delancy - Lime - \$868.56
 - Danny Law – Lime - \$820.18
 - James Minney – Heavy Use Area - \$2,000.00
 - Larry Gardner – Heavy Use Area - \$2,000.00
 - Ryan Badgett - Lime - \$1,848.70
 - Thomas Badgett - Lime - \$1,247.40
 - T Dale Cunningham – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - David Kemp – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - Stephen Full – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - David Kemp – Invasive Species - \$625.00
 - Stephen Full - Lime - \$2,244.00
 - Brian Fields - Lime - \$2,343.11
 - Chad Ward – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - James Ross - Lime - \$926.28
 - James Westfall – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - Jason Shamblin – Water System - \$2,600.00
 - John Alt – Pasture Division Fence - \$1,800.00
 - Mary Jackman – Heavy Use Area – \$2,000.00
 - Philip Sims – Lime - \$970.02
 - James Westfall - Lime - \$918.00
 - John Alt – Water System - \$1,900.00

Motion to approve payments as listed was made by Sam Sheets and second by Dale Cunningham. Majority approved. Motion carried.

- AgEP Cancellations
 - Brian Stump – Heavy Use Area - \$2,000.00
 - Brian Stump – Invasive Species - \$225.00
 - Crystal Wheeler – Pasture Division Fence - \$3,000.00

- Angela Smith – Heavy Use Area - \$2,000.00
- Gary Harold – Water Development - \$4,500.00

Timing of completion was not working in their schedule. Total \$11,725. *Sam Sheets moved to table the cancellations till they can be offered an extension. Second by Dale Cunningham. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

- AgEP Discussions
 - Carlos Hively - Lime & Invasive Species
 - Delno Hayhurst - Lime
 - Michael Sutton – Exclusion Fence
 - Andrew Corkrean - Heavy Use & Invasive Species
 - Gabriele Fincham - Water Development
 - Roger Garrett - Water Development
 - Samantha Villers-Water Development

Total \$18,446.84. Sam Sheets discussed the amount of payments to date. *Sam Sheets made a motion to approve the extension for those listed to May 15th. Second by David Cain. Majority approved. Motion carried.*

- Selection of additional applications for contract development
Not needed.
- AgEP Potential Practice – Bees/Pollinators
Sam Sheets talked about this at the state committee meeting. There was some interest. There needs to be a better write up and ranking sheet by the end of January. Dale Cunningham and Sam Sheets will be working on this.
- State AgEP Committee is looking at a new way to allocate the funds. Also, any left over at the end of the year will be kept back out of the new funds to be reallocated as a second disbursement.
- The report that Sam Sheets sent out will be added as an appendix to the minutes.

Budget Committee
Nothing currently.

Pollinators Committee
Lisa Delaney from FSA will be assisting Sam Sheets and Dale Cunningham in the write up for AgEP.

District Manager, Jessica Nichols

How do we handle items going on the agenda? Bob Buchanan reported that he looks to see if they are in order. Sam Sheets would like to have the agenda and minutes a little earlier. Agenda items will now be closed one week before meetings to allow for review by supervisors. Any corrections will need to be submitted 5 days prior to the meeting.

WVCA Report, Kim Fisher

Audit due to Guthrie office by February or March. See packet information. Please call if you have questions later. Report on District meeting packet pages 18-18A.

Closing Activities

Calendar of Events

January 18th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office Closed

February 8th – Board Meeting – Mountwood Park or District Office– 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Roseann Adams, LKCD Secretary and Jessica Nichols, Recorder.

Bob Buchanan, LKCD Chairman

Roseann Adams, LKCD Secretary

Date approved: _____

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