

**ELK CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2021**

Supervisors Present:

Donald Burroughs
Larry Greynolds
Shirley Hyre
Clark Mollohan
Mike Smalley
Ken Stowers

Supervisors Absent:

Maria Moles

Others Present: Suzie Steele, WVCA/ECD Administrative Specialist; Allison Given-Nettles, ECD Program Support Specialist Kirk Burroughs, ECD Equip./OM&R Manager; Linda Brown, ECD Associate Supervisor/Braxton County
Via Call In: Russell Young, WVCA/ECD Conservation Specialist; Judith Lyons; WVCA Watershed Program Manager South; Johnny King, WVDOF; Dennis Burns; WVCA/GVCD Conservation Specialist; Levi Cyphers, WVCA Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman **Mollohan** called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 JAN. 26, 2021: Ms. Hyre moved to approve (copy attached); Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT/JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Ms. Hyre reported that all accounts are in good order. Ms. Hyre moved to approve the financials and file for audit; Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed. Mrs. Steele reported on the balance in the supervisor support account.

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

REPORTS

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT/OM&R MANAGER: Kirk Burroughs reported all is in good order. Repairs to the seeder have been completed. He is completing maintenance on the other pieces of equipment. The lime spreader for Nicholas County should be ready to go back next week.

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST: Mrs. Steele reviewed her written report. (copy attached)

ECD PROGRAM SUPPORT SPECIALIST: Ms. Given-Nettles reviewed her written report. (copy attached)

WVCA CONSERVATION SPECIALIST: Mr. Young presented his written report (copy attached). He also reported that a statewide AgEP report will be coming soon and the productivity of the program through COVID will be addressed. He will be attending an AgEP staff meeting today. There will be an AgEP allocation meeting next week.

AgEP APPLICATIONS

Division Fence	Name	Rank	Cost	Feet
\$3,000.00	Lawrence Bailes	35	\$1,000.00	1000
	Eugene Rapp	40	\$1,000.00	1000
Wood Exc. Fence	Name	Rank	Cost	Feet
\$2,000.00	Steve Lynch	80	\$1,000.00	1000
	Donald Hamrick	80	\$1,000.00	1000
Water Exc. Fence	Name	Rank	Cost	Feet
\$1,000.00	Steve Miller	80	\$1,000.00	1000
Nutrient Management	Name	Rank	Cost	Acres
\$35,420.05	Romano Giovanni	100	\$1,902.58	29
	James Hanna	95	\$2,000.00	50
	Lawrence Shaver	94	\$587.40	15
	Lawrence Bailes	92	\$2,000.00	38.42
	Randy Tucker	91	\$2,000.00	50
	James Jenkins	91	\$1,824.89	39.8
	Bradley Dennison	91	\$893.11	20.43
	Jim Cox	90	\$2,000.00	44
	Joe Bell	83	\$2,000.00	50
	John Underwood	77	\$1,362.98	25.49

Nutrient Management	Name	Rank	Cost	Acres
	Joanne Hughes	76	\$1,649.95	30
	Tim Bailes	75	\$1,652.52	50
	Sherry Thomas	75	\$1,422.32	35
	Nolan Reeder	69	\$2,000.00	50
	Reginald Lanagan	63	\$281.92	8
	Charles Smith	61	\$1,443.70	25
	Dean Hanshaw	61	\$909.74	27
	Eugene Rapp	56	\$809.69	20
	Stanley Odell	55	\$2,000.00	50
	Kathryn Boggs	55	\$163.97	20
	Carl Johnson	50	\$1,318.93	50
	Steve Miller	50	\$1,278.75	50
	John Odell	45	\$1,655.97	47
	Roger McCumbers	41	\$1,110.07	21
	Mike Nuckles	15	\$1,151.56	28

Mr. Stowers moved to approve the applications; Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed

WVCA DISTRICT OPERATIONS MANAGER WEST: **Mrs. Steele** reviewed the WVCA written report. (copy attached)

WVCA PERSONNEL: **Ms. Lyons** reviewed her written report (copy attached). **Mr. Cyphers** presented information on the boring plans at Salt Lick Site 8. He presented and discussed the piezometer construction and performance. A final report on the findings and plan for addressing the seeping will be presented to the board later. **Mr. Burns** answered questions and discussed the AgEP Pilot Pasture Weed Management Program. After discussion, **Mr. Greynolds moved to approve district participation in the pilot program; Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed with Mr. Smalley voting no.**

SWA: **Mr. Stowers** reported all is running well with the Nicholas County site. **Ms. Hyre** reported she has been preparing grant reports. The Braxton County recycling center has been very busy.

NRCS Personnel Report: **Ms. Steele** reported that Mr. Sentz had contacted her about holding a local work group meeting following their next board meeting. The board agreed via consensus. The LWG meeting will be at 1:30 pm on March 23.

FSA Personnel: None

WVU Personnel: None

Forestry Division: **Mr. King** reported that fire season will begin March 1 and run through May. Farmers can apply for an agricultural burn permit at no cost. He has been working on programs with the NRCS and on logging jobs.

DEP: None

CD SUPERVISORS: **Ms. Hyre** reminded everyone of the Envirothon competition registration deadline of March 15. The competition will be held virtually this year. Training modules are online. There should be a teacher's training in March. The WVACD now has their own website. The next WVACD quarterly meeting will be held at Stonewall Resort in April. She participated in some of the virtual NACD annual meeting. Joe Gumm was presented with a distinguished service award. She discussed district quarterly reports and inviting the NRCS State Conservationist to a district meeting. **Mrs. Brown** reminded supervisors to ask people to join their local Farm Bureaus as membership has declined.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS:

AG ENHANCEMENT: **Mr. Burroughs** reported there will be a statewide meeting held on March 2 at 9 am.

BUILDING: None

COMMUNICATION: None

EDUCATION: None

EQUIPMENT: None

FINANCE: A meeting will be held in conjunction with the executive committee meeting on March 9 to discuss the FY22 budgets.

FORESTRY: None

GRASSLANDS: None

LEGISLATIVE: None

PERSONNEL: Policy and Plan of Work are still being reviewed. These will be discussed further at the committee meetings on March 9.

PROJECT: None

WATER QUALITY: None

OLD BUSINESS

- **WVCA Spring Seed Giveaway** – Per delegation of authority to the executive committee, the district will support this program by collecting the seed packets created from the WVCA and be responsible for the distribution of the packets. **Ms. Hyre moved to accept the action by the executive committee; Mr. Stowers seconded; motion passed.**

NEW BUSINESS & CORRESPONDENCE

- **ECD Personnel Plan** – Ms. Hyre moved to approve the plan as presented (copy attached); Mr. Greynolds seconded; motion passed.
- **LOR 12550 – AgEP Demo/Pasture Weed Management- \$32,000.00** – Ms. Hyre moved to approve submission of the LOR; Mr. Burroughs seconded; motion passed with Mr. Smalley voting no.

DEP

Southeastern Land, LLC – Renewal 2, Permit U201310 – Grant District, Nicholas County
Quinwood Coal Company, LLC – Amendment 1, Permit S300718 – Wilderness District, Nicholas County
Lexington Coal Company, LLC – Renewal 5, Permit O301286 – Summersville District, Nicholas County

NO COMMENTS

DATES TO REMEMBER: (OFFICE CLOSED/ECD MEETING)

Feb 24	WVCA Watershed Meeting – 10 AM
Mar 3	Envirothon Meeting – 10 AM
Mar 9	ECD Executive Committee Meeting – 10 AM
Mar 23	ECD Board Meeting – 10 AM with NRCS Local Work Group Meeting to follow
Mar 31-Apr 2	Tree & Plant Sale Delivery
Apr 7	Envirothon Meeting – 10 AM
Apr 13	ECD Executive Meeting – 10 AM
Apr 15-16	Virtual Envirothon
Apr 19-20	WVACD Quarterly Meeting @ Stonewall Resort
Apr 27	ECD Board Meeting – 10 AM
May 5	Envirothon Meeting – 10 AM
May 11	ECD Executive Committee Meeting – 10 AM
May 25	ECD Board Meeting – 10 AM
May 31	ECD Office CLOSED – Memorial Day
Jun 2	Envirothon Meeting – 10 AM
Jun 8	ECD Executive Committee Meeting – 10 AM
Jun 21	ECD Office CLOSED – WV Day Observed
Jun 22	ECD Board Meeting – 10 AM
Jul 19-20	WVACD Quarterly Meeting @ CCD
Oct 18-19	WVACD Quarterly Meeting @ Flatwoods Days Inn

Being no further business to attend to Chairman Mollohan declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 PM.