

The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on April 12, 2021, commencing at 9:00 am at Philippi District Office and via skype. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donnie Tenney.

Supervisors Present: James Dean, Doug Bush, Donald Adams, Joe Gumm, Teresa Gerard, Joe Shaffer late 10:11am, and Tom Short late 10:13, Jim Nester (via skype executive session only)

WVCA: Candice Stone, Jared Varner, Jeremy Salyer (via skype)

TVCD Present: Terrie Hedrick, Dan Elliott

NRCS: Robbie Shomo

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

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

March 8, 2021 Minutes; **Gumm moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Adams; motion carried.**

April 12, 2021 Agenda: **Gumm moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Adams; motion carried.**

Treasurer Report. Harrison County has been billed and we are waiting on payment to come in. The credit card bill was paid, and other bills are still being held until money comes in. A reimbursement of CDO funds for \$8,066.00 will be done today to cover payroll. **Bush moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Adams; motion carried.**

Office Manager: Hedrick reported she has been renting the equipment and taking orders for Chestnut Trees.

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Elliott reported they will be starting the Hamner job in Buckhannon tomorrow and Malcom fencing started last week. Tenney has been helping Elliott due to being off for back surgery. Ponds will have to wait until July or August to be completed. Shomo told Elliott to hold off on Winslow's water system until they hear from NRCS. Elliott turned in his mileage and invoice and title for boat. Elliott left after his report was completed.

Administrative Specialist: Stone reminded the board she is still covering Morgantown office and has been working on getting paperwork ready for sign-ups. Stone is still working on getting the reimbursement for the NRCS grant share employee.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Salyer report attached. State Fair sign ups can be done now. State Committee meets tomorrow.

Varner reported he has been working on Poultry Litter Applications and going out with Heavner on field visits. He also mentioned that the new allocation AgEP formula did pass.

NRCS: Shomo reported they are open back up to visitors again by appointment only. Renovations are still not completed. If you sign up now you could be waiting until March to get your approval.

WesMonTy RC&D: Tenney reported on the Chestnut Tree Program. Gumm said the Annual Meeting in October that RC&D members need to attend.

Old Business:

Hybrid Chestnut Tree Program: Tenney mentioned planting a few of the extra trees along the parking lot in front of the office. Trees will come to the Philippi office and West Fork and Mon Offices will come here to pick them up. Shaffer will need a few trees for Taylor County. **Gumm moved to purchase extra trees if needed; seconded by Bush; motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Education Committee:

- Bush asked for his article to be put on Facebook each month.
- Photo Contest for District

Legislative Committee:

- Gumm stated you need to talk to your representatives and give them some information about what is going on in your county and district.

Grassland/AgEP Committee:

- AgEP Payments
 - Donald Haller – Nutrient Management - \$891.00
 - Greg Tucker – Lime - \$294.27
 - Barbara Wolfe – Heavy Use Area- \$1,000.00

Dean moved to approve payments as presented; seconded by Bush; motion carried.

- Poultry Litter Application Approvals
 - Frank White – 100 tons - \$2,000.00
 - Gene Hovatter – 100 tons - \$2,000.00
 - Jeremy Hile – 100 tons - \$2,000.00
 - Evan Workman – 100 tons - \$2,000.00
 - Tim Mayle – 50 tons - \$1,000.00
 - Michael Morris – 26.02 tons - \$520.40
 - Kenneth Mayle – 25 tons - \$500.00

Dean moved to approve the Poultry Litter Applications as presented; seconded by Bush; motion carried.

WVCAD Directors Report: Tenney reminded board members the April Quarterly meeting is next week on April 19 and 20 at Stonewall Jackson Resort and the executive committee meets on Sunday April 18 in the evening.

Personnel Committee: Bush moved to go into executive session per WV state code 6-9A-4a to review TVCD Employee; Short seconded; motion carried. Board went into executive session at 10:22 am. Short moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 11:57am; Shaffer seconded; motion passed. After much discussion, the based-on recommendations by the board the following decision was made. **Dean moved to terminate Daniel Elliott Conservation Technician employment immediately; seconded by Bush; motion carried.** Tenney advised the way it was listed on the agenda that according to open meetings law no one should have been fired.

New Business:

AgEP Administrative Agreement FY22: Dean moved to approve the AgEP Administrative Agreement as presented; seconded by Short; motion carried.

Loan Consolidation: BCB Bank Loan Consolidation of loan #27795, 27796 and 28581 for 20 years at 3.25% interest using the building as collateral. The new loan will total \$200,000.00 BC Bank loan #23660 will be refinance at a lower interest rate of 2.5%. **Dean moved to consolidate the 3 loans and use the building as collateral for 20 years at 3.25% interest and refinance loan #23660 at 2.5% interest; seconded by Bush; motion carried.**

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

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA Administrative Specialist