

The **Tygart's Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on July 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: Donald Adams, Jim Nester, Joe Shaffer, Joe Gumm, James Dean, Doug Bush, Tom Short, Teresa Gerrard (via skype)

WVCA: Candice Stone, Jeremy Salyer (via skype), Chris Ellison (via skype)

TVCD Present: Terrie Hedrick, David Cook

NRCS: Jared Nestor

WVDOF: Rudy Williams

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

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

June 22,2021 Special Meeting Minutes; **Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Gumm; motion carried.**

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

Treasurer Report. Dean reported on the finances said money is still tight, but we do have enough to make payroll and pay the bills for the next 2 weeks. Parsons and Carder bills have been sent and Nichol's bill has been paid. The tractor has been sold and paid for, but check has not been deposited into the account yet.

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Cook report that the Davis job is probably going to need to be refunded he is looking into getting a contractor to do the work. Gerrard farm he went and looked at it and feels that we can only do the cosmetic work. Gerrard requested that Cook speak with Mr. Gerrard regarding the matter. Parsons is well underway however, some of the work will be put on hold to be finished during the winter months.

Administrative Specialist: Stone reported she has finished up the end year AgEP database and is getting files ready for FY22.

Report of Officers and Agencies:

WVCA: Salyer report attached. He informed the board that WVCA staff will be returning to the offices full time beginning September 7th.

NRCS: Nestor reported the new Soil Conservationist will begin her duties on Monday July 19th and will be in the Philippi Office. He also mentioned if we are going to continue with the NRCS shared employee the extension request needs to be completed ASAP.

WVDOF: Williams stated that State Nursery is being shut down and all the trees are being given away.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee met and nominated Tenney-Chairman, Bush-Vice Chairman and Dean-Treasurer. **Bush moved to accept the nominating committees nominees; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.**

NRCS Lease: Building committee will meet on Thursday July 22 @ 10:30 am

NRCS Shared Employee: Personnel committee will meet on Wednesday July 13 @ 1:30 pm

Committee Reports:

Personnel Committee: Bush moved to go into executive session per WV state code 6-9A-4a to review; Short seconded; motion carried. Board went into executive session at 11:32 am. Short moved to reconvene the regular meeting at 12:25pm; Bush seconded; motion passed

Education Committee: Bush said he is scheduling farm tours for August.

Legislative Committee: Gumm reminded the board of the Legislative Dinner usually held in October need to start planning. It will be held in Barbour County this year.

WVCAD Directors Report: next meeting July 19-20. Joe Gumm will be proxy for Jim Nester for the July meeting.

New Business:

Road Tractor Purchase: Cook requested that a board member go with him when they go to look at the road tractor to purchase it. Salyer advised that they have at least 3 written or verbal bids to follow purchasing guidelines.

Pick Up Repair/Purchase: Truck should be done by the end of the week. Repair bill could be high. Will wait on the purchase of a new truck at this time.

Brush Hog at PBHS: Pond in front of Philip Barbour High School is needing brush cleared from around it. The school board is concerned about student's safety, project will need to be completed before school resumes on August 18th. Short moved to allow the crew to do the work for free with a sign being put up stating the work was done by Tygarts Valley; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Powertrac Sale: Powertrac was purchased 2 years ago and is no longer needed. Nester moved to sale with Powertrac with a minimum bid of \$35,000.00 with it being offered to the districts before the public; seconded by Short; motion carried.

Weed crimper Sale: Need to check with RC&D to see who purchased the weed crimper.

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Tenney declared the meeting adjourned. Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone – WVCA Administrative Specialist
