

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2019

I. Call to order

Chairman Mark Myers called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:33 a.m.** on, **April 4, 2019**, at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV. led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Chairman Mark Myers introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Mark Myers, Ed Utterback, Jean Conley, Jim McDonald, Art Mouser and Richard Abel-video. Others present were: Stevie Bayles, Gary Walls, Lisa Delaney (FSA), Roger Poling (FSA), H.R. Scott (Extension), Bill Shockey (Extension), Amy Cosco (DM), Dustin Adkins (NRCS), Caleb Smith (WVCA), Chris Evans (WVDoF), Gene Saurborn (WVCA), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA), Penny Hott (WVCA- video). **Excused:**

III. Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Rick Abel moved to approve the March 5, 2019 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Rick Abel moved to strike sentence about the Preston Co PSD being removed from the MOU. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of financial statements

a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements-* *Art Mouser moved to approve the March 2019 credit card statement and receipts. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*

b) *General/CDO financial statements-* *Jean Conley moved to approve the March 2019 General/CDO financial statements. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*

c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements-* *Jean Conley moved to approve the March 2019 Co-Administered Funds and Financial Statements. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.*

- V. Visitors Comments** – Stevie reported she has a request from a group out of Bruceton Mills called Prodigy Internet. She would like this placed on the agenda for May as a letter of support from the board as a whole. They are requesting a letter of support for their grant writing for providing more availability of internet to farmers and they would also like to expand further into rural farming areas.

Gary Walls reported a number of cooperators are unhappy with the quality of Greer lime and they would like the board to consider adjusting their cost-share rate for the high-mag lime out of Germany Valley and/or York Pa.

VI. Cooperating Agencies

WV Division of Forestry- Chris reported everything is running well. There haven't been any major fires, just a few small ones. Burning season is March 1st through May 31st.

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Watershed Division

Upper Buffalo Watershed- Gene and Jim reported they did have a meeting with Brian Farkas and the Marion County Commission. The Commission still had issues with the remainder of the money from Consol, which will be zeroed out this year. There is a lot of work that needs done on the channel.

Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1 Rehab Contract and Project- Upper Deckers Creek Site 1

Dustin has Dave Sweeny, an area engineer, out to check the dams.

Jeremy reported on the OM&R work for both Upper Buffalo and Upper Deckers Watershed. He has a phone call on Friday to further solidify the plan.

Gene reported an additional 10% was asked from the Preston County Commission making their total allocation \$3,300.00 if they continue to support the OM&R as they always have.

Gene reported the end of winter shut-down as March 31st. Triton is drilling down into the sand layer, so they can continue to dewater. The test section for RCC is next Wednesday. In the negotiations the District agreed to pay for stored materials. Gene and Hilary are working on the modification. Art reported the site looks better than it ever has. Gene and Art met with the PSD. They are working on the mitigation aspect. There has been movement on the easements and Gene hopes to have that done soon. The District will more than likely be holding the easements and not the PSD.

EWP and SSRP- Jeremy reported Senate Bill 655 passed so there can now be a grant program for the SSRP work. They have assembled a committee, Rick Abel is a member, and they will update the board as things move along.

Conservation Technician- there will be an AgEP Committee Meeting on April 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Discussion was held on the cost of the high mag lime from some of the other suppliers.

AgEP- Josh White- HUAP- 2,500 sq ft- \$3,375.00, Scott White- HUAP- 1,912 sq ft- \$2,581.20, Elizabeth Foley- HUAP- \$3,375.00, Spring Development- \$1,200.00

Rick Abel moved to approve the above listed AgEP payments. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

Jeremy reported there is a reseeding program in the works and there will be more information after State Committee meets this month.

WVU Extension

-Bill Shockey- report provided.

-H.R. Scott- report provided.

-Samantha Cogle- no report.

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NRCS- Dustin is in the middle of obligating contracts. There are about 20 pre-approvals in round two. They have picked up the Forestry Service Plan.

FSA- Roger provided a report.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report.

Marion County SWA- Jim reported the Governor vetoed the recap bill. They did get the tire truck back and they are accepting tires again. Nine Dragon paper mill wants all the paper bailed. Joe Gumm has offered to take the bailed paper to them since he has tractor trailers that can be used. Nine Dragon wants to take 45 days to pay Marion Co SWA. Jim thinks they will have to get their own tractor trailer. The County Commission has approached them to purchase land for the new site for the Marion County Humane Society. They are going to present a site at their next meeting for discussion.

Preston County SWA- no report.

District Manager Update-Audit LOR \$4,800.00- Amy reported the corner building really needs repaired. The gutter is broke and some of the soffit and fascia has come down from the high wind storms. The rain barrel demonstration is coming right along, and all materials have been delivered. The promotional items for the District have arrived. Amy presented those items to the board, all were satisfied.

Amy asked the board to approve the LOR for \$4,800.00 for the FY18 audit so she can process it between board meetings.

Ed Utterback moved to approve and send the LOR for the Audit in the amount of \$4,800.00 when Amy receives the bill. Seconded by Jim McDonald. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- Jeremy provided his report.

VII. Invoices

Bookwise Business Service March 2019 - \$300.00

Rick Abel moved to approve the invoice for Bookwise Business Service's accounting services in the amount of \$300.00. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

VIII. Approval of Supervisor Travel and Per Diem Claims

Art Mouser-\$827.68 Jean Conley- \$605.41 Richard Abel- \$0 Ed Utterback-\$642.76-February \$833.25-March Mark Myers- \$0 Jim McDonald- \$225.62

Jean Conley moved to pay the above listed travel and per diem claims. Seconded by Rick Abel. Motion carried.

IX. New Business

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Engineering RFQ- Discussion was held. Mark selected Gene Saurborn, Caleb Smith, Jean Conley, Ed Utterback, and Jim McDonald to serve on a committee that will review the EOIs, set up interviews, and make a selection.

Rick Abel moved to give the RFQ/APE and EOI committee to authority to choose from the resumes and decide on behalf of the District Board. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

The committee is going to meet April 19, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Rick Abel moved to let the advertisement for the Engineering EOI. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Audit APE- Discussion was held.

Rick Abel moved to let the advertisement for the Audit APE. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Local Work Group Meeting- Dustin would like to have two meetings in May one in Preston and one in Marion. He is open to dates and locations. Discussion was held. Preston County will be held at the Extension Office on Wednesday May 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., Marion County will be held at the Whitehall NRCS office and on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Rick Abel moved to allocate \$100.00 to each site for the refreshments for the local work group meetings. Motion carried.

Tenant Family Century Farm Application- Discussion was held.

Jean Conley moved to accept and move forward with the Tenant Family Century Farm Application. Seconded

Electrical Quotes- no action.

WV Conservation Camp- Discussion was held. Amy will provide all interested parties with the information.

Rick Abel moved to award 6 scholarships no matter the county if it's within the District. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Landscaping- Rick reported he will clean out the front and side beds. The Master Gardeners will assist in a planting plan and will plant what the District provides.

Thornton Mowing Contract- Amy provided the information from Thornton. They raised their price from \$100.00 per mowing to \$125.00 per mowing.

Jean Conley moved to accept and sign the contract with Thornton for \$125.00 per mowing for this year. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- no report.

Education- no report.

Legislation/Policy- no report.

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Grasslands- no report.

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- previous meeting was canceled, waiting on quotes for electrical work.

Ag Enhancement- meeting on April 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

XVII. Correspondence- None.

XVIII. Public Comment- None.

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Mark Myers**– no report.
- **Ed Utterback** – reported he has a field he is going to plow before it rains, they moved the chickens out on pasture.
- **Art Mouser** – reported he's had a good couple days farming. He's spent a lot of time on UDC 1. They had 3 bulls in the bull test, they sold two and brought one home. He's also had two sets of twin calves this year. He needs a heart procedure and it will be done soon.
- **Jim McDonald**– reported he's had 13 calves born, including two sets of twins.
- **Jean Conley** – no report.
- **Richard Abel** – reported the rain barrel diverter kits have arrived, the barrels are coming, and he has delivered the cinder blocks for the District's rain barrels.

XX. Adjournment

Rick Abel moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is May 2, 2019 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: _____
Mark Myers, Chairman

_____ Date