



Potomac Valley Conservation District

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MINUTES OF MEETING **Teleconference** **November 9, 2021**

The Potomac Valley Conservation District held a special meeting by teleconference on Tuesday, November 9, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by chairperson, Charlotte Hoover.

SUPERVISORS: Charlotte Hoover, Ron Miller, J.W. See, Kent Spencer, Brian Dayton, George Leatherman, Frank Weese, and David Parker

OTHERS: Ed Martin, Don Whetzel, Jeremy Salyer, Ben Heavner, Cindy Shreve and Nadene Jewell, WVCA

WATERSHEDS – Lost River Site #10 Monitoring System Agreement: Don Whetzel reviewed the agreement for the Lost River Site #10 monitoring system. The agreement was approved and signed by the Hardy County Public Service District. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Ron Miller and seconded by Kent Spencer to approve the agreement and authorize the chair to sign the document. Motion carried.

N/S MILL CREEK SITE #3: Ron Miller reported that they have engaged Alvin Humphreys to construct the cattle guard on N/S Mill Creek Site #3. His quote was \$6,500.00. The group was in agreement to proceed. Don Whetzel reported that he was in contact with the landowner regarding the equipment company that damaged the cattle guard. Discussion was held regarding responsibility and the cost to have it installed. Ron indicated it needs to be installed within the 3-week time frame. The Board agreed to move forward with getting the cattle guard installed when it is ready. Don will follow up with the landowner and get the contact information for the company. The attorney is in the process of reviewing the easement.

AG ENHANCEMENT: Ben Heavner reviewed the AgEP practices for the winter sign up. Three practices were identified by the Board at the beginning of the fiscal year – Frost Seeding; Summer Annual Seeding; and Nutrient Management. Discussion was held regarding the available funds for the practices. The Board agreed to hold sign-ups for frost seeding and summer annual seeding only – the lack of funding will not enable the district to include the nutrient management practice this year. Additional discussion was held regarding the guidelines for the practices. All agreed to revise the maximum acreage for the frost seeding practice to 50 acres, \$10 per acre, practice deadline will be 3/15/22 and invoices due by 5/27/2022. No change in the summer annual seeding guidelines 50 acres @ \$50 per acre cost share, deadline is 5/27/2021. The remaining budget for the practices is \$40,000. The group agreed to allocate \$25,000.00 for the frost seeding practice and \$15,000.00 for the summer annual seeding practice.

CHESAPEAKE BAY: Ben Heavner reviewed the Chesapeake Bay practices and payments made to date. He indicated that additional funds will be available for the CBay practices and inquired if the Board would like

to hold an additional sign up for the litter transfer program. The Board was in agreement to hold sign up for litter transfer practice with the frost seeding and summer annual seeding practices. He also indicated the deadline for the fence practice is the end of December.

SIGN UP PERIOD: Discussion was held regarding the sign-up period – the group agreed to hold the sign up beginning 12/6/2021 through 1/14/2022. Applications will be presented to the Board for approval at the February meeting.

AG ENHANCEMENT EXIGENCY PROGRAM: Ben Heavner discussed the AgEP Exigency Program with the Board. He reviewed the practice submission forms for the AgEP and Exigency programs. The deadline to submit new practices to WVCA is 11/15/21. Jeremy Salyer also reviewed the program – Districts will have \$10,000 available to implement the exigency practices when needed. The funding may not be reimbursable. Discussion was held regarding new practices – the suggestion was made for an alternative feed practice for the exigency program. Ben reminded the group that they cannot duplicate practices offered through the USDA. They also discussed the water tank practice – agreed to include under the exigency program. The water tank cost share will continue at 50%. Ben will research the alternative feed suggestion. Charlotte also indicated she will check with FSA regarding the hay practice offered through the USDA. The Board was in agreement to submit the water tank and alternative feed practices to WVCA for the exigency program. Ben will prepare the practice forms for submission.

Brief discussion was held regarding an executive session to discuss personnel issues – need to include on the agenda in order to go into an executive session. Supervisors requested to include on the December meeting agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm by motion of George Leatherman. Motion seconded by Kent Spencer. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be held by teleconference on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary

Date