

Southern Conservation District  
March 10, 2022  
10:00 AM  
Regular Board Meeting

The Southern Conservation District met for their regular monthly board meeting March 10th, 2022, at 10:00 AM at their conference room located at 463 Ragland Road, Beckley WV, 25801.

**Members of the board present:**

Randall Patton

Curtis Murphy

Bill Harris

Fred Halsey

Alvin Marchant

Randy Prince

Dennis Bailey

Staff present:

Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA

Dave Parkulo, SCD

**Visitors present:**

Jeffrey Barr, NRCS

Jennifer Liddle, WVDEP

**Those present via conference call:**

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Jennifer Skaggs, WVCA

Brian Fry, WVCA

Levi Cyphers, WVCA

John Farrell, SCD

Jeffrey Barr NRCS District Conservationist reviewed Carl Gower's forestry report of recent planning with producers. He discussed the need of the involvement of the local work group participation of the board to help identify the priority resource concerns of the district.

The Glade Creek Watershed ranking criteria being added to applications was discussed and a consensus was agreed to move forward with the addition of Glade Creek Watershed inclusion points.

Jeffrey Barr announced he has accepted a new position with NRCS as the State Resource Conservationist for West Virginia.

Judith Lyons, Watershed Manager South Brian Fry noted that Judith Lyons is currently on a meeting call and he, Shane Pettrey and Levi Cyphers are present for the watershed reports.

Levi Cyphers updated the board that the contractor has completed the work at both BC sites 4 and 5. He commented that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, he began work and finished this week on Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Levi Cyphers gave a detailed report on the status of the work completed at both sites.

Levi reported that CEC Engineering would be conducting the final inspections and submitting invoicing for the work.

Judith Lyons joined the meeting and reported to the board that Ross Tuckwiller is working with DNR closely on establishing necessary plans for the vegetation at the sites.

Judith Lyons reported that once Manoah Meadows submits his official invoice and associated documents the payment will move forward from there.

Bill Harris announced that Dennis Bailey is now attending the meeting and at this time he turns over the meeting to him as Chairman.

A discussion was had regarding liquidated damages with the contractor between the members of the board and staff of WVCA.

Judith Lyons confirmed from Gene Saurbon that once the job is verified as complete, invoice payment will be remitted.

#### Jeremy Salyer WVCA

He reported this is the time of year for districts to review their 7-1-3U agreements to be sure they are up to date and current, Judith Lyons is available to assist staff with that.

As a reminder the Conservation Farm contest district winners need submitted by end of May to him. Also, the FY22 CDO budget needs submitted to SCC in April.

Jennifer Liddle WV DEP presented a report of request to the board

**Randall Patton moved to approve \$50.00 for rental fee for the Fayette County Park and \$300.00 for the Soil Trailer for the Water Festival, Bill Harris seconded, motion carried.**

**Randall Patton moved to approve the \$350.00 for the Little Beaver State Park Regional Watershed Meeting to be held in May, Bill Harris seconded, motion carried.**

#### Jennifer Skaggs, WVCA Conservation Services Director

Jennifer reported to the board that the State AgEP meeting is March 21<sup>st</sup> and will be a virtual meeting where the committee will be presented with all the recommendations that the committee will then present to the SCC in April. She updated the board about the AgEP Exigency Program becoming a proactive approach.

Jennifer provided an overview on the (SOP) Standard Operating Procedure document that has been worked on for the WVCA for the 319 programs.

Dennis Bailey emphasized to Jennifer Skaggs his concern about Mike McMunigal with WVCA not attending the Southern Conservation District board meetings or having a presence with the

319 or AgEP programs at SCD. He requested follow-up action on the repeated schedule conflict of his position being not able to call in to Southern meetings for the period of greater than one year.

### **Supervisor Reports & Updates**

Bill Harris reported to the board about the April quarterly meeting at Cacapon State Park that he will be attending for the WVACD. He also provided an update on the volunteerism for the Envirothon. He reported on the Conservation Farm Contest and encouraged supervisors to work with NRCS soon on any farmers in their county they may have in mind.

**Randall Patton moved to approve the February board meetings minutes Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.**

**Randall Patton moved to approve the SCD District Financial Reports, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.**

**Randall Patton moved to approve the accounts receivable/aging summary, Bill Harris Seconded, motion carried.**

Dave Parkulo, Conservation Technician Supervisor

He reported on the SCD building septic and sewer issue that he recently repaired. The crew is currently working on sharpening mower blades and general maintenance of mowing equipment preparing for upcoming season.

He is currently working on an estimate for Cranberry Creek Channel to submit to Judith Lyons to begin work. The equipment trailer will be arriving this week.

Dave Parkulo reported on his attendance to the Dam Safety meeting and the confirmation that the easement for site 12 is correct and a survey is needed to move forward.

Levi Cyphers interjected and requested input from the board on timing of submittance of the letter from WVCA and receipt of the survey.

Levy Cyphers reported on cleanup and catching up on the CEC invoicing between CEC and WVCA. Inspection dates, revisions and review of original proposal is ongoing and will be completed and finalized and reported to Marty Walker-Owen.

**Randall Patton moved to approve WVCA financial reports and Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.**

Marty provided a brief report of her current work updating LOR and AgEP databases for both GVCD and SCD, building and working on outreach education plans at SCD and continuing to cover administrative role at GVCD. She noted the WVCA would be interviewing Monday for the position.

Marty Walker-Owen gave Kenneth Maiolo's Conservation Specialist report in his absence as he is currently attending the Grazing Conference. She provided an overview of his written report to the board. Marty presented the amendment to a previous nutrient management contract and read

aloud an email from Kenneth explaining the acreage, mapping and tonnage situation with the cost share amount needing to change.

**Curtis Murphy moved to approve the nutrient management contract revision to an increase of \$542.00 for a total commitment of \$953.00 on William Hill contract, Bill Harris seconded, motion carried.**

**Randall Patton moved to adjourn the meeting; Curtis Murphy seconded.**

**Meeting adjourned**

**12: 50 PM**

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Dennis Bailey, SCD Chairman**

**Curtis Murphy, SCD Secretary**

**Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin WVCA**