

**Southern Conservation District  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
December 10, 2020**

The Southern Conservation District Regular Board Meeting was held at their building at 463 Ragland Road, Beckley WV. Chairman Dennis Bailey called the meeting to order following the leading of the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. The meeting was called to order at 9:54 AM after a brief technical issue with the Skype conference call system.

Curtis Murphy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, Randall Patton led the group in prayer.

Those present of meeting were:

**Board of Supervisors**

Dennis Bailey  
Curtis Murphy  
Bill Harris  
Oscar Vecellio  
Randy Prince  
Randall Patton  
Alvin Marchant  
Fred Halsey

**Supervisors present via Skype conference call**

John Farrell

**SCD/WVCA & Other agencies**

Dave Parkulo, Conservation Technician Supervisor, SCD

Marty R. Walker-Owen, District Manager, WVCA

Kenneth Maiolo, Conservation Specialist, WVCA

**Randall Patton moved to approve the November 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.**

**District Financial Reports**

*District Operations Account*

*District Building Account*

*District Money Market Account*

*Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Account*

*CDO Account*

**Randy Prince moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Randall Patton seconded, motion carried.**

**Randall Patton moved to approve the accounts receivable after review, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.**

The aging summary was reviewed in detail for outstanding accounts due.

**Dave Parkulo, SCD Conservation Technician Supervisor**

Dave reported on lime spreading status and provided an update on district equipment rentals. He gave a review of remaining cost share pond cleanouts. He added that most of November was spent working on Brush Creek 4 & 5 dewatering projects. He is waiting on clearance for sediment removal around risers so CEC can conduct a proper inspection. WVCA and he are working together on this. He commented about the current weather and cost share projects outstanding as well as the Brush Creek work orders taking precedence. Dave reported that there are 150-200 tons of approximate lime tonnage remaining to be spread.

**Randall Patton moved to extend all AgEP practices to May 14, Curtis Murphy seconded motion carried.**

There was a skid steer discussion in which Dave provided a sheet for review in preparation for the Special Board meeting Monday December 28, 2020. Dave reviewed the equipment specifics with the board.

**Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA District Manager**

Marty presented the Co-Administered funds for approval as provided by the WVCA fiscal section. Marty reported on the November reconciliations.

**Randall Patton moved to approve the Co-Administered reports, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.**

Marty reported on the invoices for payment of recent advertisements she had submitted for vacancies of county supervisors as well as job showing information.

**Randall Patton moved to approve the Register Herald invoices for payment, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.**

Marty reported on the approval of the LOR for the Pipestem 319 Project in the amount of \$58, 831.50. Kenny Maiolo and Marty Walker-Owen gave an update on the nature of the project and the funds.

**Bill Harris moved to approve the LOR for Pipestem Creek 319 in the amount of \$58, 831.50, Randall Patton seconded, motion carried.**

(Visitor requested to interject due to other obligations and provide a brief update).

Pam Yost with NRCS discussed with the board an Elkhorn Creek Watershed Plan Update. After review of the plan next week she will request an agenda item for January's meeting for approval for the district to become a local sponsor of the project as it progresses.

**Kenny Maiolo, WVCA Conservation Specialist**

AgEP update from Kenny- soil sampling, cost-share completions, letters of reminder to cooperators, water sampling in Pipestem Creek , partnering with Katy McBride upcoming EQUIP

Randall patton moved to approve randy prince seconded AgEP Lime contracts

Heavy Use area contracts Randall Patton moved to approve randy prince seconded, motion carried

Pasture Division Fence, Bill Harris moved to approve, Randall Patton seconded, motion carried

Kenny provided an update on his recent 319 work and the status of AgEP

**Jeremy Salyer, WVCA Area Manager South**

Provided a report on telecommuting for the state for COVID-19 , Marty still in the office daily unless on leave

Approval of Marty's schedule change of 9:00 AM-5:00 in the winter months and accommodate

Schedule change will be submitted to Brian and look to start that first of next week.

Code change

AgEP State Committee review of proposals

**Judith Lyons WVCA Watershed Manager South**

Brush Creek 10 Dam drawn down, WVCA watershed division has decided not to open up the Brush Creek 10 due to the seep, the legal requirements for easements from Harold Wolfe not received as of yet in addition to work ongoing with Brush Creek 4 & 5. Need to be definitive and clear about the easements. Fish truck has been delayed at this time for transport

Dave & Brian have been working diligently on the dams

Brush Creek 10 sediment will be tested

Judith gave praise to the SCD crew for their work

Brian Fry gave the update on Brush Creek 4 & 5 with Tracy Winders visit on Monday

Approval of CEC Revised Proposal Riser Repair Brush Creek Dams- SCD Request clarification

**Supervisor Reports and Updates**

Randall Patton announced the Safety Committee Meeting to be held December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 at the District Shop.

A Fayette County update was given by Randy Prince on the recent ongoings with the Farmland Protection Board. He shared that three additional farms will be coming into the protection. He recently held a clean-up in his community where he collected 1,400 pounds of litter in Danese.

Dennis Bailey reported on the Summers County farmland protection board updates. Summers County commission will purchase the Cooper's Mill property to preserve and potentially be added into the Bluestone Park Recreation Area. The recommendation was made to pursue a conservation easement.

**Randall Patton moved to table the item in discussion regarding CEC proposal revision pending clarification to Tuesday's OM&R meeting, Bill Harris seconded, motion carried.**

Bill Harris reported on bid opening on December 17<sup>th</sup> for Janitorial Contract and the job showing this afternoon at 1:00 PM

(Equipment Committee items)

Randall Patton made the motion to increase the labor rate of \$35- \$40, Equipment increase to \$85-\$90 for equipment rental, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

Randall Patton moved to implement a Fuel sur-charge to the district crew activities if fuel raises the inflated cost would be absorbed by the customer, Bill Harris seconded and asked for a discussion. A discussion was held regarding the addition of the charge if needed. The motion was clarified to give authority to the equipment committee for the price point.

**A motion was made to adjourn by Randall Patton, Bill Harris seconded**

**Important Meetings & Upcoming Reminders**

***Supervisor & Employee Appreciation Christmas Banquet Saturday  
December 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00 PM***

***OM&R Meeting Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM***

***Bid opening Special Meeting scheduled for December 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM***

***Safety Committee Meeting Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 @ SCD Shop***

***Special Board Meeting-Committees December 28<sup>th</sup> 9:45 AM***