

**Southern Conservation District
January 14, 2021
Minutes of Board Meeting**

Opening & Welcome

Call meeting to order

Dennis Bailey, SCD Chairman

Prayer & Pledge

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

Pam Yost, NRCS

Approval of December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

SCD

Randall Patton moved to approve, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Review/Approval of District Financial Reports

SCD

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the financial reports as presented by Marty, Randall Patton seconded, motion carried

District Operations Account

District Building Account

District Money Market Account

Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Account

*CDO Account***Review/Approval of Accounts Receivable****SCD**

Discussion was held in regard to 90-day accounts past due.

Dave Parkulo commented that past due notices have been sent.

Randall Patton moved to approve the accounts receivable, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried

Conservation Technician Supervisor Report**Dave Parkulo, SCD**

Dave Parkulo provided an overview of work with the SCD crew, maintenances and repairs are underway for winter months at the shop working to bring equipment up to date in off season. Working on farm projects as weather allows and coordinating with Judith Lyons on Spring mowing workorders.

A discussion was held updating on plans for equipment and building purchases and will be placed on an agenda after estimates are worked up.

A discussion was held about Dave's Fork Christian Fork Dam project.

WV Conservation Agency Watershed Manager South**Judith Lyons**

Levi Cyphers discussed the revised proposal from CEC with the SCD board members.

- **CEC Revised Proposal Acceptance/Approval**

SCD/WVCA

Bill Harris moved to approve the proposed up to 52,000 estimate for the riser and inspection package, Randall Patton seconded, motion carried.

Brian Fry reported on drilling occurring on the Dave's Fork Christian Fork Dam

Oakvale PSD, Snoggle Engineering

Levi Cyphers noted that the WVCA was not aware they were beginning to drill. NRCS and DEP had communicated about the plan and it had not been approved to start yet from NRCS however DEP approved the start of drilling for the engineering firm.

Dave Parkulo inquired about the SCD not being notified of the drilling ensuing .

WV Conservation Agency District Manager Report, Marty Walker

- **Review/Approval of Co-administered Financial reports**

Randall Patton moved to approve the co administered funds as presented,

Finance Committee meeting.

- **O&M SCD Invoices for Payment Approval**

(See Attached Page)

Bill Harris moved to approve the invoices for OM&R

Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried

- **SGS-Water Quality Sampling Payments for Approval**

Curtis Murhpy moved to approve,

Randall Patton seconded, motion carried

- **Newspaper Advertisement Invoice Payments for Approval**

Bill Harris moved to approve, Randy prince seconded, motion carried.

Bill Harris moved to send an invitation letter to the vacant counties utilizing the AgEP database, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

WV Conservation Agency Area Manager South, Jeremy Salyer

A skype meeting will be held the first of February to discuss the upcoming pilot program. Jeremy Salyer provided an overview of his written report to the board and introduced the topic of the Pasture Weed Management Pilot Program.

Conservation Specialist Report, Kenny Maiolo

AgEP Completed Contracts for Approval

Exclusion Fence

Ricky Moye	\$2,000
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Curtis Murhpy moved to approve, Bill Harris Seconded

Lime

Rhonda Dortch	\$1,395
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John McClaughlin	\$474.10
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Bill Harris moved to approve the lime contracts for payment, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

AgEP Update/319 Update

Kenny Maiolo provided a report on an update of the ongoing activity with AgEP and 319. five people have completed their AgEP practices since last board meeting. Kenny has been working with Ron Testerman with the review of maps for the 319 project. He has worked with NRCS to determine the best well site. Dennis Burns and Kenny Maiolo have been in contact with Aimee

Figgatt about creating a mailing for the 319 project septic system repairs and replacements. He gave an update on the pursuance of a map plotter.

Dennis Bailey provided a report and update on the recent AgEP subcommittee meeting with the intent of pursuing the District's top 4-5 most problematic concerns to be addressed in the new allocation formula.

The board reviewed the list of the AgEP allocation concerns and participated in a group discussion and ranking of those to be submitted to the subcommittee tomorrow.

WV Association of Conservation Districts Update, Bill Harris

The upcoming meeting in flatwoods has been canceled

Visiting Agency Reports

NRCS –District Conservationist Update, Jeffrey Barr

Reviewed his written monthly report with the report. Provided information on the upcoming pollinator specialist to be hired at NRCS

Pam Yost came on the call to discuss the USDA Rehabilitation Brush Creek Site 14

Supervisor Reports & Updates

Update on BC14 rehabilitation

Bill Harris

Elkhorn Creek Buyout Sponsorship

SCD/ Randall Patton

Randall Patton provided an overview of the Elkhorn Creek Buyout Sponsorship in McDowell County. He indicated that he has discussed the project with Pam Yost.

Randall Patton moved to approve the acceptance of the Elkhorn Creek Buyout Sponsorship, Fred Halsey moved to approve, Alvin Marchant seconded)

Pam Yost noted that they would need an acceptance letter sent by the District and she will provide more updates as they are made available as the project moves forward. She noted to the board that project management would be provided by NRCS and advocacy would be the primary role of the district as a sponsor.

A discussion was held between Pam Yost and Dennis Bailey about the nature of the project. She indicated that when more updates were available she would communicate with the board.

Randall moved to adjourn Bill Harris seconded, motion carried

1:00 PM

January 19th check signing 1:00

January 25th Monday Committee Meetings