The **Tygarts Valley Conservation District** Board of Supervisors held a Regular Board Meeting on November 14, 2022, commencing at 9:00 am at Philippi District Office and via TEAMS. The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Dean.

<u>Supervisors Present</u>: Tom Short, Joe Shaffer, Donald Adams, Teresa Gerrard, Donnie Tenney, Jim Nester, Delbert Vandevander, Tom Short <u>WVCA:</u> Candice Stone, Jeremy Salyer (TEAMS), Micah Cunningham <u>TVCD:</u> Toni Johnson, David Cook <u>NRCS:</u> Robbie Shomo, Jessica Ball, Greg Tucker <u>WVDOF</u>: Erin Shaw, Rudy Williams

Mr. Shaffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading/Approval of the Agenda/Minutes:

October 19, 2022, Meeting Minutes; Shaffer moved to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Tenney; motion carried. November 14, 2022, Agenda: Tenney moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.

<u>Treasurer Report</u> Gerrard moved to accept the Treasurer Reports as presented and file for audit; seconded by Adams; motion carried.

District Conservation Technician & Work Crew Report: Cook said several jobs were completed and they are working on Pecks with week and putting a trough in for a cooperator. They are off next week for Thanksgiving.

<u>Report of Officers and Agencies:</u>

WVCA: Salyer reported Farkas last day was last Friday and Skaggs will be acting until State Committee hires someone. 2 budget requests were presented to the Legislature

WVACD: Duncan reminded us to fill out the census they are sending around, and 2023 quarterly meeting dates are as follows. January 17-18, April 10-12 Summit Rental, July 17-18 Canaan Valley, October 15-18 Flatwoods.

<u>NRCS</u>: Shomo reported they have 9 feed barns under construction. December 16th is the deadline for EQIP and AMA. Borden will be in the Elkins office on Thursday.

WVDOF: Williams said they are getting a new director and he brought calendars for everyone.

WesMonTy RC&D: Tenney reported they are working on a Biochar Project. Chestnut tree program ended up getting trees from Walmart instead of a bulk order. They are managing

<u>Old Business</u>: Shooks and Elkwater are completed billed and paid for. Pecks will be completed by the end of the week and will need billed.

Committee Reports:

Equipment and Safety: Nester said spreaders all need to be oiled and greased before they are put up for the winter. He also wants the equipment in the shed and not left out in the weather during the winter.

Legislative Committee: Tenney stated Conservation Day is January 16, 2023.

Grassland/AgEP Committee:

AgEP Payments: **Shaffer moved to approve the payments as presented; seconded by Nester; motion carried.**

<u>Personnel Committee:</u> Tenney moved to give Cook, Moats, Cooper and Johnson a performance bonus of \$250.00/each; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

New Business:

<u>Supervisor Vacancy Upshur County:</u> Tenney move to approve Kalyn Roberts application for vacancy and make her an associate supervisor until approved by State Committee; seconded by Nester; motion carried.

Post Driver Bids: Danny Stone \$850.00 & Wesley Rush \$1,000.00. Nester moved to approve Wesley Rush bid of \$1,000.00 for the post driver sold as is where is; seconded by Gerrard; motion carried.

<u>Closure of Litter Account:</u> Nester moved to approve the closure of the litter account; seconded by Shaffer; motion carried.

<u>NRCS/WVACD Grant Application</u>: Tenney moved to apply for the grant; seconded by Gerrard; motion carried. Meeting to fill out grant application will be November 30th at 11am.

There being no further business to attend to, Chairman Dean declared the meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Candice Stone - WVCA Administrative Specialist