

**Southern Conservation District  
October 13, 2022, 10:00 AM  
Board Meeting Minutes**

The Southern Conservation District met for their Regular Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

SCD Chairman, Randall Patton opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Prayer & Pledge

***Members of the Board Present***

Ron Testerman  
Ed Hendrick  
Curtis Murphy  
Bill Harris  
Randall Patton  
Randy Prince  
Tom Wood  
William Cook  
Fred Halsey  
Alvin Marchant

***SCD, WVCA & NRCS Staff present***

Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA  
Kenny Maiolo, WVCA  
Dave Parkulo, SCD  
Donny Dodd, NRCS  
Mathew NRCS  
Mike McMunigal, WVCA  
  
Tim Daubert, Sanitary Board  
Rebecca Jeffreys, NRCS  
Derrick Crane, NRCS

***Southern Conservation District Operations & Business***

Marty Walker-Owen presented the approval of the September board meeting minutes that were previously distributed.

Randy Prince moved to approve the September board meeting minutes, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Marty Walker-Owen presented the review and approval of the District financial reports as reconciled for the month of September.

Bill Harris moved to approve the district financial reports as listed below, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried

*District Operating Accounts (First Community & MCNB)*

*District Building Account*

*Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Account*

*CDO Account*

*District Reserve Account*

Marty Walker-Owen presented the review and approval of the accounts receivable/aging summary. A brief discussion was held between Dave Parkulo and members of the board regarding items on the aging summary.

Randy Prince moved to approve the aging summary, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

#### WVCA/SCD District Administrative Report

Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA

Marty presented the review and approval of the state Co-administered WVCA financial reports and made note of the balance in the receiving account as well as pending transactions for funds to be received.

Marty provided a brief overview of last month's office updates and ongoing items for WVCA and SCD she is currently working on.

Bill Harris moved to approve the co-administered financial reports as presented, Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried.

#### SCD Conservation Technician Supervisor Report Dave Parkulo

Dave provided an overview and updates on the current district work projects.

The South Fork 5 seep repair project has been completed as of last week and final equipment was mobilized yesterday. The crew is still mowing at Lost River and Patterson Creek currently in the PVCD.

He noted that 450 tons of lime is to be delivered from the district, began delivering yesterday. An issue that is priority is the drop in outlet is failing at Cranberry Creek

Pond cleanouts and fence building is being scheduled in the district both within and outside of cost-share.

The easement violation on site 12 has been discussed with Attorney John Wooten.

#### WVCA & SCD Office Updates/Approvals

Bill Harris Curtis Murphy Dave Parkulo and Donny Dodd visited Site 3 recently to review the pending Site 3 Sinkhole repairs.

Bill Harris moved to grant the Oakvale PSD to store material on the site while repairing sinkholes, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

Marty Walker-Owen will send a letter to proceed to Oakvale PSD.

#### Area Operations Manager Report Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Marty Walker provided an overview of Jeremy Salyer's written report. He was attending another meeting and traveling, not able to attend the SCD meeting today but advised if he was needed to contact him.

#### Conservation Specialist Report Kenny Maiolo, WVCA

Kenny Maiolo provided an update to the board noting that he has completed soil sampling for two cooperators, he has worked with Ron Testerman on the public meeting plans at Pipestem at the Ruritan Club and he has wrote the announcements for the public meeting and mailed to direct mail at the post office.

He is currently working on a powerpoint presentation for the meeting about the 319 program.

He noted the local work group meeting he attended and the State AgEP meeting at the Elk Conservation District

#### AgEP Updates & AgEP Contracts Paid

Lime Billy Johnson \$527.57

#### AgEP Contracts Canceled

Water System Virgel Caldwell \$1,000.00

Pond Cleanout Jerry Shelton \$2,000.00

An additional cancelation has occurred that Kenny verbally announced which was Rick Snuffer  
Kenny Maiolo provided a description on the following contract modifications:

- Lime Contract Increase of \$48.95 Joel Dillion  
original cost share amount was approved for \$166.65 for 6.06 tons and 3.03 acres  
Kenny Maiolo presented a map to the members of the board to confirm the changes he is presenting. He conferred with Russel Young on how to approach the change and he advised to adjust with FSA .

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the lime contract increase, \$48.95 Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried

- Lime Contract Increase and change of location Randy Prince  
original cost share approved 73.88 tons and 18.93 acres needing modified to 102.45 tons for 26.27 acres

Kenny presented to the board the discrepancy in the change of lime amounts for each cooperator mentioned above and the change of farms for Randy Prince's application and provided maps for their review indicating the modifications.

#### Pipestem Creek 319 Project Updates

He reported that Ron Testerman has finished the well and pipeline on his contract, the water system and feed pad is all that is left to complete.

He is working with a cooperator in the pipestem area on developing a grazing plan.

There are three septic replacements and repairs working to be completed at this time.

Bill Harris inquired on the deadline of spending the funds.

The NPS federal funds expenditure date is September 30, 2023. It was clarified that this is the deadline for spending the funds.

- Ron Testerman Contract Extension (2 months)

Kenny provided information that the previous deadline extension was for September 20<sup>th</sup> and after speaking with Dave Parkulo about his availability to complete the project they reached a decision to extend an additional 60 days to allow for completion time with November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Harris moved to approve the contract to November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Fred Halsey seconded, motion carried.

Kenny Maiolo presented an invoice for approval for 319.

Invoice #1738-011 in the amount of \$25, 977. 50 for completion of fence, pipeline and installation of well.

Bill Harris moved to approve 319 Invoice #1738-011 in the amount of \$25, 977.50, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

### Visiting Agency Reports

NRCS District Conservationist Report

Katy McBride, NRCS

Mathew with NRCS reported that Katy McBride had a meeting she needed to attend so Mathew provided a written report to the board on behalf of NRCS.

NRCS Elkhorn Creek

NRCS

Donny Dodd reported an update on the project to the board. Door to door applications will be provided including the boundaries and info packets will be mailed out prior to the visits.

Public meetings will be Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

A number will be provided to the district of the WVU Law Clinic of who to forward calls that may come into the district.

The new employee to manage the project will begin Tuesday

PIFRS (Preliminary Investigation and Feasibility Reports)

NRCS

Donny Dodd reported that the PIFRS reports are required before being able to move forward with the project. They have been submitted. There are four within the SCD which include, Cranberry Creek, Wolf Creek, requested by the town of Fayetteville , Bluewell PSD and Daves Fork Christian's fork that WVCA requested.

PIFRS are the Documents that allow the NRCS to request funding

Derrick Crane noted information for a call coming up to discuss Site 12

Marty will forward to the members of the board.

Tim Daubert, Beckley Sanitary Board reviewed the litter control devices status to the board.

Tim Daubert presented that they have put out the installation of the litter devices to bid. They have not purchased the trash catchments at this time while awaiting the outcome of the bid.

The location of the catchments was discussed by Donny Dodd, Dave Parkulo and Tim Daubert.

An agreement will be drafted by the Sanitary Board and sent to the district.

He expressed his interest in maintaining the continued working relationship with the district.

### Supervisor Reports & Updates

WV Association of Conservation Districts Update

Bill Harris, SCD

Quarterly meeting is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of next week in Flatwoods for those who are interested in attending. Any supervisor who is interested in attending is welcome .

Scholarship Auction Donations

Bill Harris, SCD

Bill Harris presented to the board about scholarship donations which are being requested across the state for students to attend a West Virginia school in the related field of conservation. He reported that some districts have decided to donate monetarily to the auction versus donating an item to be auctioned.

Curtis Murphy inquired about the legalities of making donations to the students for scholarship . It was clarified that districts can donate to the organization or the scholarship auction just not to a specific individual.

Bill Harris moved to donate \$500.00 to the scholarship fund, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried. Ron Testerman inquired about the qualifications for the scholarship.

Randall Patton provided information on the Sound Solutions Quote

Randall Patton presented to the board an update on the Sound Solutions estimates for the audio conference system in the board room.

The quote received was in the amount of \$13,000.00 He noted that he had contacted Brian Farkas in regard to the poor quality of the audio system.

A discussion was held pertaining to receiving quotes from other companies due to the monetary amount as well as hearing from the WVCA IT.

Closing Remarks & Meeting Reminders

*SCD Annual Awards Banquet October 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM Black Knight Country Club, Beckley*

### WVACD Fall Quarterly Meeting

October 17 and 18 Flatwoods Days Inn

### Annual Inspections

Annual channel and dam inspections are scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>

Committee Meeting Day (Moved to Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>) Due to inspections on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Regular Board Meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

Bill Harris noted to the board that the Certificates of Deposit have been renewed for a 19 month term. He reported to the board that on Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> the CD's were renewed by the board and the transfer of funds for liquid OMR money was moved to district projects account. He noted the interest rate is 2.4% on the CD's

Fred Halsey moved to adjourn the meeting, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Marty R. Walker-Owen

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District Administrative Specialist

SCD Secretary Fred Halsey

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SCD Chairman Randall Patton

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