

Guyan Conservation District

April 20, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 20, 2023 1:00 pm

2631 5th Street Road

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Attendance

Bill Stewart-Chairman
Helen Stanley-Vice Chair
Ken Brown-Treasurer
Jason Ekers-Supervisor
Ronnie Hager-Supervisor
George Mathis-Supervisor
Marlene Woods-Supervisor
John Kovach-Supervisor
John McDowell-Supervisor
Zackary Winters-Supervisor

Kim Fisher-Area Director WVCA
Daniel May-Watershed WVCA-Guyan
Corine Powell-NRCS
Dustin Adkins-NRCS
Ric Griffith- WV House of Delegates
Bill Woods-Visitor

Call Meeting to order: 1:00pm

(M)-Approval of Agenda: Marlene Woods made motion to approve the minutes & Jason Ekers made 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

(M)-Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes & Special Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes: John McDowell made motion to accept and approve & George Mathis 2nd the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

(M)-Approval of April AgEP Committee Minutes: Marlene Woods made motion to accept & approve & Jason Ekers 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports-

Delegate Ric Griffith- Introduction on Litter Control

Discussed Litter Officers & their lack of authority to write tickets. Berkeley county passed an Ordinance which does legally allows them to write tickets in their county. Delegate Griffith will provide an ordinance & additional information to Chairman Bill Stewart. Discussed benefits of Agrotourism to local communities.

NRCS-Corine Powell-Huntington office is finishing up contracts documents & obtaining signatures for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) & Management Assistance Program (AMA) approvals. Guyan District received a total of 25 approvals.

7 applications have not been approved. CSP deadline was April 14, 2023. Huntington FO has 12 applications on file. The CSP program provides an annual payment to producers that have a high level of conservation on their farm to maintain & improve their level of conservation. FO certified several practices this past month. This includes 2 nutrient management practices, 4.8 ac. Of early successional wildlife habitat, 2 roof runoff structures, 294' underground outlet, 1 high tunnel, 1 ac. Tree planting, 1ac. Brush management, and 1 ac. Of forest stand improvement.

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WVCA-Kim Fisher: The New Executive Director for West Virginia Conservation Agency was named Judith Lyons. Ms. Lyons started her new position on April 10, 2023.

Request was made to update the Districts Policy. Expression of Engineering Firm on retainer per districts. Conservation Farm Tour selections should be turned in by May 31, 2023. O&M Agreements districts are encouraged to continue working with local sponsors for the O&M funding. WV State Fair sign ups is now available.

WVCA-Jacob Lavender-Daniel May : CCR's Site 3463-B Maynard Twelve Pole Creek- Dunlow Wayne County Ineligible, Legislative Site 15976-J. Egnor -Unknown -Yawkey Lincoln County-Ineligible

RFA's Site 15979-C Leonard- Unknown Stream-Barboursville-Cabell-Ineligible for permit Dams: Upper Mud 2A Dam: EAP up to Date, Issued 8/25/20

WVACD-Heather Duncan- Area Meetings, NACD News NACD Annual Summer Fly Bismarck, ND July 15-19. Per Diem update still waiting on information from the AG's office. Long Range Plans & Local Work Group, New Website for WVACD is www.wvacd.org.

Dustin Adkins Report-Urban Ag Coordinator.

- Reviewed plans for small acreage producers.

Supervisors Reports:

Stewart, Brown, Stanley, Hager, Mathis, Ekers, McDowell, White, Kovach, Browning, Winters Woods

Business Meeting-

1. Treasurer's Report-

a. Review/Approve CO-Administrated Financial report for March-

- Jason Ekers made a motion to accept & approve & George Mathis 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

b. Review/Approve District General and CDO Financial reports for March-

- Ken Brown made a motion to accept & approve & George Mathis 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

c. Review/Approve District General and CDO accounts payable for March.

- John McDowell made a motion to accept & approve & Ken Brown 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

<u>Name</u>		<u>Amounts</u>
Bagby, Johnson & Associates	Invoice #03012023	\$ 650.00
LM&OC Properties	Invoice #275	\$ 593.32
Suddenlink (Credit Card)		\$ 201.22
City National Bank Credit Card	Invoice #03312023	\$ 445.08
Komax, LLC	Invoice #AR	\$ 120.37
Caitlin Black	Reimbursement for furniture sliders	\$ 14.85
Sue Brand	" Postage for soil sample & supplies for office"	\$ 64.08

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1. (D/M)-LOR'S #8170, #11369 & #12853 for Audit Reimbursement total \$4,425.00(Signatures needed)
 - Ken Brown made a motion to accept & approve the signatures for LOR's & George Mathis 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. (D/M)-Purchase of new paper shredder \$500.00
 - Jason Ekers made a motion to purchase a new paper shredder & Marlene Woods 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. (D/M)-Watershed Network requests a contribution of \$200.00 or more to support Symposium.
 - Ken Brown made a motion to approve the \$200.00 donation to the Symposium & Jason Ekers 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. (D/M)-Purchase of Stamps.com & meter to weigh soil samples and outgoing mail.
 - Jason Ekers made a motion to approve the trial run of Stamps.com for 30 days & then bring to the board for updates & Ken Brown 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. (D/M)-Local Workgroup Meeting & completing the Plan of Work
6. (D/M)-RC&D request a donation
 - Jason Ekers made a motion for the Guyan District donate \$1,000.00 for Conservation Projects & George Mathis 2nd motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
7. (D/M)-Conservation farm tour Nominées
 - Logan-None, Mingo-None, Boone-Roger Ball, Cabell- Josh Yates, Lincoln-Rodney Dials, Wayne-Tad Ekers * will be honored at local level only. * No State level*
8. (D/M)-New Cooperators
 - a. Eric McGhee Lincoln County
 - b. Richard Lackey Lincoln County
 - c. Rickie Adkins Lincoln County
 - d. Jessica Ferguson Cabell County
 - Jason Ekers made a motion to approve & Zackary Winters 2nd motion.
 - All in favor. Motion passed.
9. (D/M)-AgEP FY2023 Approvals
 - a. NONE
10. (D/M)-AgEP Payment Approvals
 - a. Shane Messinger Urban Ag \$600.00
 - b. Rodney Dials Heavy Use \$1,250.00
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 - All in favor. Motion carried.

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11. (D/M)-AgEP Practice Cancellations

- a. Jesse Napier Urban Ag \$500.00
- Helen Stanley made a motion to approve & Jason Ekers 2nd motion.
- All in favor. Motion carried.

12. (D/M)-Soil Health Initiative Program

- a. Cathy Napier \$1,440.00
- Jason Ekers made a motion to approve & George Mathis 2nd motion. All in favor.
- Motion carried.

13. (D/M)-AgEP April Balance

- a. April Balance- \$ 13,375.15
- b. April Approvals- \$ 0.00
- c. April Payments- \$ 1,850.00
- d. Canceled Practices- \$ 500.00
- e. Cost Share Paid- \$ 34,624.85
- f. Unapproved Funds- \$ 315.00

John McDowell made a motion to accept & approve & Jason Ekers 2nd motion.
All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Correspondence-

- a. Soil & Water Conservation Society 2023 Scholarship Application-Corine

15. Open Comments-

- Farm Tour Dates-Caitlin Black will work with AgEP committee & tour farms.

16. Meeting Adjourned- 3:00pm

Next Board Meeting May 18, 2023