



# *Greenbrier Valley Conservation District*

September 21, 2023, 7:00pm  
Regular Board Meeting, Agenda

## **Call to Order**

## **Welcome and Introductions**

## **Approval of Minutes (D/M)**

- August 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- August 30, 2023, Special Board Meeting

## **Guests**

Patty Masters – Educational Outreach Volunteer

## **Administrative Specialist Report**

## **Cooperating Agency Reports**

- NRCS – Dorian Perez
- FSA
- Forestry
- WVCA – Jeremy Salyer
- Other

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance Committee (D/M)**

- Financial Reports
  - General and CDO Funds Report (M)
  - WVCA Restricted Funds Report (M)
  - Payment of all bills, per payables list (M)



## Agricultural Enhancement Program Committee (D/M)

- Payments for Approval

  - Lime

  - Bonnie Gee - \$753.00

## Grassland Committee (D/M)

## Building/Equipment Committee (D/M)

- Updates (if any)
- Monthly Equipment Report

## Watershed (D/M)

- Set Date for Annual Inspection – (Possible working dates: October 2nd, 3rd, or 4th, 2023).

## 319 Committee (D/M)

### (M) \$600 Women in Ag Scholarships for District Residents

- The 2023 Women in Agriculture Conference will take place on November 17-18 at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center in Davis, West Virginia
- Scholarship suggestion: \$100 toward registration and \$100 toward lodging and travel (1 night) (true cost ~ \$300)
- One scholarship awarded per district county - \$600 total.
  - Eligibility criteria:
    - Female resident of Pocahontas, Greenbrier, or Monroe County WV
    - Scholarship application: Select your ideal tour and lecture tracks and write a 500-word essay about why those tracks interest you. Applications will be ranked based on promise for learning outcomes that promote conservation in agriculture.
  - Advertising
    - PSA in newspapers and local radio
    - Social Media



**(M) \$2,100 for field day at Teaberry Farm**

- Saturday November 11th, 2023, 9AM - 2PM

9:00: Check-in, coffee, and refreshments

9:30: Micronutrients: N-P-K LMNOP? (*Kara & Barry*)

- Why are micronutrients important and where is all the sulfur?
- Ordering a micronutrient test: WVU and Waters
- How to apply micronutrients?
- Do litter and manure provide micronutrients?
- JMC probes for sale at 50% of cost (\$500 up front cost to district, \$250 net cost)

10:00: Resource Concerns: Every farm is different (Partnering agency)

- What are resource concerns and how do I identify them on my farm?
- How does addressing resource concerns improve my operation?

10:30: Karst, Water, and Agriculture: Keeping our water clean and what we stand to gain (*Kara and DEP Southern Basin Coordinator*)

- Unique connection of Teaberry farm and Destitute spring. Keeping drinking water clean for people and our livestock.
- Tomorrow's canoe trip is in yesterday's cow pie - fecal coliform in Second Creek, the 303d list, TMDL, and the current study.
  - Recreation
- Jackson hole cave map with description
  - How water moves in karst areas
- Potential grotto collaboration and short walking tour of Jackson Hole at the end

11:00: Farm tour 1 on the people mover: solar pump, ponds, wetland, hay field. Owner discussion of hay/pasture and solar pumping system

11:30: Lunch

12:00: Farmland Raptors: Wings of Wonder Program (*Three Rivers Avian Center \$400.00 program fee*)

*"Wings of Wonder: WV Birds of Prey" features 6 of the most common raptors found in WV, currently the list includes 2 species of owls, 2 species of falcons, a hawk and our bald eagle Ambassador Regis.: "Wings of Wonder: WV Birds of Prey" is about a 45 minute to 1 hour program, depending on questions.*

*From <<https://tracwv.org/edu.html>>*

- How farmland raptors control pests and how to help them do their job.
- Nest box plan sets
- Nest boxes for sale at cost VENDOR

1:00: Not in my pasture: Controlling invasive plants (WVU Extension)

- What tools to use and when



- Invasive forbs with pictures of common culprits (annual and perennial)
- Invasive woody vegetation with pictures of common culprits
  - Cut + herbicide.
  - Root busting

1:30: Farm tour 2 on the people mover: Jackson hole, trough, pond, top of hill.

Owner discussion of personal experience implementing rotational grazing

2:00: Optional tour of Jackson hole cave (waiver required) (*Greenbrier Valley Grotto loaning gear \$100 donation*)

### Meadow River Tree Planting

- (M) to approve purchase and payment of tree tubes and associated materials for a tree planting at Mill Creek stream restoration site, reimbursed to GVCD out of Meadow River Grant NTE \$1,100.00
- (M) to approve purchase and payment for bare root trees, seeds, and potting soil, reimbursed to GVCD out of Meadow River Grant NTE \$600.00

Meadow River - (M) to delegate authority to Gary Truex to approve payment to L.D. Hanna & Son for Callison project construction.

### Contracts for Approval (D/M)

#### Indian Creek

Forest and Karen Fowler - Septic system replacement 75% up to \$5,000.00

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### Payments for Approval (D/M)

SGS water samples - 3 months' worth of samples, NTE \$1,000.00 (Second Creek VI 319 grant)

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### Correspondence:

### Other Business (D/M)

### Adjournment



## Looking Ahead- Dates to Remember

- \* Central Area Meeting, 10:00am @ GCD: Friday, October 06, 2023
- \* Columbus Day Holiday: October 09, 2023 – Office Closed
- \* Fall Quarterly Meeting at Days Inn, Flatwoods: October 16-17, 2023.
- \* GVCD October Committee Meeting: Wednesday October 18, 2023 @ 9:00am  
(Rescheduled due to Awards Banquet)
- \* GVCD Awards Banquet – October 19, 2023
- \* GVCD October Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, October 26, 2023 @7:00pm.  
(Rescheduled due to Awards Banquet)

*Note: Dates are subject to change; postings will reflect any modifications.*

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