



Greenbrier Valley Conservation District

August 17, 2023, 7:00pm
Regular Board Meeting, Minutes

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 7:00pm in the conference room of the Lewisburg, USDA Center.

Those in attendance:

Supervisors

Chairman, Gary
Sawyers
Gary Truex
Timothy VanReenen
Jerry Clifton
Avery Atkins
Carolyn Miller

Guests:

NA

Others:

Kara Grosso, WVCA
Jacob Lavender, WVCA
Barry Level, GVCD
Angela Sawyers, WVCA

With a quorum present, Chairman Sawyers called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and welcome everyone.

Approval of Minutes

Timothy VanReenen moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2023, regular board meeting. Avery Atkins seconded.

Angela Sawyers reported a clerical error she made in the first paragraph of the meeting minutes. She mistyped June as July and will make the necessary correction.

All supervisors were in favor of approving the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

Administrative Specialist Report

Angela Sawyers reviewed the highlights of her report, which is attached. In addition, Angela read an email to the board of supervisors that was received from WVCA's executive director, Judith Lyons in response to their congratulatory letter.



Funding Requests

Timothy VanReenen moved to approve the following LOR:

LOR ID: 14083

Purpose: FY22 Audit Reimbursement

Amount: 3500.00

AGR: 1071-05

Gary Truex seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved to approve the following LOR:

LOR ID: 14081

Purpose: FY23 Q4 CD Employee Reimbursement

Amount: 12221.55

AGR: 1024-09

Gary Truex seconded; all were in favor, motion carried.

Cooperating Agency Reports

- NRCS – Dorian Perez reviewed the highlights of his report, which is attached.
- FSA
- Forestry
- WVCA -A written report that had been submitted by Jeremy Salyer was reviewed by the board of Supervisors, which is attached. In addition to the report, Angela Sawyers made note to the board that Jeremy did not have any updated information concerning travel policy to share with them at this time.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

- **Financial Reports**

Timothy VanReenen moved to approve the General and CDO Funds report and file for audit. Avery Atkins seconded; motion carried.

Carolyn Miller moved to approve the WVCA restricted funds report and file for audit. Gary Truex seconded; motion carried.

Gary Truex moved to approve the payment of bills, per payables list. Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion carried.



Timothy VanReenen moved to approve Greenbrier Valley Conservation District's CDO Actual Budget for FY23. Avery Atkins seconded; motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved to approve a payment in the amount of \$551.70 to the West Virginia Conservation Agency for Barry Level's Microsoft office license from July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. Avery Atkins seconded; motion carried.

Timothy VanReenen moved to accept Encova's premium audit report for policy period: 07/01/2022- 07/01/2023. Carolyn Miller seconded; motion carried.

Agricultural Enhancement Program Committee

Timothy VanReenen moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following FY24 AgEP Contracts:

Lime:

Bonnie Gee - \$753.00 – Greenbrier County
Rebecca Crispin - \$150.00 – Monroe County
Houston R. Arbuckle - \$57.00 – Greenbrier County
Milligan Creek Farm - \$546.00 – Greenbrier County
Jim Campbell - \$2,028.00 – Greenbrier County
Will Nester - \$1,615.50 – Greenbrier County
Bill Irons - \$633.00 – Greenbrier County
Robert Sharp - \$838.50 – Pocahontas County
Amanda & Josh Boothe - \$279.00 – Monroe County
David Surgeon - \$523.50 – Greenbrier County
William Holliday - \$594.00 – Greenbrier County
Richard Persinger - \$2,040.00 – Greenbrier County
Dewey Burr - \$312.00 – Pocahontas County
Phillip Wickline - \$828.00 – Monroe County
Oliver Irons - \$1,951.50 – Greenbrier County
Bane Morris - \$936.00 – Monroe County
Sal Valdez - \$1,263.45 – Greenbrier County
Doug Goodwin - \$4162.50 – Greenbrier County
Steve Ballengee - \$630.00 – Monroe County

Major Hillard - \$1,335.00 – Greenbrier County

-Total Lime- \$21,475.95

Comprehensive Pasture Development

Carol Groves - \$4,078.60 – Monroe County
Jann Holwick - \$3,987.50 – Greenbrier County
Brian Lipscomb - \$7,627.65 – Greenbrier County
Jim Campbell - \$6061.75 – Greenbrier County
Don Dransfield - \$2,943.75 – Monroe County
Will Nester - \$2,828.00 – Greenbrier County
Kurt Mothes - \$7,756.60 – Greenbrier County
Bill Canterbury - \$1,075.00 – Monroe County
Oliver Irons - \$3,949.70 – Greenbrier County
Alderson Farm - \$9,217.00 – Greenbrier County
Steve Ballengee - \$6,730.30 – Monroe County
Carl & Jodi Felts - \$2,667.10 – Monroe County
Tyler Boothe - \$3,107.31 – Monroe County
-Total Comprehensive Pasture Development - \$62,030.26

Watering System



Milligan Creek Farm - \$832.75 - Greenbrier County
Kevin Galford - \$3,331.00 - Monroe County
Don Stacy - \$1,661.60 - Greenbrier County
David Surgeon - \$3,210.00 - Greenbrier County

Lind Rodgers - \$4,416.10 - Greenbrier County
-Total Watering System - \$13,451.45

Exclusion Fence

Robert Martin - \$281.25 - Greenbrier County
-Total Exclusion Fence - \$281.25

Combined FY24 AgEP contracts for approval total - \$97,238.91

Gary Truex seconded; Motion carried.

Grassland Committee

Gary Truex made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve an additional 50-cent hourly increase, bringing the total hourly increase to \$1.50. Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion carried.

Internship position –No action

Building/Equipment Committee

The board of supervisors discussed briefly Josh Acacio's demonstration of an efficient fencer from the last committee meeting, which took place on August 9, 2023. There was uncertainty regarding Mr. Acacio's interest in renting the equipment from the district. Barry Level will contact Mr. Acacio and report his findings to the board.

Gary Truex reviewed the monthly equipment report, which is attached.

Watershed

Jacob Lavender provided the board of supervisors with an update and advised them that it was time to schedule the annual dam inspections. Following discussion, it was determined that Jacob would select a few dates and contact the supervisors to determine which day would be most convenient for them.

319 Committee

Kara Grosso provided the district with the following updates for the Meadow River area:



Will Perkins was approved for a class II system, but the contractor and sanitarian determined they can modify his class I drain field to accommodate the slow percolation rate by adding a bull valve and additional pipe and gravel.

Mike Stelzig's class II septic installer included but did not itemize the cost of the septic pumping's in his invoices and since the cost-share rate for pumping and replacement are different, the final dollar amounts are pending receipt of the pumping invoices.

Jacob Lavender provided a status update regarding permits and the re-design of the Mill Creek Bank Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement project.

Contracts for Approval

Anthony Creek

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following contracts:

Makayla Scott - Septic pumping 50% up to \$300.00

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Makayla Scott - Septic replacement 75% up to \$5,000

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Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion carried.

Indian Creek

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following contracts:

Danny & Dorothy Dunn - Septic pumping 50% up to \$300.00

Danny & Dorothy Dunn - Septic replacement 75% up to \$5,000

Carolyn Miller Seconded; motion carried.

*****Avery Atkins excused himself from the meeting*****

Second Creek

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following:

Avery Atkins contract amendment –

Three (3) water troughs, 1,714 feet pipeline, 5130 feet exclusion fence, 1020 feet division fence, 60% payment on pipeline cost in excess of cost-share (NTE \$33,716.00 (319/State Funds) (increase contract federal funds by \$3,941.00).

Carolyn Miller Seconded; motion passed.



Due to the nature of the payment, the board of supervisors changed the order of the agenda while Avery Atkins was absent.

Second Creek

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following payment:

Avery Atkins - 3 water troughs, 1,714 feet pipeline, 1,317 feet exclusion fence, 1,020 feet division fence - \$20,371.38 federal funds (total cost to landowner = \$25,354.00)

Carolyn Miller seconded; motion passed.

*****Avery Atkins returned to the meeting*****

Payments for Approval

Indian Creek

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following payment:

Joyce Crawford - Septic replacement \$5,000.00 (total cost = \$8,917.00).

Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion passed.

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following payment:

Freda Wilson - Septic pumping \$172.25 (total cost = \$344.50)

Freda Wilson - Septic replacement \$5,000.00 (total cost = \$10,674.00)

Avery Atkins seconded; motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve a payment to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$588.00 for septic program mailers.

Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following payment:

Frank Masters - 1,067 feet pasture division fence - \$3,734.50

Carolyn Miller seconded; motion passed.

Meadow River

Jerry Clifton moved to approve the following payments:

Mike Stelzig - Replacement of class I septic system with class II septic system NTE \$9,000.00



Mike Stelzig - Replacement of class I septic system with class II septic system NTE \$10,000.00 (This contract was initially approved at the May 2023 Board meeting under the name Christian Martin. Mike Stelzig, Christian's father, has since purchased the property).

Carolyn Miller seconded; motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved to approve the following payment:

Mike Stelzig - Septic pumping - \$150.00

Avery Atkins seconded; motion carried.

Jerry Clifton moved on behalf of the committee to approve the following payments:

William Perkins - Septic repair -\$4,179.75

William Perkins - Septic pumping-\$150.00

In addition, Kara Grosso reported that \$4,701.89 in federal funds for Second Creek and approximately \$35,000 in federal funds for Meadow River will have to be returned.

Action Between Board Meetings:

Gary L. Truex, the designated supervisor for Greenbrier Valley Conservation District, accepted L.D. Hanna & Son Inc.'s bid of \$47,826,00 for contract: 2023-07-18 CS319 GVCD Mill Crk BSHE, on 07/27/2023.

CREP: Angela Sawyers provided the board of supervisors with an update on their recent funding request.

Correspondence:

Chairman Sawyers read aloud a letter received from WVU Professor and Coach of the WVU Soil Judging Team, James. A Thompson and shared with the board of supervisors a thank you card received from Scout Day Camp 2023 for allowing them to use the district's refrigerated trailer.

Other Business

Timothy VanReenen moved to approve the award nominations that were selected in the committee meeting. Gary Truex seconded; motion carried.

Supervisor Roles –



Chairman Sawyers initiated a discussion on committee chairs, supervisory roles, and advisory members for fiscal year 24. In addition, an event/educational outreach program was developed.

The board of Supervisors agreed to hold their September Committee meetings on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 9:00am due to WVCA staff trainings.

With no further business the meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sawyers
Chairman

Gary Truex
Secretary/ Treasurer

GS/GT/as

Recorded by: Angela Feamster-Sawyers, Administrative Specialist

Looking Ahead- Dates to Remember

* Labor Day Holiday: September 04, 2023 – Office Closed



- * WVCA Mandatory Training: September 12-13, 2023.
- * GVCD September Committee Meeting: September 14, 2023 @9:00am.
- * GVCD September Board Meeting: Thursday, September 21, 2023 @7:00pm
- * 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.



Administrative Specialist Report

08/17/2023

- ❖ All email correspondence not requiring action has been forwarded to Supervisors.
- ❖ Encova premium audit was completed and submitted by the deadline. I have made copies for your review.
- ❖ Greg Miller tried to pay his \$360.00 invoice balance and \$15.00 overdraft fee with cash on August 10, 2023. I told him I couldn't take cash. He promised to return with a cashier's check but hasn't paid yet.
- ❖ WVCA staff and I volunteered at the fair booth on Wednesday, August 16, and Greenbrier County Supervisor Gary Truex and I volunteered today, August 17. I found this opportunity to be educational, rewarding, fun, and a great outreach opportunity. People from across the state visited the booth. I'm excited to volunteer next year.
- ❖ WVCA mandatory staff meetings will be held on September 12-13, 2023. The board will need to decide if they want the September committee meeting to be re-scheduled for Thursday or Friday of that week.
- ❖ **Funds have been received for the following LORs:**
 - 13960-** FY24 Q1 District Support Allotment - \$33,082.00
 - 14009-** FY24 O&M Howard's Creek - \$5450.00
 - 14010-** FY24 O&M Howard's Creek Channel - \$5,450.00
 - 14011-** FY24 O&M Marlin Run- \$5,450.00
 - 14012-** FY24 O&M Marlin Run Channel- \$5,450.00
 - 14002-** CD Employee Reimbursement for Q3 FY23 - \$11,734.64
 - 14054-** NPS1781 Indian Creek III - \$30,000
 - 14060-** NPS1781 Indian Creek III (2)- \$30,000
 - 14077-** NPS1707 Meadow River & Mill Creel Septic & Bio- \$34,133.00
 - Total Received: \$160,749.64**



- ❖ The CDO actual budget report for FY23 is due September 1, 2023. I have been working with our bookkeeper to get this finalized. It has been completed and a draft has been placed in your binders for review. This item is included on the agenda for action.
- ❖ Awards nominations are due by September 1, 2023 (Carroll Greene, Member-At-Large, Honorary Member.) – This item has been placed on the agenda.

Looking Ahead- Dates to Remember

- * Labor Day Holiday: September 04, 2023 – Office Closed
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Greenbrier Vally Work Unit DC Report

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Follow Ups from Last Month's Meeting

- Office Expansion. There has been no change from the previous discussions we've had. I spoke with Lance (FSA) on 8/16/2023 and he's under the belief that this would be a National HQ decision. Right now the Lewisburg Field Office has 2 Wildlife specialists, a partner planner (Trout Unlimited), a Soil Conservationist, and the District Conservationist. I will need at least one additional Soil Conservationist and a Soil Conservation Technician to be at the 2020 staffing levels. Lance intends to push CRP/CREP to the same degree next year (~ 1,700 acres). Last year, during our budget crisis, Jon stated that if we wanted more staff then CRP/CREP was the way to go. Projecting forward, I would expect at least 2-3 more NRCS staff to eventually be assigned to this office. I have no way of considering the placement of other partners in this office.

Technical Assistance

Field Visits

Technical Assistance Provided:

- QM, Greenbrier- Jess and Dorian met the landowner on her property to resolve questions about sufficient service. At the end of the meeting, the client seemed optimistic.

Technical Assistance Request(s):

- Farm Service Agency, Greenbrier County. 1700 acres CRP/CREP. We begin planning these next week with a target of completion, September 1 to 8.
- Stuart Dameron, Greenbrier County. Received a notification from a member of the Board that Stuart Dameron had attempted to get in touch with NRCS about troughs. I called Mr. Dameron at 4:33 pm and found that he had installed some troughs for which there was no contract. He was wanting an EQIP payment for troughs he had installed, so I explained that NRCS did not do reimbursements for practices installed without a contract. He didn't appear to want to discuss it any further, so I gave him my government cell (304)290-2318, and my office line, and told him he could call me if he would be interested in a field visit for me to do a resource inventory and discuss opportunities for other financial assistance programs. Receipt for Service issued.
- John Wilson (Thalheim Inc), Greenbrier County – Client spoke to me and to Jon Bourdon regarding the delay in Cultural Resources Reviews. Jon informed the client that WV was working to hire an archeologist to resolve these delays, but aside from our hiring policies, the delay is currently at the mercy of other states providing assistance.
- Doug Leishear and I spoke about having Joe Wickline, John Nelson, maybe Jacob, and other stream stabilization/restoration staff take a look at his Sinking Creek border as it is undercutting his pasture.

Planning Status

Overdue Plans due to Engineering design, Section 7 Consultation (FWS), Section 106, etc. Jon has set the policy that Engineering designs will be complete within 1 year of contract obligation. My staff has been tasked to complete at least 1 engineering design per quarter, which will be going up to **1 per month in FY 2024**.

FO	Engineering	Section 7	Section 106	Other
Buckeye	14	5		
Lewisburg	23		2	
Union	15		2	

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During the 319 discussion, Jacob mentioned that WVCA were running into 6-8 holds on projects owing to the USFWS Section Consultation (Endangered Species Act). I raised the issue that NRCS was also have project lag due to the lack of consultations. WVCA was able to work around this hold on some of their projects by not cutting trees; a solution that NRCS doesn't have.

Financial Assistance Programs

Contract Management –

- 123 practices were certified and paid in the last quarter (since July 1) for a value of \$220,019.63.
 - Running value of \$672,011.59 in Federal benefits.
- Payments by Practice Type:
 - Area Practice (i.e., grazing plans, heavy use pads): 316 acres and 28,161 square feet for \$120,180.50.
 - Linear Practices (i.e., fencing, pipeline): 27,057 feet for \$64,342.24
 - Point Practices (i.e., troughs, rooves, gutters): 25 Items for \$30,657.29.

Out of Schedule Contract Items. CPA-153 Agreements Covering Non-Compliance with potential for contract termination.

- 2020 Contract Items: 8
- 2021 Contract Items: 188
- 2022 Contract Items: 406

Cancellations and Terminations.

		Financial Penalty	Lost Benefits
▪ Processed:	8	0.00	\$167,636.00
▪ Pending:	20	0.00	\$511,744.99

5 are being worked.

The Board asked if this was an improvement. We're seeing continued requests for cancellations, but I believe we're also seeing more practice completion. Planners have been reaching out to clients proactively and scheduling meetings to assist clients in getting their contracts back on schedule.

Gary Truex asked if this was a lag-catch-up from COVID. The high number of cancellations is at least somewhat associated with the cost increases for materials and labor as a result of the economic shutdown. I explained that NHQ/Congress had developed the CARP and PISP programs to adjust payment rates, bringing them more inline with the post-inflationary adjustment. I explained that these programs were only applicable to EQIP. Gary asked about high tunnels, which I took to mean those funded under an AMA contract. I explained that AMA was funded by Risk Management Agency dollars and so NRCS hadn't been able to do an inflation adjustment. Therefore, the price difference between a 2018 HT payment (\$4000 +/-) and the current payment rate (~\$10,000) had to be absorbed by the client.

Working Applications –

- 23 – Applications awaiting participant signature
- 3 – Signed awaiting my review

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Upcoming Deadlines –

- Aug 18 – Goal for near completion of EQIP 2, CSP, and IRA
- Aug 21 – Greenbrier and Pocahontas Reorient to CRP/CREP

Office Administration

Field Office Priorities

- Added more information after the meeting.
- CSP and EQIP Contract obligation – I had intended to have these being reviewed and sent to the Area Office by August 16, but they are still in progress. With the exception of stragglers, I think they may be done by Aug 25.
- CRP/CREP Plans. Lewisburg and Greenbrier will start transitioning to CRP/CREP on Aug 21. Endangered Species (ICT), Cultural Resources Review, CPA-52, Plans, Maps, and Component Sheets (NRCS: Jobsheets) have a target due date of September 1 with a no-later-than of September 8.

Upcoming Events

- FY2024 Performance Plan review, Sept 1.
- Individual Development Plans Training, Sept 1.
- Q4 Conversations, Sept 14-22.

Special Projects

- **Not discussed during the board meeting.** Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Measure 1.10, Cropping Technical Assistance acres. NRCS needs to identify crop-based clients, including hayfields, that would benefit from having
 - a nutrient management plan. The landowner must be willing to have NRCS come on site, assist with soil sampling, aid in the documentation of nutrient application activities, and be willing to submit an annual report (maybe a 2-page log plus the soil test results) that is not part of a financial assistance program.
 - a soil health management system, including no/reduced till, cover crops, mulching, and crop rotation. The landowner must be willing to have NRCS come on site, do an annual in-field soil health assessment, aid in the documentation of soil health improvement activities, and be willing to submit an annual report (maybe a 2-page log with the soil health assessment) that is not part of a financial assistance program.
- Angela and I are starting discussing the work that we need to do on the 2024 Local Working Group slides and to identify partner agencies to improve participation.

Staffing Updates

- none

Questions for the Board Supervisors

- none

Questions from the Board Supervisors

- Barry asked who initiated the discussion on the expansion of office space. Gary Sawyers said that Judith had also spoken to him about it. I responded that my inquiries had been limited to the Board

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and to my leadership who received my report of the board meetings. I had also spoken with Lance about it on 8/16/2023.

- Engineering. The board offered NRCS the use of their engineers, including a discussion with Jon Bourdon on December 7, 2022. Julie Stutler spoke with me today and said that Jon would like the Board to know that the issue was being discussed at the State Technical Committee so they knew that NRCS was not shelving the concern. Jacob (WVCA) said he had also heard about the discussion at the Committee meeting.
- Building Coordinator. John Purdue asked that I write a letter about the Janitorial services for our building. When I heard Gary Truex identified as the building coordinator, I asked if I was supposed to talk to him before John Purdue. He clarified that their discussion was for their off-site facility.

Any questions may be directed to the undersigned at dorian.perez@usda.gov or (681)318-4025.

DORIAN PEREZ

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District Conservationist

Distribution:

Jon Bourdon, State Conservationist (STC)

Andy Deichert, STC (Acting)

Jeff Barr, Assistant State Conservationist – Field Operations (ASTC-FO) (Acting)

Brandon Duckworth, Assistant State Conservationist – Field Operations (ASTC-FO) new-hire

Burton 'Matt' Murphy, Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)

Julie Stutler, NRCS Outreach Coordinator

Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors (c/o Angie Sawyers)

NRCS Field Office Staff: Buckeye, Lewisburg, and Union Service Centers



August 2023 WVCA Report

Agreed Procedures Engagement (Audit)

Conservation Districts are asked to begin the Agreed Procedures Engagement (APE) (audit) soon after the close of the fiscal year on June 30th. It is important that each district read their audit, and then take steps to correct any findings noted by the auditors. If you have questions, ask Kim or Jeremy.

Request to Conservation Districts

The WVCA is encouraging Conservation Districts to review and update their District Policy Manuals. Districts are also encouraged to review their CD Employee Manual (if you have one).

Conservation Farm Tour

West Area Conservation Farm: Finley Farm from WCD

East Area Conservation Farm: Mountain Harvest Farm from MCD

Timelines:

- **August** - Statewide judging August 22-25, 2023.
- **October** – Presentation of Area and State awards will held at the WVACD October Quarterly meeting in Flatwoods. County and District winners will be recognized at the local Conservation District annual banquets.

State Fair of WV Sign Ups

The schedule for state fair volunteers is now available under the WVCA admin webpage. If you would like to schedule a time frame to work at the fair, please contact your Administrative Specialist.

District Operations Manager Vacancy

During the month of August, interviews will be scheduled to fill the third District Operations Manager position. The WVCA will return to having three areas instead of the current two in regards to district coverage.

CDO Budget Expenditure Report for FY23

This report is due to Guthrie by September 1.

Items to be thinking about and placed on your agendas in the coming month:

Carroll Greene Nomination – form is due to Belinda Withrow by September 1

WVACD Honorary Member At Large

WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member

Rookie Supervisor of the Year

Ag Enhancement Program Timeline FY24

****timeline may be adjusted***

- ☐ July 1 - Start of Program Year
- ☐ July 15 – Deadline for DMs to close out database for previous FY
- ☐ July 31 - AgEP Newsletter (Annual Progress Report)
- ☐ July- State AgEP Committee Introductory meeting
- ☐ August 18 – Deadline for CDs to submit allocation formula proposals and new practices for upcoming FY program.
- ☐ September – State AgEP committee mid-year meeting to review proposals, new practices, and form subcommittee(s) if needed.
- ☐ October 31 - Deadline for CDs to submit additional program comments, including ranking criteria.
- ☐ November - Comments reviewed and forms revised.
- ☐ December - State AgEP committee meeting to finalize upcoming FY program.
- ☐ January - Presentation of upcoming FY AgEP to SCC
- ☐ May/June/July – CDs to finalize upcoming FY program, update AgEP agreement addendums, take action to approve LORs
- ☐ June 15 – Deadline for CDs submit final practice list to WVCA (CDs can submit final list any time after SCC approval of practice list)

**Greenbrier Valley Conservation District
Monthly Equipment Report**

Month/Year July 2022

Equipment	Number of Days Rented	Number of Acres	Total Revenue	Total Cost of Repairs & Maintenance	Total Field Service Mileage
Tye #1					
Tye #2					
Great Plains #1					
Great Plains #2					
Great Plains #3	1	22	Both >	174.47	
No-till Seeder Totals			12.64	174.47	
Cricket					
Grasshopper					
Big Silver					
Lime/fertilizer Totals					
Chemical Sprayer					
Litter Spreader #1					
Litter Spreader #2					
Litter Spreader Totals					
Post Driver #3					
Post Driver #4	1		180		
Post Driver #56	1		180		
Post Driver Totals			360		
Potato Planter					
Potato Sprayer					
Potato Hiller					
Potato Totals					
Portable Scales	3		- 0 -	4H + FFA Kids	
Other					
Shop Supplies				47.95	
GRAND TOTALS (all equipment)	6		624	222.42	