

Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2024
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, WV
@ 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

District Supervisors: Jean Conley (Associate), Mark Teets, Mark Myers, H.R. Scott, Chuck Cienawski, Ed Utterback

USDA-NRCS: Katie Fitzsimmons

WVCA: Kaitlyn Jones, Don Whetzel, Devon Kokoska, Candice Stone, Gene Saurborn

WVDOF: Rudy Williams

Visitor: Bob Spaid

Chairman Myers called the meeting to order.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by Bob Spaid.

Prayer was given by Mark Teets.

February 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes - **Teets moved to approve the February Meeting Minutes (2/1/24). Cienawski seconded. Motion carried.**

Cooperating Agency Reports

- USDA-NRCS – Fitzsimmons reported that Local Work Group Meetings should be conducted before June 15th. Round 2 sign ups end next Friday March 15th.
- RC&D- Cienawski reported they are selling blue bird houses.
- WV Division of Forestry – Williams reported the chainsaw safety class will be held at Brad Swigers. Farmers market this Saturday at Mylan Park.

Solid Waste:

- Scott and Teets both reported there are bids out for electronics.
- Appointee to Marion County-**Cienawski moved to appoint Ben Smith to Marion County Solid Waste Board. Scott seconded. Motion carried.**

Invoices:

- Rexroad \$2,216.50- **Cienawski moved to approve the Rexroad invoice as presented. Teets seconded. Motion carried.**
- CTL Invoices: #140851 Upper Deckers 2 \$1,959.15; #140356 Upper Buffalo 4 \$848.00; #140358 Upper Buffalo Seep 39 \$4,293.00; Upper Buffalo Seep 39 \$3,075.75- **Scott moved to approve the CTL invoices as presented. Teets seconded. Motion carried.**

New Business:

- Eastern Area Meeting-MCD Office 10am April 2nd – Get food trays from Shop and Save and drinks.
- Quarterly Meeting/SCC Meeting- La Quinta -Lunch and refreshments, Soup and pepperoni rolls for lunch- **Scott moved to approve the purchase of lunch for the meeting; Cienawski seconded. Motion carried.**
- Conservation Day/ Mountain Harvest State Farm Winner **Teets move to reimburse Mtn. Harvest \$250.00 for expenses to attend Conservation Day. Scott seconded. Motion carried.**
- Mitchell Tree Care (estimate \$1,400.00)- **Scott moved to approve the estimate and payment contingent on the work being completed. Cienawski seconded. Motion carried.**

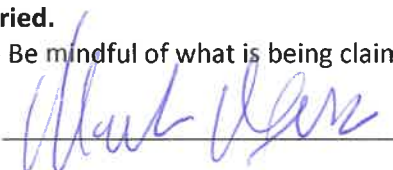
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- CDO Budget-Teets moved to approve FY25 CDO Budget. Scott seconded. Motion carried.
- Personnel Plan- Teets moved to approve FY25 Personnel Plan. Scott seconded. Motion carried.
- Holly Morgan/Use of Conference Room 4/27 & 5/14- Cienawski moved to approve Holly Morgan use of Conference Room to teach a class. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

WVCA Reports

- Kokoska gave a written report and said the new AS will start Monday.
- Whetzel reported they are waiting to hear from the dive team. Contracts for O&M mowing will need to be done.
- Committee Reports
 - Finance- statements have not been received and no financial statement reported. The February report will be added to the April meeting.
 - Education/Marketing/Soil- Middletown tractor will be providing refreshments for the March safety day, Commissioner plans on attending the event. Preston County needs to know what equipment will be needed for demonstrations. Preston County Hospital would like to be involved with the event. Farm Credit will supply water. **Teets move to approve \$1,000.00 budget for the Preston County event for the Vocational Technical culinary class to provide food, more funding could be available contingent on the number of participants. Scott seconded. Motion carried.**
 - Ag Enhancement **Scott moved to approve the payments as presented. Teets seconded. Motion carried.**
 - Legislation- Be mindful of what is being claimed on your travel and per diem forms.
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Minutes approved by:


Mark Myers, Chairman

4-4-24
Date