

Southern Conservation District**Board Meeting Minutes****April 11th, 2024****10:00 AM**

Open & Welcome

SCD Vice-Chair, Bill Harris

Prayer & Pledge

Those in attendance:

Members of the board; Ron Testerman, Ed Hendrick, Curtis Murphy, John Farrell (via teleconference call) Bill Harris, Randall Patton (via teleconference call) Randy Prince, Alvin Marchant.

SCD/WVCA Staff: Dave Parkulo, Braden Snyder, Marty Walker-Owen (via teleconference call)

NRCS: Matt Davidson, Angie Fisher, Hanna Thacker, Clayton Scott, Beth Villers NRCS/WVSU

Visitors: Detlef Ulfers, Raleigh County Commission

Southern Conservation District Operations & Business

Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes

SCD/Marty Walker-Owen

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the March board meeting minutes as presented, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

Approval of March Special Board Meeting Minutes

John Farrell moved to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes as presented, Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried.

Review/Approval of District Financial Reports

SCD/Marty Walker-Owen

*District Operating Account**District Building Account**Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Account**CDO Account**District Reserve Account*

Ed Hendrick moved to approve the SCD financial reports as presented, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Accounts Receivable/Aging Summary

SCD/Dave Parkulo

Dave Parkulo reviewed outstanding accounts briefly, Ron Testerman moved to approve acceptance of the aging summary, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

WVCA/SCD District Administration Report

Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA

- SCD Office Updates- No report outside of financials given at this time; Marty Walker-Owen communicated to Jeremy Salyer that office is routine business as usual.
- Review/Approval of Co-administered WVCA Financial reports

Ron Testerman moved to approve the WVCA financial reports as presented, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

Conservation Technician Supervisor Report District Work Project Updates

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Dave Parkulo provided a report including the current brush cutting along Cranberry Creek in Beckley as well as Little Whitestick Creek to be next and moving into Soak Creek after that. He noted the lime spreader, no-till drill seeder and fence post driver has been steady rented and he has 172 tons of lime on order weather pending. He noted he is working on plans for DFCF brush cutting and rip-rap repair as well as BC sites 12, 6, and 10 trash rack installation.

- Farm Service Agency area new carpet estimate

Dave Parkulo reported on an update with the recent FSA renovations and provided an estimate on the new carpet. He noted the carpet is estimated to cost \$4,990.00 including labor and materials.

Ed Hendrick moved to approve the carpet estimate, Curtis Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Bill Harris inquired to Dave about any remaining ag projects that were given extensions for the crew to complete. Dave Parkulo commented he has an extension to fulfill when weather cooperates with Mike Lester for 20 tons of lime and a pond cleanout for Christina Smith which will include a pump down. Sky Gwinn's extended project has been completed and paid through both the cooperator and the cost-share.

Conservation Specialist Report

Braden Snyder, WVCA

Braden Snyder provided a report to the board updating on recent AgEP activities and 319 program updates as well as the feed pad in Summers County. (see his written report attached to the minutes)

- AgEP Updates
- 319 Program Updates
 - Septic replacement bid acceptance.

Braden Snyder provided estimates in review for approval for Pipestem 319 project for John Hawkins for septic replacement.

Ed Hendrick moved to approve John Hawkins' preferred bid, Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried.

- Update & approval of revision of feed pad contract

Braden Snyder updated the board on the continued revision of contract for the feed pad in Summers County for Ron Testerman utilizing 319 funds. He noted that the feed pad is now being reviewed to fit parameters with the agency . He is waiting on Jennifer Skaggs and Gene Saurbon for further updates and plans.

WVCA, NRCS & SCD Updates/Approvals

District Conservationist

Katy McBride, NRCS

Matt Davidson provided the monthly NRCS report. (see attached to the minutes the written report)

Watershed Manager South Report

Jacob Lavender, WVCA

No report provided at this time.

Area Operations Manager Report

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Jeremy Salyer provided an overview of his report to the board which included dates and important reminders for the conservation farm tour deadline of May 31st for district farm winners. He noted the workplan report to be submitted by the district in June.

Supervisor Reports/Approvals

Mobile Ag Education Trailer-Approval of support/reservation

Ed Hendrick

Ed Hendrick updated that he has been in contact with Michelle Bailey with the WV Farm Bureau mobile Ag Lab that recently visited Mabscott elementary school. He commented that the board of education is willing to contribute to the lab also with the help of SCD sponsoring. He has currently placed the SCD on a waiting list for reservations for Daniels elementary school.

Ed Hendrick moved to approve supporting the WV Farm Bureau Mobile Ag Lab for Daniels elementary school when scheduling is available, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

A discussion was brought up in reference to the WV Soil Tunnel Trailer. Jeremy Salyer said he would ask Marty to provide her contact information with the board.

Visitors

WVACD Updates

Heather Duncan, WVACD

Heather Duncan was not on the call for a report. SCD WVACD representatives Ron Testerman and Bill Harris provided various updates with the WVACD including grant dollars available for application.

Public Comments

Ron Testerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Ed Hendrick seconded, meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

Closing Remarks & Meeting Reminders:

Monthly Committee Meetings April 30th 10:00 AM (*last Tuesday of month*)

Respectfully submitted:

Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin.

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Randall Patton, SCD Chair

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Fred Halsey, SCD Secretary

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