

**Southern Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 9th, 2024
10:00 AM**

Open & Welcome

SCD Chair, Randall Patton

Prayer & Pledge

Those in attendance: Members of the board; Ed Hendrick, Ron Testerman (via teleconference) Curtis Murphy, John Farrel, Bill Harris, Randall Patton, Randy Prince, Bill Cook, Fred Halsey, Alvin Marchant.

WVCA/SCD/NRCS staff: Marty Walker-Owen, Braden Snyder, Jacob Lavender, Jeremy Salyer, Dave Parkulo, Katy McBride and

Southern Conservation District Operations & Business

Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes SCD/Marty Walker-Owen
Curtis Murphy moved to approve the April board meeting minutes as presented, John Farrell seconded, motion carried

Approval of April Committee Meeting Minutes
Ed Hendrick moved to approve the April committee meeting minutes as presented, Curtis Murphy 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

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the financial reports as presented, Bill Harris seconded, motion carried.

Review/Approval of Accounts Receivable/Aging Summary SCD/Dave Parkulo

A brief discussion was held referencing greater than 90 days past due, Dave Parkulo provided an update on accounts of the aging summary. Dave noted that Marty has been in touch with Akers & Associates in review and follow-up on the item noted as Zach Thomas

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the aging summary, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

WVCA/SCD District Administration Report Marty Walker-Owen, WVCA

- SCD Office Updates

Marty Walker-Owen noted that everything was routine business as usual at this time and she did not have any pressing items to report on or update at this time and reminded that if anyone had any questions or concerns that they could contact her.

- Review/Approval of Co-administered WVCA Financial report

Marty Walker-Owen reported that she had not yet received the WVCA co-administered reports from district fiscal at this time. She reminded the board that the fiscal section is understaffed at this current time with only one accountant administering the reporting for the districts at this time. She and Jason Crowder have been in communication this week working on finalizing the reports and items needed but there was not ample time for him to produce the reports with additional CD interest information needed as of this morning. Marty will obtain the CD interest information requested and when the reports are finalized, she will send out for review. She asked that these reports be tabled until the next board meeting for review.

- Review/Approval of Co-administered WVCA Financial report

Conservation Technician Supervisor Report
District Work Project Updates

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Dave Parkulo reported on the mowing of the channels,

- AC/Furnace Replacement Approval

Dave Parkulo gave an update on recent service completed on the SCD AC/Furnace repair and cost of replacement.

Bill Harris moved to approve a replacement of the oldest AC /Furnace in the building, Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried.

Conservation Specialist Report

Braden Snyder, WVCA

- AgEP Updates

Braden Snyder provided an update to the board on his recent AgEP updates and reviewed his written report with the board.

Braden Snyder reported on a cancelation for the lime cost-share for Michael Lester. He also reported on Barry McCoy's recent Nutrient Management cancelation

(see attached his written report)

A brief discussion was held in review of the current AgEP funds available at this time between Braden Snyder, Marty Walker-Owen, Bill Harris and Randall Patton in review of the CDO funds, quarterly allotment and the remaining contracts needing to be paid.

Bill Harris inquired about the monthly expenses from the CDO account.

Bill Harris moved to approve the AgEP district supportive funds up to \$15,500.00 , Ed Hendrick seconded motion carried.

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Approval of AgEP sign-up dates June 3rd-14th

Approval of FY25 AgEP Administrative Agreement

Curtis Murphy moved to approve the revised and updated Admin Agreement for FY25, John Farrel seconded, motion carried.

- 319 Program Updates

Braden Snyder reviewed his report on the work of the 319 program which is noted in his written report.

He noted his discussions with Zach Thompson on the recent estimates for his contract for septic pumping.

Braden Snyder gave a report on the updates to the feed pad at Ron Testerman's farm. He reported that the nutrient management plan has been completed and a meeting has been set with WVCA staff and Ron Testerman at this farm.

Bill Harris asked for an update on an anticipated timeline for completion.

Jennifer Skaggs provided an update on the proposed planning and timelines for the feed pad being discussed at Ron Testerman's farm located in Pipestem Creek Watershed.

WVCA, NRCS & SCD Updates/Approvals

District Conservationist

Katy McBride, NRCS

Katy McBride noted that she has provided the board with a copy of her written report and appreciates the support to the contests statewide including Envirothon, Grassland and Homesite and Land judging contest.

She reported on current CSP contract completions and applications as well as outreach activities attending water festivals in the district.

- Discuss FY25 Resource Concerns, Priorities, Long Rang Plan

Katy McBride requested a meeting for the afternoon of May 28th for the LWG meeting and long-range planning. Randall Patton suggested May 21st Tuesday at 10:00 AM

Katy noted that the LWG meeting's purpose is to gather partnering agencies together to focus on plans and goals because they may see concerns out in the field needed.

- Schedule a LWG meeting

A LWG meeting has been tentatively scheduled for May 21st, Tuesday at 10:00 AM

Hannah Thacker reported that the NRCS has sent out letters for the Elkhorn Creek project in Matheny to update the application process. She noted they will be reviewing the watershed plan with the county commissions and obtaining signatures as they move forward.

Watershed Manager South Report

Jacob Lavender, WVCA

Jacob Lavender updated the board on some flood hazard mitigation meetings recently held with the McDowell and Wyoming county commissions that Brian Fry, Shane Pettrey and Braden Snyder recently attended.

A discussion was held regarding the Fayette County Commission and blockages reported in the Pax area. Jacob Lavender noted that information was provided by WVCA.

Area Operations Manager Report

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Jeremy Salyer reported on the farm tour submission deadline being May 30th 2024.

He recommended to the board if you did not have county farms or district farm recognition at this time it would be in the board's best interest to focus on conservation farm tour recognition for next year for time to plan and coordinate.

Katy McBride noted that she had sent an email to the board and Marty with names of producers having an NRCS plan.

Marty Walker-Owen noted that if anyone representing their counties wished to nominate a farmer in their county, they just need to let her know so she can provide contest details and information with them in advance and work with them. She noted they can ask Braden Snyder on AgEP involvement and Katy McBride on NRCS practices if they have someone in mind in their county.

Sigrid Teets provided an update on the upcoming rehab project

Supervisor Reports/Approvals

Randall Patton reminded the board that supervisor elections and nominations will be next month to be thinking about officers.

Visitors

WVACD Updates

Heather Duncan, WVACD

No updates at this time provided by Heather Duncan.

Public Comments

Closing Remarks & Meeting Reminders:

Monthly Committee Meetings May 28th 10:00 AM (*last Tuesday of month*)
Bill Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: 11:45 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin

X Marty R. Walker-Owen

Fred Halsey, Secretary

X Fred Halsey

Randall Patton, Chairman

X Randall Patton