

Special Board Meeting/Committee Meetings

Minutes
May 29th, 2024
10:00 AM

Open & Welcome

SCD Chairman, Randall Patton

The Southern Conservation District met for a scheduled Special Board Meeting at their office location at 463 Ragland Road Beckley WV, 25801.

Randall Patton opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

Those present today: SCD members of the board; Ron Testerman, Ed Hendrick, Curtis Murphy, Bill Harris, Randall Patton, Fred Halsey and Alvin Marchant.

SCD/WVCA staff: Dave Parkulo, SCD, Marty Walker-Owen, Jacob Lavender, Sigrid Teets, Jeremy Salyer. Chris Casto, WVCA

Others: Scott, Green Valley, Glenwood PSD, Bill Archer, Mercer County Commission, Greg Puckett, Mercer County Commission,

Chairman of the board proceeded with the Special Board Meeting items of business prior to committee meeting discussions.

Special Board Meeting SCD Items of Business

O&M

- 1.) Discussion, review, and approval of Brush Creek Sites 14 & 15 Project Oversight
Sigrid Teets WVCA/SCD

Sigrid Teets WVCA project coordinator provided an introduction to the discussion concerning Brush Creek sites 14 and 15. An at length discussion continued between members of the SCD board, WVCA staff involved and Mercer County Commission regarding general scope of the project, agreement terms, sponsorship and funding obligations.

a. O&M agreement

The O&M Agreement was highlighted and reviewed. Sigrid Teets noted the O&M agreement details need to be made and submitted by August 6th, 2024. She asked to place the O&M agreement on the July board agenda for final approval.

b. MOU/in-kind expenses

c. Construction oversight agreement - WVCA/SCD Financial/Operations

The construction oversight agreement # 1493-00 between the SCD and WVCA was brought forth for discussion that was worked on by Sigrid Teets, Chris Casto and other WVCA staff and provided to members of the board and Marty Walker-Owen yesterday, May 28th 2024 by email as well as a hard copy provided in today's meeting.

(Gene Buckner, Mercer County Commission joined the conference call)

Gene Buckner, Mercer County Commissioner stated concerns regarding the shared costs associated with the project and drew attention to the 4th bullet listed on page 3 of 11 of the MOU. A discussion was held between Mr. Commissioner of Mercer County, WVCA staff presenting the project and Bill Harris, SCD.

The discussion in point is listed below:

- The sponsors are responsible for the cost of water, mineral and other resource rights, all Federal, state and local permits, and operation and maintenance; none of which are considered part of the total eligible project cost and none of which shall be credited for the Sponsor’s cost-share.

Sigrid Teets continued to review the WVCA and SCD agreement #1493 with the SCD board and staff.

Ed Hendrick requested explanation and discussion of the document.

A discussion ensued in detail highlighting the agreement for WVCA section I. and SCD section II.

Jeremy Salyer recommended an hour each for presentation for the engineering firms and suggested interviewing 3-4 potential firms.

2.) Approval of April Reconciled WVCA Co-Admin Financial Reports
(tabled at May board meeting)

Bill Harris moved to approve the April the WVCA Co-Admin reports as presented, Ron Testerman seconded, motion carried.

3.) Approval of FY25 Quarterly Allotments

FY25 Q1 District Support Allotment	\$47,163.00	7/1/2024	16145
FY25 Q2 District Support Allotment	\$26,750.00	10/1/2024	16146
FY25 Q3 District Support Allotment	\$26,749.00	1/1/2025	16147
FY25 Q4 District Support Allotment	\$18,703.00	4/1/2025	16148

Bill Harris moved to approve the FY25 quarterly allotments, Ed seconded, motion carried.

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4.) Approval of Eli Testerman’s 319- Ag BMP Project Contract WVCA/Jacob Lavender

Ron Testerman recused himself from the meeting at this time.

Jacob Lavender reported on the 319 contract for Ag BMP contract that Braden Snyder has worked on with Eli Testerman prior to his leave. Jacob Lavender noted the deadline of September 1st of 2024.

Bill Harris moved to approve the \$23, 218.00 319 Ag BMP contract in Pipestem Creek Watershed, Ed Hendrick seconded, motion carried.

5.) Zach Thomas- 319 Septic Repair; Review & Acceptance of bid

Jacob Lavender presented the complete septic replacement as reviewed for 319 septic repair in the amount of \$5,500.00.

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

Jacob Lavender noted he would look into state versus federal funds for the payment per the existing proposal.

Bill Harris inquired on the status of the feed pad at Ron Testerman's farm.

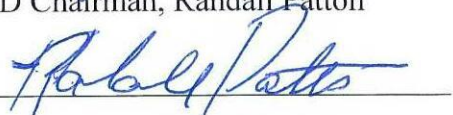
Jacob Lavender noted that Levi Cyphers with the WVCA is working on the engineering coordination with Alliance consulting.

Special Board Meeting adjourned 12:06 PM

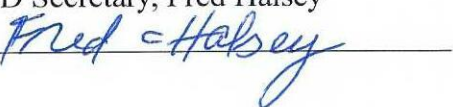
Respectfully submitted; Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin.

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SCD Chairman, Randall Patton

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SCD Secretary, Fred Halsey

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(see next page for committee meeting notes)

Committee Meetings (Updates)

Chair- Randall Patton, Equipment No discussion

Chair- Bill Harris, Building- Dave Parkulo & Bill Harris noted the completed carpet installed in FSA .

Chair-Ron Testerman, 319 Ron Testerman commented that the 319 contracts have been reviewed and approved that have been in discussion.

Chair- Fred Halsey, Education No discussion

Chair-Curtis Murphy, Finance No discussion

Chair-Curtis Murphy, AgEP Marty Walker-Owen reported that she and Braden Snyder have been finalizing the current FY24 program with payment wrap up, verifications and database updates. She noted she has deposited the funds from the building account provided by SCD and has submitted the last of the AgEP payments to fiscal except for the remaining extension. (Pond cleanout)