



Greenbrier Valley Conservation District

July 23, 2024, 10:00am
Special Board Meeting
Approved Minutes

On July 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., the Greenbrier Valley Board of Supervisors held a Special Board meeting in the USDA Service Center's conference room.

Those in attendance:

Supervisors:

Chairman, Gary Sawyers
Gary Truex
Donald McNeel (Virtual)
Avery Atkins (Virtual)
Carolyn Miller (Teleconference)
Timothy VanReenen (Virtual)

Others

Chelsea Cook, FSA, Monroe County CED (Virtual)
Dorian Perez, NRCS (Virtual)
Barry Level, GVCD
Jacob Lavender, WVCA
Morgan Dial, WVCA
Jason Nicholia, WVCA
Angela Feamster-Sawyers, WVCA

Chairman Sawyers called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

New Business

• GVCD Agricultural Enhancement Program Exigency Program Activation

Issue: The Executive Director of the West Virginia Conservation Agency has authorized immediate use of AgEP Exigency Program Funds for the purpose of cost-share for livestock water supply. This authorization includes the purchase of



portable water tanks and associated valves and fittings, water pump, portable pipeline and portable troughs.

Discussion: In accordance with the "Agricultural Enhancement Program Administrative Agreement" signed 23 May 2024, Addendum #2 for the Exigency Program, "The GVCD Board of Supervisors will analyze the variables within specific events as they occur and act accordingly."

Additionally, the agreement states that "Conservation Districts shall establish financial assistance rates and caps on an annual basis."

GVCD has \$10,990.01 in the AgEP Exigency Account. These funds may be utilized as a one-time cost-share for cooperators who own livestock and are in good standing. The lifespan for this practice is five years.

This program will support cooperators who have not previously established contingency plans for drought conditions common to GVCD this time of year.

Assistance may be paid retroactively with the proper receipts and inspection by a GVCD representative.

Timothy VanReenen moved on behalf of the committee that GVCD participates in the GVCD Agricultural Enhancement Program Exigency Program - Exigent Livestock Water Supply with a maximum cost-share rate of \$500 per cooperator for the purchase of portable water tanks and associated valves and fittings, water pumps, portable pipeline and portable troughs upon submission of receipts and verification dated after 15 June 2024. This program ends when GVCD is no longer in D-1 or higher drought conditions; or when all funds are expended; or the GVCD Board of Supervisors ends the program. **Gary Truex seconded; motion carried.**

Avery Atkins moved to delegate authority to Gary Truex to approve applications after validation of need by a GVCD representative, and to authorize payments for the AgEP Exigency Program after visual verification by a GVCD representative.

Discussion ensued.

Avery Atkins amended his motion to delegate authority to both Gary Truex and Gary Sawyers to approve applications after validation of need by a GVCD representative, and to authorize payments for the AgEP Exigency Program after visual verification by a GVCD representative. **Timothy VanReenen seconded; motion carried.**



- **FY24 CDO Budget**

On behalf of the committee Gary Truex moved to approve the FY24 CDO Budget. Carolyn Miller seconded; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Sawyers at 10:49am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sawyers
Chairman

Gary Truex
Secretary/ Treasurer

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