

Southern Conservation District**Board Meeting Minutes****August 8th, 2024****10:00 AM**

The SCD Met for a regular scheduled monthly board meeting at their location, 463 Ragland Road, Beckley WV 25801.

Those present; Members of the board: Ron Testerman, Ed Hendrick (via teleconference call) Curtis Murphy, John Farrell, Bill Harris, Randall Patton, Randy Prince, Rachel Prince, Fred Halsey and Steven Johnston.

SCD/WVCA staff: Dave Parkulo, Braden Snyder, Marty Walker-Owen, Jeremy Salyer

SCD Chair, Randall Patton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

NRCS, District Conservationist Report

Katy McBride gave the NRCS report prior to other items on the agenda, she needed to leave to attend the WV State Fair.

Katy McBride provided an overview of her written report to the board. She noted that New Roots Farm is hosting an outreach event on Saturday September 21st and would like to work with Marty on getting some information or a booth set-up for the district as outreach to promote programs of the district.

Southern Conservation District Operations & Business

Approval of July Board Meeting Minutes SCD/Marty Walker-Owen
Curtis Murphy moved to approve the July Board Meeting Minutes, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

Approval of July Committee Meeting Minutes/Special Board Meeting Minutes
Steven Johnston moved to approve the July Special Board Meeting/Committee Meeting Minutes, John Farrell 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

Bill Harris and Randall Patton inquired about the Supervisor Travel and Per Diem deposit from the first quarter, Marty Walker-Owen reported that she requested the transfer and has the check from the bookkeeper today from CDO to make that deposit upon signature from the board.

Bill Harris moved to approve the SCD financial reports, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

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

Marty noted the 118.19 green infrastructure paid

Bill Harris moved to approve the aging summary, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

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

- Review/Approval of Co-administered WVCA Financial reports

Bill Harris inquired about the code break outs of sponsor dollars Marty will follow up with Jason Crowder on the funds appropriately coded

Bill Harris moved to approve the co-administered reports, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

- SCD Office Updates

Marty Walker-Owen gave a brief report on current items being worked on at the SCD office. She noted she has been working on the exigency drought program information, tracking calls and office visits for drought inquiries and working with Braden Snyder on the program. She stated she will be working at the WV State Fair tomorrow as well as out of the office two days next week for the fair.

Marty reported she has scheduled the agreed upon procedural audit for the last week of August for the district with the auditor, Mr. Rod Lowe.

Conservation Technician Supervisor Report Dave Parkulo, SCD
District Work Project Updates

Dave Parkulo reported on the recent work of the crew. He reported that they have completed the mowing at the South Fork Dams for PVCD as well as Mill Creek Dams in the Western Fork District.

He provided an overview of ag lime delivered and spread within the district, several spraying jobs for farmers and pond cleanouts in Summers County.

Conservation Specialist Report Braden Snyder, WVCA

Braden Snyder provided an overview of his written report provided to the board.

- AgEP Updates
- 319 Program Updates- Approval of Eli Testerman's contract revision
- Delegate approval for current 319 contracts

Braden Snyder requested the board to delegate approval for someone to approve 319 contracts in addition to Ron Testerman due to Eli Testerman having an open application.

Bill Harris moved to approve John Farrell to delegate approval of 319 program contracts, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

Bill Harris moved to approve Lindsey Gwinn and Curtis Murphy as completed exigency applications, John Farrell seconded, motion carried.

319 federal funds approval

Bill Harris moved to approve, John Farrell seconded, motion carried

WVCA, NRCS & SCD Updates/Approvals

Watershed Manager South Report

Jacob Lavender, WVCA

Jacob Lavender noted he has completed the sponsor report as requested and has that ready to send to Marty. He also reported the 7-1-3U was current
Sub agreement with Dave

Area Operations Manager Report

Jeremy Salyer, WVCA

Jeremy Salyer reminded the CDO actual budget report is due to be submitted to Guthrie

Honorary Member Carroll Greene nominations due September 1st

Will have on committee meeting agenda at end of August for discussion

Supervisor Reports/Approvals

Bill Harris

Building committee item/ fire escape estimate

Dave Parkulo provided an update on a galvanized metal staircase to replace the existing wooden fire escape exit for approximately \$7,500.00 - 8,500.00

He also reported on the option of constructing the exact item that is in place at the building now made of wood which would be approximately \$3,500.00.

Visitors

WVACD Updates

Heather Duncan, WVACD

Randall Patton commented on the appointments of the boards

Bill Harris reported on the NRCS Brush Creek Dam rehab

Ron Testerman noted as a WVACD report on the outcome of the recent elections

Public Comments

Closing Remarks & Meeting Reminders:

Committee Meetings Tuesday August 27th

(WV State Fair August 8th-17th) Next Board Meeting September 12th

Meeting adjourned:

Ron Testerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Randy Prince seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Marty R. Walker-Owen, Admin.

X Marty R. Walker-Owen

Ed Hendrick, SCD Secretary

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Randall Patton, SCD Chairman

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