

Southern Conservation District

Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2025

9:45 AM

The Southern Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 9:45 AM in the conference room of the district office located at **263 Ragland Rd. Beckley, WV 25801**

Those in Attendance:

Supervisors:

Randall Patton, Chairman

Bill Harris, Vice Chair

Edgar Hendrick, Secretary

Bill Cook

Steven Johnston

Curtis Murphy

Ron Testerman (Teleconference)

Others:

Jesus Nandi-Roman, WVCA

Dave Parkulo, SCD

Katy McBride, NRCS

Andy Sentz, NRCS

Ruby Daniels -Holland, NRCS

Beth Villers, NRCS-WVSU

Keith Richmond, FSA

Hannah Thacker, NRCS

Dick Barnes, Farmer/Mercer Co.

Open & Welcome

Randall Patton, Chairman

Southern Conservation Operations & Business:**AgEP Obligations:**

Chairman Randall Patton read the minutes from the Board Meeting of February 13, 2025. The minutes contained information about approved funds for SCD's AgEP obligations; however, the amount previously approved was not sufficient. Chairman Randall Patton suggested a motion to add an additional \$1,701.00 from the building account to cover the remaining obligations.

*Steven Johnston made a motion to use funds from the building account to cover the additional cost to satisfy SCD AGeP obligations. The motion was seconded by **Bill Harris**, and the motion carried.*

Sewer Line Repairs:

An ongoing facilities issue was discussed regarding the sewer line affecting the bathrooms. Dave Parkulo conducted an exploratory assessment throughout the week and plans to consult with a licensed plumber to determine the exact location and extent of the damage. He will also obtain repair quotes for the necessary work. The repair will require full access to Ruby's office space, resulting in a temporary relocation of her work area.

Randall Patton initiated discussion to determine whether Dave Parkulo could provide a preliminary cost estimate for board consideration. Dave Parkulo presented a rough estimate of \$30,000.00 to cover all costs associated with the toilet and sewer line repairs, including structural impacts to the flooring. Due to the nature of the work—specifically, the use of power tools and potential disruption—repairs will be scheduled for after-hours and on weekends. This matter was noted as time-sensitive, as it will require temporary shutdown of both the upstairs and downstairs restrooms. This is why Dave Parkulo recommended that all operations be completed after hours.

*Steve Johnston made a motion to approve spending up to \$30,000.00 to address the sewer line repair project. The motion was seconded by **Edgar Hendrick** and specifies that the funds will be taken from the building account. The motion carried.*

Conservation Farm Tour:

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming Conservation Farm Tour. It was noted that unless additional farms are identified, there is no need to proceed with the tour, as there are currently only two farms—one representing each category. The board acknowledged that waiting until the committee meeting to make a decision would require a rapid turnaround. A conversation took

place between the board and NRCS concerning this issue; which resulted in the cancellation of the farm tour due to several uncontrollable factors.

Truck & Trailer:

There was only one bid received for the truck and trailer, with a total amount of \$23,000.00 as outlined in a document provided by Dave Parkulo. Mr. Parkulo informed the board that this amount aligned with his expectations and expressed satisfaction with the bid, despite it being the sole submission.

*A bid in the amount of \$23,000.00 USD was received for the truck and trailer. **Bill Harris** made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by **Steven Johnston** and carried.*

Public Remarks/Comments

Meeting Adjournment:

Bill Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Curtis Murphy and carried.

Dates To Remember:

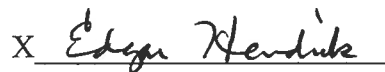
SCD Committee Meeting: May 27, 2025 at 10:00 AM @ 463 Ragland Rd Beckley WV, 25801

Respectfully Submitted:

Randall Patton, SCD Chairman

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Edgar Hendrick, SCD Secretary

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Recorded By; Jesus Nandi Roman, Administrative Specialist