

**Monongahela Conservation District**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes-DRAFT**  
**February 5th, 2026**  
**Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center**  
**Morgantown, WV**  
**9:30 am**

**Attendance:** Supervisors: Mark Teets (Chairman), Brandon Linton, Chuck Cienawski, HR Scott, Bob Spaid, Andy Price, Mark Myers, Art Mouser (associate, virtual)

Extension: Carrie See (virtual)

NRCS: Christopher Toothman, Sarah Sions,

WVACD: Heather Duncan (virtual), Vanta Coda (virtual)

DOF: Rudy Williams

WVCA: Don Whetzel, Kaitlyn Jones, Adrienne Hoalcraft, Sigrid Teets

Chairman Teets called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the prayer.

**Myers moved to approve the agenda for 2.5.26, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

Billy Ray could not attend the meeting. An itemized monthly bill and snow removal were discussed.

**Spaid moved to approve the minutes from 1.8.26, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

**Cooperating Agencies**

- NRCS's Toothman provided a written report and highlighted upcoming dates and programs. He reported Sines was leaving soon for Hawaii.
- Extensions See provided a written report highlighting upcoming dates
- Williams gave an update on staffing changes. He provided pocket calendars.
- WVACD's Duncan provided a written report. The April quarterly meeting will take place April 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> in Martinsburg. Danny Lutz's septic bill is in committee. Senate Bill 631 was discussed. Duncan reported the bill would take flood control structures away from conservation districts. Myers provide copies of the bill to the board. Myers felt this was not in the best interest of the districts. Duncan is requesting an opinion from each board for the association. MCD writing a letter expressing their opposition was discussed. **Myers moved to send a letter opposing SB 631,**

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**seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.** The origin of SB631 was discussed. Sending the letter to Senators Smith and Hamilton was discussed.

- Coda reviewed his written report and discussed upcoming events. The nontraditional conservation farm was discussed. Davin and Vanta can work with the farm to create a video package.
- FSA's drought program deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**WVCA Reports**

- The Upper Deckers EAPs were discussed. Vernon Born agreed to be the new monitor for Upper Deckers 4. Teets has been in contact with OEM Director Wolfe about an alternative notification system. The problems with the traditional system were discussed.
- Jones reported MCD has paid out \$42,000 in AgEP so far. \$65,000 is still out in contracts. The soils lab is currently backed up with issues.
- **Myers moved to approve the cooperator agreements for Sam Horrocks and Teri Koster both of Preston County, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**
- Hoalcraft provided a written report highlighting bank notifications and the NRCS door tort claim. A donation request for the WVU soils' team was discussed.
- **Myers moved to donate \$1,000 to the WVU Soils Team at Art Mouser's recommendation, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**
- Whetzel provided a written report highlighting upcoming dates and deadlines.

**Solid Waste Authority**

- Myers reported Mon SWA was working on their plan of work and the next meeting would be February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- No Marion report provided.
- Prentiss provided a written report from January's meeting for Preston.

**Myers moved to approve the financial statements and file them for audit, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

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**Myers moved to pay the invoice from Layton Services for the annual back flow check, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

Cienawski spoke about the West Fork River Blockage. The low bid for the project was \$88,000. WVCA will pay \$44,000. Marion County Commission and Marion County Parks and Rec will pay the rest.

**Spaid moved to approve LOR 16478 7-1-3U West Form Stream Project for \$44,000, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**

#### **Old Business**

- Candidates for the traditional farm of the year were discussed. **Cienawski moved to approve David Lee for Conservation Farm of the Year, seconded by Linton. Following discussion, the second was removed and the motion died on the table.**
- Hoalcraft will reach out to the traditional farm candidates provided by NRCS to see if they would have interest in being nominated. Supervisors will plan to visit the farms in April.

#### **New Business**

- Cienawski gave more information on the West Fork Blockage. Reclaim LLC is the contractor. Permits are being obtained and Marion County Parks and Rec is running the contract.
- **Cienawski moved to sign the West Form Stream Project Sub Agreement, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**
- **Myers moved to approve the Century Farm applications for the Linton/Hornbeck Farm, Dalton Farm, Fern Faye Farm, and Born Farm, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**
- **Myers moved to approve Sisler's Flat Rock Farm's Century Farm application pending deed verification, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**
- **Myers moved to approve the CDO Budget for FY27, seconded by Price. Motion carried.**

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- **Myers moved to approve the FY27 Personnel Plan, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.**
- The BRIM insurance plan was discussed. Teets told Cienawski to look into other insurance options.

**Committee Reports**

- Switching banks was discussed. The board felt the return of funds required a lot of work from Chairman Teets. Eliminating the possibility of electronic transfers from the accounts was discussed. Cienawski discussed looking at interest rates. The board agreed that a decision did not need to be made today. Hoalcraft will keep the bank account on next month's agenda.
- Spaid, Linton, and Myers will be attending Ag Day at the Capitol on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A proxy for April's quarterly meeting will be needed.
- **Myers moved to nominate Bob Spaid as the 1<sup>st</sup> proxy for Mark Teets at the quarterly meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> with Brandon Linton serving as the second proxy, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.**
- Estimates for the bathroom remodel and building remodel were reviewed. The remodel time frame was discussed.
- Cienawski requested a report on fencing repairs at dams and a follow up from DNR. Dam signs were discussed. The board discussed who could provide them with the rules for each dam.
- Upcoming education events including pollinator events and an upcoming beginning beekeeper class were discussed.
- The next Appalachian Grazing meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Myers moved to enter executive session at 12:05 pm to discuss sensitive financial information, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

**Myers moved to leave executive session at 12:25 pm, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

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**Spaid moved to approve a 2-phase remodel plan, Phase 1 will start as soon as possible with Divine Construction LLC. remodeling the bathroom, (estimate with cost \$18,000) and constructing a kitchenette. For Phase 2, Divine Construction LLC will remodel the office space with S&L Electric performing the electrical work pending approval from the state real estate office, seconded by Myers. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**

**Myers moved to give Chairman Teets authority to authorize a down payment for construction if required, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**

The board will need to work with Rexroad on heating and cooling adjustments.

**Spaid moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:42 pm.**

*Mark Teets*

Chairman

*3/5/26*

Date

