

**Monongahela Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 2026
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, WV
9:30 am**

Attendance: Supervisors: HR Scott, Chuck Cienawski, Brandon Linton, Art Mouser (associate), Mark Teets (Chairman), Mark Myers, Andy Price, Bob Spaid
NRCS: Christopher Toothman
DOF: Rudy Williams
WVACD: Heather Duncan (virtual)
WVU Extension: Josh Malencia
WVCA: Kaitlyn Jones, Adrienne Hoalcraft, Don Whetzel, Devon Kokoska, Bill Armstrong
Visitors: Michael (virtual), Jarod Ringer (CEC)

Chairman Teets called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

Mouser led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the prayer.

Civil and Environmental Consultants representative Jarod Ringer spoke about extending a sewer service in Masontown. He requested a utility easement for a small area near Pineview Drive. What areas the district owns and HB5364 changing ownership were discussed. Myers expressed support for the project and its effect on the community. **Spaid moved to sign the right of way agreement with CEC, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.** Chairman Teets signed the agreement. No notary was present to sign. No funds were exchanged.

Myers moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes from 3.5.26, seconded by Price. Motion carried.

Cooperating Agencies

- Toothman provided a written report and highlighted being on schedule to meet their deadlines.
- The changes to the land judging procedures were discussed. The role of conservation districts was discussed. Hoalcraft will follow up with the FFA advisor regarding their planning efforts. **Myers moved to donate up to \$500 for the land judging, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.** Teets will serve as the planning point of contact.
- Williams reported on prescribed burns in Parsons and Canaan Valley.

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- Malencia reported the upcoming mushroom workshop at Mylan Park is full and there were plans to host another one in the fall.
- See provided a written report with several upcoming event dates.
- Duncan reminded the board the quarterly meeting was scheduled for April 22nd and April 23rd. Envirothon will take place April 16-17th at Camp Caesar with 2 Morgantown teams competing.
- Filling the Preston County spot on the board was discussed. It will be addressed again after the primary election.

WVCA Reports

- Kokoska reported that DNR, NRCS, and other entities would need to be included and consulted to make the right of way agreement with CEC official.
- Jones reported the district has paid just over \$50,000 and if everyone completes their project they are on track to spend their entire allotment.
- **Myers moved to approve the cooperators agreement for Vivien Haley, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**
- **Myers moved to approve the payment for JR Wolfe's watering system for \$4,106.85, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**
- Hoalcraft provided a written report highlighting that the approved changes to the GF and CDO bank accounts have been completed.
- Whetzel spoke about HB5364 and WVCA's transition team. There is still a lot of uncertainty. The bills effect on 2026 mowing was discussed. Myers expressed the dams going to WVCA was better than them going to DNR.

Solid Waste

- No reports from Preston County or Marion County were provided.
- Myers reported Monongalia County is working on a composting plan and meeting with bee groups.

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

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Funding Requests

- **Myers moved to sponsor both Morgantown Envirothon Teams for \$640.50 each, seconded by Price. Motion carried.**
- **Spaid moved to sponsor two campers at Conservation Camp if 2 are registered from MCD's district, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.**

Invoices

- **Myers moved to pay Divine Construction LLC \$13,150 for the completed kitchenette and bathroom remodel, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**
- **Spaid move to approve the new Divine Construction Project Estimate for \$6,000, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**
- **Myers moved to pay Lowe & Associates \$3,575 for the FY24 audit, seconded by Price. Motion carried.**
- **Cienawski moved to pay RLI Surety \$700 for supervisor bonding, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.**

Fixing issues with the walkway outside of the building was discussed. Divine Construction should be able to address the issue. **Linton moved to give Mark Myers authority to get an estimate and get the doorway fixed, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

Myers moved to request reimbursement from WVCA for their FY24 audit, seconded by Cienawski. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Hoalcraft reminded the board site visits for traditional farm of the year should be scheduled soon.
- Nontraditional candidate Stemple's application was reviewed,

New Business

- No action was taken regarding the Preston County Commission Funding.

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- **Myers moved to have Price serve as voting proxy at the April quarterly meeting. If Price cannot attend, Linton will serve as voting proxy in his place, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

- Cienawski discussed bank interest rates. The board will continue to look into rates before making a decision after July 1st.
- Jones reported getting pollinator seed rates from Ernst.
- Cienawski would like to lower the cooperator cap for the pollination practices. This can be discussed for FY28.
- Figuring out what land and easements MCD holds was discussed.
- **Myers moved to give Teets authority to sign a contract addendum for the remodel, but not extend the lease, seconded by Linton. Motion carried.**
- Hoalcrafft reported the cameras will be down for a short time when the computer system is moved to the new office area.
- Ray's Land Service will no longer be able to provide services for MCD. **Cienawski moved to temporarily use JB Lawn Services for lawn care, seconded by Spaid. Motion carried.**
- **Myers moved to reimburse Linton for the refreshments bought for the local work group meeting, seconded by Price. Motion carried with Linton abstaining from the vote.**
- Cienawski reported that the Marion County Commission has removed another large oak out of the Mannington Channel.
- Price reported a plant sale and mushroom workshop will take place on April 11th at Mylan Park.
- Mouser reported he will no longer serve on the Farmland Protection board. Hoalcrafft will put a new recommendation on the agenda for May's meeting. *after term ends*

Spaid adjourned the meeting at 12:15 PM.

Mark Teets

Mark Teets, Chairman

5/7/26

Date