



Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda
July 9, 2015
Preston County Extension Office
Kingwood, WV
@ 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome and Introductions

- M **Approval of Meeting Draft Agenda**
- M **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of June Special Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of Financial Statements**
 - Credit card receipts and statements
 - General fund and CDO financial statements
 - Co-Administered funds financial statements

Visitor's Comments

- D/M **Cooperating Agency's Reports**
 - **Watershed Division**
 - Upper Buffalo Watershed
 - Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers 1 Rehab - Permit
 - SPRP
 - EWP
 - **WVCA Conservation Specialist**
 - **Ag Enhancement Program**
 - **WVU Extension**
 - **NRCS**
 - **FSA**
 - **Solid Waste Authority**
 - **District Manager Update- HOAD- Credit Card- remove DM**
 - **WVCA Area Director**

- M **Invoices**
 - Mark Matheny Accountant June \$138.34
 - Stantec- Camp Dawson- #921681 in the amount of \$11,327.99

- D/M **AgEP Payments**
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Brian Wilson- Trough- \$1,200.00
Ronald Nolan- Rocky Top Stables- Lime- \$562.60

D/M **Unfinished Business**

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee
Preston County Farm Preservation Committee
Travel and Per Diem Policy and Procedure
NACD NER 2015 support

D/M **New Business-**

AGREEMENT 1108-00-TITLE: DNR – SCC Inter-Agency Fund Transfer Agreement- expired
AGREEMENT AMENDMENT 1108-06- TITLE: DNR-SCC Inter-Agency Fund Transfer Agreement- expired
O M & R Funding Memorandum 1023-03
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Nomination for WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member
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AgEP LOR \$
Annual Banquet

D/M **Building and Grounds**

Post driver
Security System
Southern Air Quote for outside sconces

D/M **Committee Reports:**

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Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad
Legislation/Policy: Chairman: Mark Myers
Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley
Safety/Buildings and Grounds: Chairman: Ed Utterback
Ag Enhancement: Chairman: Art Mouser

Correspondence Reports & Various Newsletters

Public Comment

Supervisor's Reports

Meeting Adjournment

Monongahela Conservation District
Monthly Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2015

I. Call to order

Chairman Jean Conley called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:33 a.m.** on **July 9, 2015**, at the Preston County Extension Office in Kingwood, WV. **Mark Myers** led in the pledge of allegiance.

II. Roll call

Chairman Jean Conley introduced those present and passed around a sign-in sheet. The following persons were present: Supervisors: Mary Lebnick, Jean Conley, Art Mouser, Mark Myers, Donald Headley, Jim McDonald, Paul Nesselroad, and Ed Utterback. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA), Bill Shockey (Extension), Brad Durst (WVCA), Jim Allen (NRCS), Emily Lessman (NRCS), and H.R. Scott (Extension). **Excused:**

III. Approval of the July 9, 2015 Agenda

Ed Utterback made a motion to approve the July 9, 2015 agenda. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the June 4, 2015 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

June 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

Mark Myers moved to approve the June 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Approval of financial statements

a) *Mark Myers moved to approve and pay the credit card receipts. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.*

b) *General/CDO financial statements. Mark Myers moved to approve the June 2015 General/CDO financial statements. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.*

c) *Co-admin funds statement for June 2015- Mark Myers made the motion to approve the Co-administered funds for June 2015. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.*

VI. Visitors Comments – Kevin Britton- he commended the supervisors for their time and efforts. He explained that he currently lives on his family farm. He had been approved for BMPs through the Agriculture Enhancement Program. Tygart's Valley Conservation District (TVCD) crew came out and did the work for him. He spoke with Roger Poling about possibly changing location for the Heavy Use Area (HUA). Roger spoke with Brad and Brad did not approve the change in location for the Heavy Use Area. Brad felt that there was not a resource concern in that location. Brad did not sign the verification form for payment on the Heavy Use Area because it was not done according to his plans. Mr. Britton was also approved for fencing. He was approved for the maximum amount for fence (2,500 feet) through the program. He was hoping to get paid for the excess fence he built. Mr. Britton says that he was approved for a fence charger but was not paid for it. His

biggest issue is the Heavy Use Area and Brad not signing the verification form for payment. The area is now dry instead of being wet.

Brad Durst- the HUA was approved for the current trough on that farm. He would not have approved installing a trough on the location that Mr. Britton wanted because there was no resource concern. Brad measured fence and realized that a portion of the fence, 500 feet, was border fence. That's why he suggested the maximum of 2500 feet. Brad did speak with Roger but he told Roger that what they discussed was not what was approved by the District board. Brad said that there was no resource concern and that is what the program is based on, resource concerns, therefore he did not sign the verification form for payment.

Mark Myers made the motion to have Brad research the fence charger and make the decision for payment but to stand by the AgEP committees' recommendation to not pay for the Heavy Use Area. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

VII. Cooperating Agencies

Watershed Division- Farmington/Little Laurel Run will be completed this week. Vincent Excavating is performing final grade work and seeding and mulching today. Samantha Lewis was completed last week. Ed will provide photos for the August meeting.

Allegheny Power Project- Cobun creek-Job showing on July 15th. They will meet at the MCD office at 10:00 a.m. The Bid Opening is set for July 22, 2015. The District decided to set the time for the bid opening at 1:30 p.m. at the District office.

Upper Buffalo Watershed- Upper Buffalo has started but will be delayed for crews to go to Little Kanawha Conservation District.

Upper Deckers Watershed- Upper Deckers Mowing is complete.

Upper Deckers 1 Rehab permit- **Mark Myers made the motion to move forward with the permit application and the use of the CTL for the engineering. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.**

SPRP- none

EWP- none

WVCA Conservation Specialist- report provided.

Ag Enhancement Program – report provided

WVU Extension

-Bill Shockey- report provided

-H.R. Scott- he is in the last week of 4-H camp this week. He has his first fair in two weeks.

-John Murray- no report

NRCS – report provided. Jim Allan- they are busy with programs and contract implementation. Emily Lessman provided a report on her internship and the research project she is involved in.

FSA- report provided

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report

Marion County SWA- Their regular meeting was held June 22nd. One of the members time was up but he was reappointed. He met with one of the Monongalia County Commission members, Commissioner Hawkins, they want Marion County SWA to take over the Monongalia County SWA area. Jim stated that Marion County SWA does not have the manpower, money, or the facilities to handle that. If Monongalia County can bring the material to them they can attempt to process it but that's really the only option. Joe Manchin IV called about the gob under the land that they own. They bought the 23 acres that goes back to the landfill. They want to dig the road up to remove the gob but there is a 911 tower there and DEP has just completed the filling of the landfill and placed a tank out there that contains waste water that is trucked out every week to the filtration plant. A DEP representative was at the meeting to discuss the issue as well. They sold 10 bales of recyclables. The loading dock has been completed. He is waiting on a clam for the fork truck so that he can load with the fork truck.

Preston County SWA- no report

District Manager Report- report provided. Discussion was held about the District credit card.

Mark Myers made the motion to remove Amy Cosco as an authorized user from the District Credit Card. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Mark Myers made the motion to add Jean Conley to the District Credit Card as the second authorized user. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

WVCA Area Director- report provided

VIII. Invoices/Payments

Mark Matheny for May \$138.34 – Mark Myers made the motion to pay Mark Matheny \$138.34 for services rendered during the month of June. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion Carried.

-Stantec- Camp Dawson- Invoice #921681 in the amount of \$11,327.99- Don Headley made the motion to pay the Stantec Invoice for \$11,327.99. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.

IX. Cooperator Agreements -none

X. AgEP Payments

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Mark Myers made the motion to approve the above listed payments. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

XI. Unfinished Business

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee- there was a meeting and there is no new business.

Preston County Farm Preservation Committee- they have things in process but they won't have a meeting until September.

Travel and Per Diem Policy and Procedure- discussion was held and a committee meeting was set for July 30, 2015 at 9:30 am. **Mark Myers made the motion to adopt the draft policy pending committee review. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion Carried.**

NACD NER 2015 support- discussion was held. **Art Mouser made the motion to support the NACD NER 2015 conference for \$500.00. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.**

XII. New Business

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O M & R Funding Memorandum 1023-03- Art Mouser made the motion to approve Jean Conley to sign the OM&R Funding Memorandum 1023-03. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.

Appoint Associate Supervisors- Monongalia County- none at this time but they are working on it. Marion County- Jim McDonald was nominated. Preston County- Mary Lebnick was nominated. **Paul Nesselroad made the motion to reappoint Jim McDonald to Marion County as an associate supervisor and Mary Lebnick as an associate supervisor for Preston County. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.**

Appoint Committees, Committee Chairs, and Vice Chairs- tabled until the August 6, 2015 meeting.

Nomination for the Carol Greene Award- *Mark Myers made the motion to nominate Jean Conley for the Carol Greene Award. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion Carried.*

Nomination for WVACD Honorary Member at Large- anyone who has worked in conservation or agriculture. *Mark Myers made the motion to nominate Mary Lebnick for WVACD Honorary Member at Large. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion Carried.*

Nomination for WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member- past or present supervisor. *Mark Myers made the motion to nominate Paul Nesselroad. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion Carried. Jean Conley recused herself. Jean Conley made the motion to nominate Don Headley for the WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion Carried.*

LOR for CD Accountant for April, May, and June \$576.68- *Paul Nesselroad made the motion to send the LOR for CD Accountant for April, May, and June \$576.68. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion Carried.*

AgEP LOR \$- *Mark Myers made the motion to delegate the authority to Jean Conley to sign the AgEP LOR if the District receives word on an amount for FY16 before the August meeting. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion Carried.*

Annual Banquet- this year the banquet will be in Marion County. Jean spoke with the ladies at Winfield Community Building and they will be voting on a date for the banquet. Marion County Farm Bureau banquet is October 8, 2015. The District will request October 22, 2015 as the date for their banquet.

XIII. Building and Grounds

Post driver- Mr. Headley spoke with Lance Murray. His perspective is to fix the old post driver. ***Paul Nesselroad made the motion to authorize Lance Murray to fix the post driver. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion Carried.***

Security System- discussion was held about the system Art Mouser raised the question if there is any surge protection equipment that could be installed- he would like ProTex to be asked. Mark Myers wants to know if there is a battery backup. ***Mark Myers made the motion to approve the ProTex estimate for \$1,293.00 to replace the DVR for the security system. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion Carried.***

Southern Air Quote #45752 for \$894.18 for the outside sconces- *Art Mouser made the motion to approve Quote #45752 for \$894.18. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion Carried.*

XIV. Committee Reports:

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- previously discussed

Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report

Legislation/Policy- Chairman: Mark Myers- committee meeting is set for July 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley- he plans on going to the meeting this month.

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- Ed Utterback- previously discussed.

Ag Enhancement- Chairman: Art Mouser- previously discussed. He added that Jennifer will be around to all the board meetings.

XV. Correspondence

Correspondences received were reviewed by Amy Cosco.

XVI. Public Comment- none

XVII. Supervisor Reports

- **Paul Nesselroad** – He appreciates the efforts and support of the board, especially Mary, over the years. He is very excited to be inducted into the Agriculture and Forestry Hall of Fame. He said those that have tomatoes should apply blight spray before it rains. As of July 3rd he and his wife have been married 68 years.
- **Mark Myers**– He went on vacation last week.
- **Ed Utterback** – He checked the rain gauge this morning and between Tuesday morning and this morning they've got 2 inches of rain. They made 15 acres of hay.
- **Art Mouser** – He bought his hay so he can say he got all of his hay in. Anna's garden looks good. They went to the quarterly meeting. It's been a pretty busy month.
- **Jim McDonald**– He agrees with everyone else and hopes that the rain gives us a break. He is a great grandfather again as of July 2nd.
- **Jean Conley** – She stated that the board is very proud to announce that Paul Nesselroad will be inducted in the Ag and Forestry Hall of Fame on July 18th. She learned a lot at the Quarterly Meeting. The District will have a display at the NACD NRE meeting.
- **Mary Lebnick** – She congratulated Paul and said that it is an honor to have him on the board. She hopes that it quits raining before it starts snowing. They mow grass and then the next day it rains. She said it's an honor to be able to attend Paul's induction.
- **Don Headley** – He reported that Lewis Ashby will be returning to the WV State Conservationist position. He will be housed at the office in Sabraton.

VIII. Adjournment

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is August 6, 2015 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: Jean B Conley
Jean Conley, Chairman

8-13-15
Date

June 2015 Monthly Report

Bradley Durst, Conservation Specialist, WVCA

Conservation Assistance:

- Participated in a meeting of the West Virginia Nutrient Management Advisory Committee
- Assisted Allen Thomas with preparation and form completion of soil samples
- Worked with WVU Extension's Tom Basden on developing a nutrient management plan with the Manure Management Planner program
- Did soil mapping for C. Howdershelt

Ag Enhancement:

Discussed the 2016 program with several people and took names and contact information

Completion Visits:

JR Wolfe – Division Fence and Livestock Fountain

Teddy Jenkins – Well development and Livestock Fountain (he is waiting on bills from his supply vendor)

Clayton Dalton – Division Fence

Brian Wilson – Watering Trough

MCD Special Meeting primarily to do FY 2015-2016 proposals:

1. Raise the lime incentive share to 65% of the cost of approved lime and hauling, up to 19.50 per ton district share, no other changes, still a 100 acre limit,
2. Water changes – 75% cost of water source development and trough, \$1500.00 payment limit; 75% well drilling and development combined, \$3000.00 payment limit; Water Harvesting/Catchment vessel, 75% with a \$1000.00 payment limit
3. Fence change - Add woven wire fence for goat and sheep producers at \$2.10 per foot, keep \$1.65 for other fence and keep 2500 feet limit, approved charger 50% with \$150 limit
4. Invasive Control change - raise limit to \$2500 maximum payment, still 50% of cost of chemicals and mechanical removal expenses
5. Heavy Use Area Protection – remains the same, \$1.35 per sq. foot, 2500 sq. ft. limit
6. Continuous signups all must be finished by May 31, 2016
7. Discussed requirements for signing up as a Cooperator, prove land is owned by showing deeds

Ag Enhancement Committee proposed operation:

1. Meet last Thursday of each month
2. Rank applications for approval
3. Approve payments

4. Provide input to plans
5. Review program for prospective changes
6. Report to the board at each meeting
7. Visit prospective participants

- Completed and submitted practice form proposal for the State Committee's consideration
- Study of proposed state wide ranking criteria
- Staff meeting at Flatwoods to discuss the ranking criteria and provide input to the documents
- State Ag EP committee wants no contract extensions state wide
- New Cooperator form

Camp Dawson:

- Meet with WVANG staff to determine finish work needed at the riverbank project, meeting set to discuss work with Bilco Construction
- Received Invoice from Stantec for last survey work done for ASP slip and security fence repair, #921681 in the amount of \$11,327.99. Forwarded to WVANG project manager for examination of accuracy of work performed and reviewed work on behalf of the conservation district. I find the work that is invoiced is accurate, appropriate and the invoice should be approved and paid.
- Conceptual plan should be ready for review week of July 13th.



West Virginia University

Extension Service

July 9, 2015

Subject: Preston County Report to Monongahela Conservation District

From: Bill Shockey, Preston County Extension Agent

June Report:

Buckwheat Festival Market Lamb and Goat preview shows and Hog Skil-A-Thon training were held at the Cow Palace on June 20. Fifty-eight junior exhibitors attended.

Preston County Antique Tractor Association held their annual benefit auction on June 13.

Preston County Older 4-H Camp was held from June 21-26. Sixty older youth attended.

On May 30, twenty-one (21) junior exhibitors received training in biosecurity, showmanship/judging of livestock, basic items to have in your showbox, and Youth Quality Assurance.

July Calendar:

Every Friday at 2 pm: Livestock Auction at Preston Farmers Market, Terra Alta.

July 9: Preston County Antique Tractor Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

July 11: WV Master Gardener Association, Waffle Hut, Flatwoods, 10 am.

July 12-17: Preston County Younger Member 4-H Camp

July 16: Preston County Beekeepers Association, Preston County Extension Office, 7 pm.

July 18: WV Agricultural Hall of Fame Inductions, Jackson's Mill 4-H Camp, 5:00 pm.

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NRCS Report

Pam Yost

I won't be able to attend the Mon District meeting on Thursday but here are a few updates on the UDC1 project.

- The planning document has been revised into an Environmental Assessment and it will be resubmitted to the NRCS National Water Management Center in Arkansas for review this month. This rewrite was necessary to cover the change in the spillway design, describe the mitigation requirements, and update the costs.
- NRCS is working with Gene Saurborn to complete the permit applications for the project. WVCA will take the lead on this task and NRCS will assist.
- A **tentative** meeting is set with PSD1 at 10:00 am on July 20th at their office. If planning to attend, confirm the meeting first.
- The final design is anticipated February 2016 and the bid for construction will be later in 2016.
- Construction is scheduled for 2017-2018.
- If the MCD wishes to review the current costs and other aspects of the project, we can meet at their convenience.

District Manager Report

July 9, 2015

- I have received word from Randy Farley that we will again have all of the 8th graders in Marion County for Hands-On Ag Days this year. The dates that were selected by the Board of Education were September 9th- 11th. There is a Board of Education meeting on July 20th that myself and the Marion County Supervisors will need to attend so that we can further plan.
- I am requesting to be removed as an authorized user from the District Credit Card. The credit card company called on June 22, 2015 to ask me if I had made a purchase the day before (Sunday June 21, 2015) for \$3,000.00 from HSN (the Home Shopping Network). I told them I had not. They then told me that they had received a strange call right before the purchase. The 858 area code was a California area code and the District will not be held responsible for the charges. They cancelled the card and sent a new one as well as a letter. I'm not comfortable with the situation that occurred. The Chairman of the board is at the office on a regular basis and I feel that anything I might need that we could plan so that it could be purchased.
- There will be a job showing for Cobun Creek on July 15, 2015 at 10:00 am. The bid opening is set for July 22, 2015 and a time needs to be set.



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DATE: July 8, 2015

TO: Amy Cosco

FROM: Mary F. Jouver, /s/ *Mary F. Jouver*
County Executive Director, FSA

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for MCD July Meeting

Loans Available to Purchase or Improve Farms in West Virginia

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) has loan funds available to purchase and/ or improve farms in West Virginia. FSA makes and guarantees loans for family farmers to establish, purchase or expand their farming operation.

Direct loans can be made up to \$300,000 and can be combined with other lenders loan funds, if needed. In general, loan funds can be used to purchase a farm, construct farm buildings, or develop other improvements essential to the farming operation. Interest rates for the Farm Ownership loans are made at a fixed rate and can be amortized for up to 40 years.

This year, Congress allocated a record amount of funding to states to meet the growing needs of our family farmers.

West Virginia was allocated over 14 million dollars to be used in Fiscal Year 2015, which ends September 30.

West Virginia farmers are encouraged to contact their local FSA County office to discuss specific loan eligibility requirements and to obtain assistance in filing an application for these loans.

FSA also makes loans for farm operating purposes for such items as purchase of livestock, farm equipment, and annual farm operating expenses.

Disaster Assistance Payments Available

As we approach the time of year of frequent lightning strikes, extreme heat situations, and other adverse weather events, please be aware that financial assistance is available to reimburse producers for various farming losses. Listed below are some of the active disaster assistance programs that FSA offers and provides:

LIP - The Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provides assistance to eligible producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal mortality due to adverse weather or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. Livestock death losses include losses due to lightning, extreme heat or cold, hurricanes, floods, winter storms (lasting at least 3 days), blizzards, wildfires, etc. Deaths caused by eligible animal or avian predator attacks include deaths from wolves, black vultures, eagles, etc. Coyote attacks are currently ineligible.



Important for 2015:

Eligible losses must occur on or after Jan. 1, 2015, and no later than December 31, 2015.

For eligible death losses, a notice of loss must be filed with your FSA office within 30 days of when the death of livestock is apparent.

For normal mortality deaths, reports may be filed with your FSA office at any time, through January 30, 2016.

Participants must request payment and provide the following supporting documentation to their local FSA office no later than January 30, 2016; Proof of death documentation (may also require proof of inventory documentation)

Copy of growers contracts, if applicable

Proof of normal mortality documentation

USDA has established normal mortality rates for each type and weight range of eligible livestock. These established percentages reflect annual losses that are considered expected or typical under "normal" conditions. As an example, WV's normal mortality percentages include: Adult Beef Cow = 1.5%; Non-Adult Beef Cattle (less than 400 pounds) = 5%. A full list of established percentages is available at your local FSA office.

ELAP - The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers who have losses due to disease, adverse weather, or other conditions not covered by other agricultural disaster assistance programs.

Eligible livestock losses include, but are not limited to, grazing losses not covered under the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), losses of purchased feed and/or mechanically harvested feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, and additional cost of transporting water because of an eligible drought.

Eligible honeybee losses include colony (bee) losses in excess of normal mortality due to an eligible weather event or loss condition, including Colony Collapse Disorder, hive (structure) losses due to eligible adverse weather event, losses of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event, and cost of additional feed purchased above normal quantities due to an eligible adverse weather condition.

Eligible farm-raised fish losses include death losses in excess of normal mortality and/or loss of purchased feed due to an eligible adverse weather event.

Producers who suffer eligible livestock, honeybee, or farm-raised fish losses between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 must:

File a notice of loss within 30 calendar days of when the loss is apparent (at your FSA office)

File an application for payment and provide supporting documentation to your FSA Office no later than November 1, 2015



FSA County Committee Nominations

FSA is looking for candidates for an upcoming producer-elected county committee election. FSA offices throughout West Virginia will accept nominations June 15 through August 3, 2015.

County Committees have a direct influence on the delivery of federal farm programs. They make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

FSA encourages all interested agricultural producers, including women and minority growers, to seek nomination. Eligible candidates must participate or cooperate in any Farm Service Agency program and be of legal voting age. Even if farmers and ranchers are not currently participating in FSA programs, they are considered eligible to vote under the cooperation criteria if they have farm records on file with the agency.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others, and organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available online at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2015 election must be postmarked or received in the local FSA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 3, 2015. Elections will take place this fall.

USDA Safety Net Programs are Available

ARC/PLC - Farm owners and producers were recently provided an opportunity to make decisions for reallocating crop yields and bases, and for election choices between the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs. ARC and PLC are also known as USDA safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill.

The next step in the ARC/PLC process is to complete the annual program enrollment requirements. Any calculated annual payment amounts may only be issued if an acceptable enrollment is completed each year through the end of the Farm Bill. The exact beginning and ending signup dates for 2014 and 2015 enrollments should be announced very soon. Please watch and listen for additional information in local newspapers, radio, and/or email announcements, or you may communicate with your local FSA office for further updates and details.

These safety-net programs provide important financial protection against unexpected changes in the marketplace. To receive calculated annual payments, plantings of covered commodities are not required for all program options. Covered commodities under ARC and PLC include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity.



Dairy Margin Protection Program (DMPP)

Established by the 2014 Farm Bill, DMPP protects participating dairy producers when the margin (the difference between the price of milk and feed costs) falls below levels of protection selected by the applicant.

For just \$100, dairy farmers can cover 90 percent of production at \$4 margin swings, and with affordable incremental premiums, producers can cover up to \$8 margin swings.

An online Web resource tool found at www.fsa.usda.gov/mpptool may be used to calculate the best levels of coverage for the dairy operation. Producers can type in specific operation data and explore price projections and market scenarios to determine what level of coverage is best for the operation. The online resource is on a secure website that can be accessed from computers, mobile phones or tablets, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The 2016 MPP registration period is July 1, 2015 – September 30, 2015.



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WVCA Conservation District Report

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West Virginia WVACD State Fair Booth sign up– The sign-up sheet to work the WVACD booth is available on the WVCA webpage. It is suggested the District Supervisors contact their District Manager to sign-up for the time period(s) they wish to work. The WV State Fair will be held August 14-23, 2015.

AgEP Allocations- A state AgEP committee conference call was held June 25 and below is a report from Jennifer Skaggs:

Option #1 received the majority of CD votes (7). This is the formula I will use to determine FY 16 allocations. I hope to have the final allocations sent out by mid-July. The consensus of the group today was to no longer recommend 2, 6-month programs, but to leave the program schedule up to the individual CDs. As per the conversation this morning that will be included in my presentation to SCC as the recommendation. It is important to remember that CDs need set an application period, ranking period and completion dates as a part of their program schedule. The program year is defined in the legislative rule as July 1 – June 30.

Items to be thinking about and placed on your agendas in the coming month:

Carroll Greene Nomination – form is due to Belinda Withrow by September 12th
WVACD Honorary Member At Large – form due to Joe Gumm by September 1st
WVACD Lifetime Honorary Member – form due to Joe Gumm by September 1st

District Reimbursement Deadline – July 13th

Deadline for receiving FY15 costs is necessary because:
The FY15 CD fund accounts no longer exist after July 30, 2015
This includes any supervisor travel and per diem as well

Area Conservation Farm Contest Dates:

Area 1 – July 1 & 2, 2015
Area II – July 30, 2015
Area III – July 22, 2015

State Farm Tour will take place August 25, 26 and 27, 2015.

WVSCC Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in Guthrie.

Watershed Section - The WVCA Project Section is continuing monthly inspections of flood control dams. Contracts are being developed and work will be starting in the next few weeks. District Crews have started work.

Work continues with NRCS to develop engineering plans for watershed dams.

The Project Section is working with WVU Extension on Cranberry Creek and Mannington Channel so far this year on spraying plans. Some of this work will be research based. Channels will be broken into smaller test sections and results will be used to develop spraying plans statewide.

March and April Flooding – The Project Section is working with FEMA on blockage removal sites and NRCS on bank stabilization sites.

Each area manager will be contacting area directors to provide details of activities in their respective areas.

As always, feel free to contact Gene or Penny for further information.

NACD-Northeast Regional Meeting- The NACD-Northeast Regional Meeting will be held August 2-4, 2015 at Canaan Valley Resort State Park.

Registration Website – <http://www.nacdne.us/>

Regular Registration Ends July 15, 2015

To pay by check – Register online but use the Pay Offline link for check mailing instructions.

Booking your room at Canaan Valley Resort State Park

Daily between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM

Call 1-800-622-4121 “press 1”

Ask for 2015 NACD Northeast Conference

On July 1, all un-booked rooms from our block will be offered to the general public