

December 3, 2015
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Name	Title	Agency
Cathy Cox	District Manager	WVCA
Andy Lebeck	associate supervisor	MonCons
Dean Corley	Supervisor	207910
Mark W.		WVU EXT
Don Hadden	MCD SUPERVISOR	
Jim McDonald	Associate Supervisor	MCD
JK Mouser	MCD Supervisor PC	
JEREMY SAUER	WVCA	
Bradley Durst	WUCA	
Edward Otterbach	MCD Supervisor	
Paul Nesselrood	MCD Supervisor	
Mark MYERS	MCD Supervisor	
Mary Jover	FSA - Valley View	
Kelly Rumer	FSA -	
Bill Shockey	WVU Extension Service	
PAOE KING	KING + SONS LLC	
Bill King	King + Sons LRC	



Monongahela Conservation District
Board Meeting Agenda
December 3, 2015
Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center
Morgantown, 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 November Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of November 16, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of November 19, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes**
- M **Approval of Financial Statements**
- Credit card receipts and statements
- General Fund/CDO reports
- Co-Administered funds financial statements

Visitor's Comments

D/M **Cooperating Agency's Reports**

- WVCA IT
- Watershed Division
 - Aaron's Creek
 - Cobun Creek
 - Upper Buffalo Watershed
 - Upper Deckers Watershed
- WVCA Conservation Specialist
- Ag Enhancement Program
- WVU Extension
- NRCS
- FSA
- Solid Waste Authority
- District Manager Update
- WVCA Area Director

M **Invoices**

- Mark Matheny Accountant November \$281.54

D/M **Cooperator Agreements**

Wayne Sanders Preston County acres

D/M **AgEP Approvals**

- Ronald Brand (Monongalia) – Watering system - spring and trough development- Max Payment - \$1500.00
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D/M **AgEP Payments**

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Charles Sutton Lime 33.1 ac 66.2 tons \$781.98
Phyllis Summers Lime 46 ac 108 tons \$1,844.60
Gary Walls Lime 26.26 ac 57 57.86 tons \$958.70

D/M **Approval of Supervisor Travel & Per Diem Claims for the month of October 2015**

Don Headley \$726.92	Ed Utterback \$806.05	Mark Myers \$1,881.53
Jean Conley \$833.93	Art Mouser \$821.36	Paul Nesselroad \$431.23

D/M **Unfinished Business**

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee
Preston County Farm Preservation Committee
Change to Policy Manual- Article 5, Section 2
Requests for Quotes from Auditors

D/M **New Business**

LOR for \$500.00 in CREP funds to be sent to Upper Ohio Conservation District
Tom McConnell- Small Farm Conference
Extension Winter Dinner Meeting Support

D/M **Building and Grounds**

Equipment rental discussion with Bill King
New Equipment Request for Lease form
Bathrooms
Resignation of Cleaning Service

D/M **Committee Reports:**

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad
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
December 3, 2015

I. Call to order

Chairman Jean Conley called to order the regular meeting of the **Monongahela Conservation District** at **9:31 a.m.** on **December 3, 2015**, at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV. **Art Mouser** 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: Art Mouser, Ed Utterback, Mary Lebnick, Jean Conley, Mark Myers, Donald Headley, Jim McDonald, and Paul Nesselroad. Others present were: Amy Cosco (DM), Jeremy Salyer (WVCA), Brad Durst (WVCA), Tom McConnell (WVU Small Farm), Mary Jouvier (FSA), Kelly Rumer (FSA), Bill Shockey (Extension), Bill King (King and Sons Equipment), Page King (King and Sons Equipment). **Excused:**

III. Approval of the December 3, 2015 Agenda

Paul Nesselroad made a motion to approve the December 3, 2015 agenda. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Paul Nesselroad moved to approve the November 5, 2015 board meeting minutes. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Approval of the November 16, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Don Headley moved to approve the November 16, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried

VI. Approval of the November 19, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Art Mouser moved to approve the November 19, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

VII. Approval of financial statements

- a) *Credit Card Receipts and Statements- Mark Myers moved to approve and pay the credit card receipts. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.*
- b) *General/CDO financial statements for November 2015. Art Mouser moved to approve the November 2015 General/CDO financial statements. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.*
- c) *Co-Administered Funds Financial Statements- Mark Myers made the motion to approve the co-administered funds financial statements for November 2015. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.*

VI. Visitors Comments – none

VII. Cooperating Agencies

Watershed Division

Aaron's Creek- AllStar Ecology started the tree planting this week.

Cobun Creek- no further updates

Upper Buffalo Watershed- no further updates

Upper Deckers Watershed – Mr. Headley spoke of concerns with the removal of the beaver dams. He said that as the designated contracting contact for the Monongahela Conservation District he will no longer approve of the removal of any more beaver dams. Ed Martin spoke with Heavy Sypolt and they have killed two of the beavers. Tygarts Valley Conservation District crew removed 5 beaver dams, one being 80 feet long, in a day and a half. Ed explained that he made numerous calls to try and find a solution to the beaver issue and as of right now there is no easy solution. He is going to continue to work with DNR to try and find a solution.

WVCA Conservation Specialist- report provided

Ag Enhancement Program – minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting were provided. Jeremy Salyer reported that the State AgEP Committee met yesterday. They are looking to update the program document to coincide with the legislative rule. They discussed the ranking forms and the ranking process. There will be changes made to the forms and the process. As of right now there have been no cuts to the program dollars for AgEP. Randy Dye is looking to incorporate Forestry into the Ag Enhancement Program. They want to hear from the Districts on what changes need to be made to the program. Brian is asking the Districts have public meetings with their cooperators to determine what Best Management Practices would be most valued.

WVU Extension

-Bill Shockey- report provided

-H.R. Scott- no report

-John Murray- no report

NRCS – no report

FSA- Mary reported that they still have funds for farm ownership and farm operation. LIP- Livestock losses. ELAP- hives and bees lost to severe weather. Notification is needed 30 days within the incident. Qualifications are a winter storm that lasts for 3 days or extreme cold (0 degrees) are two of the main criteria. Take good records, photos, and notes on the incident. Honey reports need to be in by January 2nd.

Solid Waste Authority

Monongalia County SWA- no report

Marion County SWA- Jim McDonald reported they had their meeting on November 30, 2015. Alaska's has offered to bring their cardboard to them and they bring about a truck load per day. They sold more cardboard. They received a grant of \$149,657.00 to purchase more equipment and machinery for the recycling plant. Meetings are the third Monday of the month. In December they'll be electing new officers.

Preston County SWA- no report

District Manager Report- the calendars have arrived.

WVCA Area Director- report provided.

VIII. Invoice/Payments

Mark Matheny for November \$281.54 –Mark Myers made the motion to pay Mark Matheny \$281.54 for services rendered during the month of November. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion Carried.

IX. Cooperator Agreements-

Wayne Sanders Preston County

Mark Myers made the motion to approve Mr. Sanders pending he provides his acreage. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

X. AgEP Approvals

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XIII. Unfinished Business

Monongalia County Farm Preservation Committee- no report

Preston County Farm Preservation Committee- Ed reported that they had a meeting November 17, 2015. They have two applications waiting for appraisal.

Change to Policy Manual- Article 5, Section 2- Paul Nesselroad suggested that “A quorum shall consist of 4 board members or more.” be added to Article 5, Section 2.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to accept the added verbiage to the Policy Manual. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Requests for Quotes from Auditors- Amy reported that the letters were sent to three different auditing firms. Only one bid came back from Suttle and Stalnaker. Jean Conley opened the sealed bid.

Mark Myers made the motion to approve the bid from Suttle and Stalnaker. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

XIV. New Business

LOR for \$500.00 in CREP funds to be sent to Upper Ohio Conservation District- the letter was presented to the board members in their books.

Ed Utterback made the motion to send the LOR for \$500.00 in CREP funds to be sent to the Upper Ohio Conservation District. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Tom McConnell- Small Farm Conference- Tom McConnell with the WVU Extension Small Farm. Mr. McConnell spoke of the WV Small Farm Conference. He is in search of partners in support of conference.

Ed Utterback made the motion to sponsor the Small Farms Conference with \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

Extension Winter Dinner Meeting Support- a letter from Extension was provided.

Mark Myers made the motion to support the winter dinner meetings in the amount of \$1,000.00. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

XV. Building and Grounds

Equipment rental discussion with Bill King- Mr. Bill King and his son, Page King, were in attendance. Mr. King has a few questions. They are willing to take on the rental and repairs of the equipment. If the equipment were to be housed at his location his proposal is to put up a car port type structure for the equipment to be kept under. His shop rate is \$70.00 per hour. Ed Utterback requested that over the winter months a check is done on all of the equipment. Ed felt that the equipment could then be moved to Bill's location in the spring and it wouldn't hurt the equipment to be out in the better weather. More discussion was held on all of the pieces of equipment. Paul raised the question of who would deal with issues when they arise with a renter. Amy explained that any issues would be handled by the District.

Mark Myers made the motion to accept the proposal from Bill King and that it be effective starting January 8, 2016. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

New Equipment Request for Lease form- discussion was held about the new form.

Mark Myers made the motion to delegate the responsibility to the Building and Grounds Committee to make any and all revisions and amendments. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Bathrooms- Ed reported that the restrooms became clogged again. Southern Air cleaned the clog. It was reported that the clog was once again in the portion of the line that runs through the ground in the back of the building. Ed's suggestion is to have the line reviewed and possibly repaired in the spring if it's needed.

Resignation of Cleaning Service- discussion was held about the resignation letter. It was decided that the Building and Grounds Committee will cover the issue in their meeting this month.

Mark Myers made the motion to grant the Building and Grounds committee the authority to make the decision of either requesting a month extension, an increase in pay for the current services, or finding a different service provider. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

The Building and Grounds Committee will hold a meeting on December 17, 2015 at 10:30 am

XVI. Committee Reports:

Finance- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report. He would like to have a meeting.

Education- Chairman: Paul Nesselroad- no report.

Legislation/Policy- Chairman: Mark Myers- reminded everyone of Ag Day at the capitol in January.

Grasslands- Chairman: Don Headley- there was a meeting last month. No new information

Safety/Buildings and Grounds- Chairman: Ed Utterback- everything was covered under buildings and grounds

Ag Enhancement- Chairman: Art Mouser- minutes from the last meeting were provided and things were already covered.

Correspondence- newsletters from other districts.

VIII. Public Comment- none

XIX. Supervisor Reports

- **Paul Nesselroad** – he wishes Art and Anna a very Happy Anniversary.

- **Mark Myers**– no report

- **Ed Utterback** – they got about an inch of snow this morning. He and his wife went to Las Vegas over Thanksgiving.

- **Art Mouser** – he has a 7th great-granddaughter that was born a couple months ago and she unfortunately had to spend some time in the hospital. She's doing much better now.

- **Jim McDonald**– he wants to wish everyone a Happy Holiday

- **Jean Conley** – no report

- **Mary Lebnick** – she wants to wish everyone a Happy Holiday

- **Don Headley** – no report

XX. Adjournment

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 pm.

The next scheduled meeting is January 7, 2016 at the Steve Lebnick Agricultural Center in Morgantown, WV.

Minutes submitted by: Amy Cosco, ASA3/District Manager

Minutes approved by: _____
Jean Conley, Chairman Date _____

MCD AgEP Committee Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2015

Those in attendance: Art Mouser, Paul Nesselroad, Mark Myers, Jean Conley, Ed Utterback, Brad Durst, Amy Cosco.

Art Mouser called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He then turned the meeting over to Brad.

Brad went over the State AgEP Committee Meeting Minutes with the committee.

Brad said he is asked when he makes visits who builds fence, installs watering troughs, ect. He wondered if the board would be interested in running an ad so a list can be generated for those services. Paul suggested contacting the Market Bulletin. Brad is going to speak with Jennifer.

Brad went over the FY16 AgEP Survey he filled out.

Brad reviewed the new applicants. Thomas Bickerstaff's map from USDA had to be adjusted because they included a barn and woods in fields that should not count towards lime acreage. Brad made the adjustments and corrected the acreage.

Mark Myers made the motion to approve Thomas Bickerstaff's and Possum Tail Farm's (Brian and Jennifer Kahly) AgEP applications. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Possum Tail Farms has asked that a Cobett watering tank be included in the supplies they have on hand for their water development. The committee decided that the item could not be included due to the fact they want to remain consistent in their decisions. Brad asked what the committees thoughts were on assisting them with installation costs.

Ed Utterback made the motion to assist with cost-share on the installation of the watering system. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Brad discussed the payments.

Mark Myers made the motion to pay Phyllis Summers \$122.47 for completion of her Invasive Species contract. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Brad discussed Ted Jenkins and LJ Smouse. Brad explained that Ted Jenkins applied the lime before getting approved. The committee decided to not pay Ted Jenkins for his lime because the lime was applied before his application was approved.

Brad explain that LJ Smouse was approved but he did not wait for Brad to provide him the plan for his trough. Brad stated that part of the trough was done to specifications and the other part of the trough was not done to specifications. The committee decided that LJ Smouse did not wait for his plan from Brad Durst and they did not want to issue payment.

Jean Conley made the motion to write letters to Ted Jenkins and LJ Smouse explaining why they were denied payment. Seconded by Mark Myers. Motion carried.

MCD Special Meeting

November 16, 2015

9:30 a.m.

Those in attendance: Jean Conley, Ed Utterback, Don Headley, Paul Nesselroad, Amy Cosco

Jean Conley called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to have a recess of the Monongahela Conservation District Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to resend the recess of the Monongahela Conservation District Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the work that Green River did on Cobun Creek.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to approve the Green River Invoice pending Ed Martin's verification. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the letter sent requesting that \$500.00 in CREP funds be transferred to the Upper Ohio Conservation District.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to put the CREP fund transfer on the December 3, 2015 agenda. Seconded by Don Headley. Motion carried.

Paul Nesselroad moved to adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

Monongahela Conservation District

Special Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Those in attendance: Jean Conley, Ed Utterback, Art Mouser, Paul Nesselroad, Don Headley, Amy Cosco, Jim Roy

Jean Conley called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Jim Roy explained that the LOR for \$35,575.00 was for supplemental funds to do maintenance OM&R work and remove the beaver dams from Upper Deckers #2.

Art Mouser made the motion to process the LOR for Upper Deckers for \$35,575.00. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the quote for the snow removal quote from Beardie's Lawn Care.

Art Mouser made the motion to accept the quote from Beardie's Lawn Care, LLC for snow removal for the 2015/2016 season. Seconded by Ed Utterback. Motion carried.

Jim Joy reported that Upper Deckers Creek dam #2 has a beaver problem. He escorted Tygarts Valley Conservation District crew up to view the issue.

Don Headley made the motion to allow Jim Roy to move forward with Tygarts Valley Conservation District Crew to remove the beaver dams for the Not To Exceed Price of \$4,000.00. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the Fairview SPRP that was done. Tygarts Valley Conservation District crew removed the debris and the area is cleared. The District is awaiting a bill.

Discussion was held about the invoice from Winfield Community Improvement Association.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to pay the invoice from the Winfield Community Improvement Association for services rendered at the banquet at \$1,053.00. Seconded by Art Mouser. Motion carried.

Discussion was held that Bill King was agreeable to an agreement with the District on housing and renting the equipment. The item will be placed on the December 3, 2015 agenda for final decision. Art Mouser will contact Bill King and ask him to attend the meeting in case there are any more questions.

Discussion was held about the cost of the newsletter.

Art Mouser made the motion to change printing companies for the newsletter to the WV Department of Agriculture. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion be adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

AgEP Meeting, Monongahela Conservation District, November 19, 2015

Ronald Brand (Monongalia) – Watering system - spring and trough development

Maximum Payment - \$1500.00, Water System; Ranking Score – 68

Note: Need to do further site evaluation, may not work for lack of drop in the area

Wayne Sanders (Preston) – Lime, 22.49 Acres and 67.47 Tons

Maximum Payment - \$1428.12; Ranking Score - 65

Note: Pending Conservation Agreement approval

Tama Riley (Preston) – Invasive Control, >2 acres of Autumn Olive and some Multiflora Rose

Maximum Payment \$2100 (Mechanical and chemical); Ranking score - 83

Montcroft Farms (William Grose, Preston County) - Watering system (trough and pipe); HUAP

Maximum Payment - \$1500.00; Ranking score – 90 Water System

Maximum Payment - \$2700.00; Ranking Score – 135 HUAP

Note: Trough placement will determine HUAP size and if needed, need to check drop before doing a completed plan

Darrel Robert Spaid (Preston) – Lime, 46.72 Acres and 82.8175 Tons

Maximum Payment - \$1848.54; Ranking Score – 38.45

Mark Talkington (Marion) – Water Development, 2 troughs and springs; Stream Crossing

Maximum Payment \$3000.00 Water System; Ranking Score – 60

Maximum Payment \$540.00 HUAP; Ranking Score – 125

Note: Variance required for 2 troughs if granted, stream crossing may be too costly and needs more field examination and planning

Ralph Lewis (Preston) – Lime, 18.5 Acres, 55.5 Tons

Maximum Payment \$1174.75; Ranking Score - 65

Rejections:

Rebecca Sanders, Lime, Leasing Land and the agreement is in effect for less than 3 years

Wayne Sanders farm #870/Tract #1272 – insufficient sample results 4 fields, one sample

Future Customers to be served:

Todd Blosser – Water, Lime (Monongalia)

Thomas Bickerstaff (Marion) – Lime

Conservation Agreement needed

JR (Junior) Myers – Lime (Preston)

MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

201 Scott Ave

Morgantown, WV 26508

The Agricultural Enhancement committee met on __11/19/15__ and approved the following practices.

Name	Practice	Acres	Tons	\$Encumbered
Ron Brand	Spring Development			\$1,500.00
Tama Riley	Invasive	2		\$2,100.00
Montcroft Farms (William Grose)	Watering System			\$1,500.00
Montcroft Farms (William Grose)	Heavy Use Area			\$2,700.00
Darrel Robert Spaid	Lime	46.72	82.8175	\$1,848.54
Mark Talkington	Spring Development (2)			\$3,000.00
Mark Talkington	Heavy Use Area			\$540.00
Ralph Lewis	Lime	18.5	55.5	\$1,174.75
Wayne Sanders	Lime	22.49	67.47	\$1,428.12
			TOTAL	\$15,791.41

Committee Chair

MONONGAHELA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

201 Scott Ave

Morgantown, WV 26508

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John Fint	Lime	104.5	136.1	\$2,947.03
Charles Sutton	Lime	33.1	66.2	\$781.98
Phyllis Summers	Lime	46	108	\$1,614.60
Gary Walls	Lime	26.26	57.86	\$958.70
			TOTAL	\$6,302.31

Committee Chair

MCD Agriculture Enhancement Program Committee Meeting

November 19, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Those in attendance: Jean Conley, Ed Utterback, Art Mouser, Paul Nesselroad, Brad Durst, Amy Cosco

Art Mouser called the committee meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Brad reviewed his report. (Please see attached)

Ed Utterback made the motion to approve Ron Brand, Tama Riley, Montcroft Farms (William Grose), Darrel Robert Spaid, and Mark Talkington's AgEP applications. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Ed Utterback made the motion to approve Ralph Lewis and Wayne Sanders pending approval of their conservation agreements at the December 3, 2015 board meeting. Seconded by Paul Nesselroad. Motion carried.

Brad explained that on John Fint he calculated his maximum approval incorrectly.

Paul Nesselroad made the motion to adjust John Fint's maximum payment on his contract due to miscalculation to \$3,176.45. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Ed Utterback made the motion to pay John Fint \$2,947.03 for completing his lime practice and Charles Sutton \$781.98 for completing his lime practice. Seconded by Jean Conley. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the two applications that Brad rejected. (Please see attached)

Discussion was held on the visits in the near future that Brad will be doing.

Brad revisited JR Wolfe's application for assistance with watering systems. He doesn't want a whole system he only wants pipeline. He would like to know the pleasure of the committee. The committee wasn't in favor of cost-sharing on just pipeline.

Brad went over the AgEP Survey that was sent out.

The meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.



West Virginia University

Extension Service

December 3, 2015

Subject: Preston County Report to Monongahela Conservation District

From: Bill Shockey, Preston County Extension Agent

November Report:

Preston Growers Group continues to make progress towards incorporation and membership agreement. Pilot group is still coordinating sales to Mountaineer Challenge Academy and Preston County Schools.

Winter Tree Identification workshop was highly successful with 26 participants. Individuals were introduced to skills necessary for the identification of trees in the winter without leaves present.

November Calendar:

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

December 3: Preston County Livestock Association Board, Preston County Extension Office, Kingwood, 6:30 pm.

December 4-5: Mountaineer Cattleman's College, Stonewall Jackson Resort, Roanoke.

December 8-9: King Buckwheat application distribution, Kingwood Community Building, 7 pm each evening.

January 12: Educational Dinner Meeting, Transition Planning by Jesse Richardson, Core Community Center, 2193 Mason Dixon Hwy, Core, 6 pm.

Cooperative Extension Service

The West Virginia University Cooperative Extension Service,
U. S. Department of Agriculture,
West Virginia County Boards of Education and County Commissions Cooperating

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WVCA Conservation District Report **December 2015**

West Virginia Legislature – 2016 Legislative Calendar

January 13, 2016 - First day of session

January 27 – House Finance Budget Presentation

February 1, 2016 - Legislative Rule-Making Review bills due

February 22, 2016 - Last day to introduce bills in the Senate

February 23, 2016 - Last day to introduce bills in the House

February 28, 2016 - Bills due out of committees

March 2, 2016 - Last day to consider bill on third reading in house of origin

March 12, 2016 - Last day of session

Agricultural Day at the Capitol

Agricultural / Conservation Day will be on January 20, 2016. Please make appointments to see your House and Senate representatives before going to Agricultural Conservation Day. The Legislative Breakfast will start at 7:30 in Building 7 of the Capitol complex.

- Parking will be available at Laidley Field starting at 6:30 AM
- Districts are requested to bring their displays
- State vehicles will be available to shuttle persons to the Capitol
- Agency staff members will help with setting up and taking down the displays
- Shuttles will start back to Laidley Field at 2:00 PM

Request to Conservation Districts

The WVCA is encouraging Conservation Districts to review and update your District Policy Manuals. In addition to your policy manual you are encouraged to review your CD Employee Manual (if you have one) and your CD Plan of Work. If you are already doing the reviews please disregard this request.

Upcoming Dates

2016 WVACD Quarterly Meetings –

-January 4 & 5, Flatwoods Days Inn

-April 4 & 5, Glade Springs

-July 5 & 6, Glade Springs

-October 3 & 4, Flatwoods Days Inn

WVSCC meeting - January 12, 2016

Christmas Eve – one-half day on December 24th in the afternoon

Christmas Day – December 25th

New Year's Eve – one-half day on December 31st in the afternoon

New Year's Day – January 1st

Supervisor Election Information

The candidate filing period is January 11 – January 30, 2016. Any interested persons should contact their county clerk's office for more information on the election process.

WVCA Project Section

NPCD, SCD, MCD and PVCD – Please track hours that District Supervisors attend any rehab meetings.

A summary of all OM&R, SPRP and EWP expenses for calendar year 2015 will be provided to all Districts in January of 2016.

OM&R

- The WVCA Project Section is continuing monthly inspections of flood control dams.
- 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. A section of Mannington Channel has been sprayed, results will be used to develop spraying plans statewide. The results on this study will be reported.
- Meetings are progressing with DNR to determine responsible parties on the dams that DNR has interest in.

Dam Rehab

- WVCA is close to finalizing the hire of engineering firm.
- Upper Deckers Creek 1 – Permit work continues. Construction should begin in 2017.
- Wheeling Creek 25 – NRCS working to complete list of alternatives for sponsors. Public meeting to be held in January.
- Brush Creek 14 – Progress continues for planning.

EWP Update

- March and April Flooding – The Project Section continues working with FEMA for reimbursement for eligible costs for blockage removal sites and NRCS on bank stabilization sites. Bank stabilization includes sites in Guyan, Elk and Greenbrier Valley Conservation Districts.
- July Flooding – Work with FEMA continues for reimbursement for eligible costs on blockage removal sites and NRCS on bank stabilization sites. Bank stabilization includes sites in Little Kanawha, Elk and Guyan Conservation Districts.

SPRP Project for Cobun Creek in Monongahela District is complete.

O&M Sponsorship Meetings

- Karen will be scheduling meetings with local sponsors and will provide a schedule to each District as soon as it develops.

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.

ARTICLE 4 – Officers

Section 1 – The officers of the Board shall be a chairman, vice chairman, treasurer, and secretary. Each officer must be an elected member of the Board.

Section 2 - A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board chairman from among the supervisors and/or associate supervisors at the regular May Board meeting. The nominating committee shall submit the name of a nominee for each office in writing to be mailed to the Board members prior to the June meeting. Additional nominations may be accepted from the floor. The election of officers shall be conducted at the June meeting.

Section 3 – All officers and standing committee members shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. Terms for all officers and standing committee members shall begin on July 1 and continue until June 31 of each year. No person shall be eligible to serve in the same office for longer than four consecutive terms without first vacating the office for at least one full year before being elected to the office again. Serving in an office in order to complete the unexpired term of another person previously elected to that office shall not constitute serving a term in that office. All existing officers are to maintain their offices until the next scheduled election and/or term.

Section 4 – A vacancy in any office except that of chairman shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Board. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of chairman, the vice chairman shall assume that office and the vacancy shall be filled in the office of vice chairman.

ARTICLE 5 – Meetings

Section 1 – The Board shall hold regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month at a time and place determined by the Board. A minimum of one meeting will be held annually in each county. Special meetings may be called by the chair, and must be called by the chair upon the written request of three members of the Board.

Section 2 – The quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be a majority of the Board members. A quorum shall consist of 4 members or more.

Section 3- If the regular meeting cannot be held on the first Thursday of the month due to adverse weather conditions, or another extenuating circumstance, the meeting will automatically be rescheduled for the second Thursday of the month.

