



GREENBRIER VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Minutes of the October Special Meeting

The Greenbrier Valley Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Friday, October 9, 2015 in the conference room of the Lewisburg USDA Service Center. Those attending were:

Supervisors	Others
Avery Atkins	Dennis Burns, WVCA
Jerry Clifton	Anita Crance, GVCD
Carolyn Miller	Barry Level, GVCD
Gary Sawyers	Matt Morgan, WVCA/NRCS
Gary Truex	Jeremy Salyer, WVCA via telephone
Timothy VanReenen	
Absent:	

Call to Order: Chairman Timothy VanReenen called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

New Business

Barry Level explained the list below and informed the board, as he had the AgEP Committee that individuals down through the green line could be funded with the original numbers of 70% of funds spent for the first round of signups with reserve of 30% for a spring signup. Individuals down through the blue line would be to expend the entire 100% allocation for that particular practice, assuming one sign up for Fiscal Year 2016. Chairman VanReenen noted that the Agricultural Enhancement committee had met during the last hour and is making a recommendation to the board to have one sign up for fall 2015, and have a full year to spend all the funds we have.

D/M WV Agricultural Enhancement Program – FY16

Approval Requests:

Name	Practice	Cost Share	Running Total	County	Rank Score
Alternative Watering System					
David Kennedy	AWS	\$1,250.50	\$1,250.50	MON	111
Avery Atkins	AWS	\$3,382.76	\$4,633.26	MON	109
Rick Nichols	AWS	\$2,456.57	\$7,089.83	MON	109
John Tomlinson	AWS	\$4,640.00	\$11,729.83	GBR	109
Stephen Hedrick	AWS	\$3,776.95	\$15,506.78	GBR	109
Garry Taylor	AWS	\$1,411.40	\$16,918.18	MON	108

Jack C. Wilkins	AWS	\$4,922.00	\$21,840.18	POC	106
Mary S. Wylie	AWS	\$572.60	\$22,412.78	GBR	106
Ralph Warren	AWS	\$1,165.50	\$23,578.28	GBR	106
Edith Wade	AWS	\$899.50	\$24,477.78	MON	105
Robert Mothes	AWS	\$1,544.50	\$26,022.28	GBR	105
Bonnie Gee	AWS	\$1,780.00	\$27,802.28	GBR	103
Ronald Tobey	AWS	\$1,925.65	\$29,727.93	GBR	103
Glenn Carter	AWS	\$631.10	\$30,359.03	MON	100
Don Dransfield	AWS	\$1,086.85	\$31,445.88	MON	99
Andrew Alderman	AWS	\$2,284.75	\$33,730.63	POC	96
Michael F. Teubert	AWS	\$2,284.75	\$36,015.38	GBR	94
Girlonza Scott	AWS	\$2,601.10	\$38,616.48	GBR	90
John McClung	AWS	\$2,902.93	\$41,519.41	GBR	90
Trevor Neel	AWS	\$3,200.05	\$44,719.46	MON	90
Ray Jones	AWS	\$4,999.19	\$49,718.65	GBR	90
Carl Boggs	AWS	\$500.00	\$50,218.65	GBR	88
Matthew Tuckwiller	AWS	\$1,365.00	\$51,583.65	GBR	85
Laura Bennett	AWS	\$590.75	\$52,174.40	POC	78
Charles DePriest	AWS	\$4,999.05	\$57,173.45	GBR	70

Cover Crop

Rem Perkins	CC	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	GBR	95
Jeff Cook	CC	\$674.00	\$2,674.00	MON	80
David Rapp	CC	\$2,000.00	\$4,674.00	GBR	79
Kent Gilkerson	CC	\$200.00	\$4,874.00	MON	74
Barry Booth	CC	\$2,000.00	\$6,874.00	MON	73
Michael Woody Hannah	CC	\$970.00	\$7,844.00	GBR	73
Lynn Randolph	CC	\$1,068.00	\$8,912.00	POC	71
Tom Karnes	CC	\$3,750.00	\$12,662.00	MON	71
Don Dransfield	CC	\$550.00	\$13,212.00	MON	69
Larry Echols	CC	\$1,412.00	\$14,624.00	MON	66
Jeff Willis	CC	\$572.00	\$15,196.00	GBR	66
James T. Karnes	CC	\$480.00	\$15,676.00	MON	61
James W. Harrison	CC	\$2,000.00	\$17,676.00	GBR	58
Steve Dransfield	CC	\$744.00	\$18,420.00	MON	56
Scott Wilson	CC	\$476.00	\$18,896.00	MON	55
Eleanor J. Ash	CC	\$1,892.00	\$20,788.00	MON	53
Jarrell Clifton	CC	\$612.00	\$21,400.00	POC	51
Jac C. Wilkins	CC	\$2,000.00	\$23,400.00	POC	51
Doug Goodwin	CC	\$1,710.00	\$25,110.00	GBR	49
Benjamin Wilfong	CC	\$1,440.00	\$26,550.00	POC	45
JC Miller	CC	\$888.00	\$27,438.00	GBR	45
Sam Tuckwiller	CC	\$1,684.00	\$29,122.00	GBR	36

Raymond Phillips	CC	\$268.00	\$29,390.00	GBR	35
Myers White Oak Farms LLC	CC	\$476.00	\$29,866.00	GBR	33

Exclusion Fence

Clyde Wickline	EF	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	MON	119
David Kennedy	EF	\$4,177.00	\$9,177.00	MON	116
Girlonza Scott	EF	\$5,000.00	\$14,177.00	GBR	110
Andrew Alderman	EF	\$1,375.00	\$15,552.00	POC	106
Michael F. Teubert	EF	\$3,472.50	\$19,024.50	GBR	104
Harry D. Hannah	EF	\$5,000.00	\$24,024.50	POC	103
Nathaniel Hunter	EF	\$1,896.25	\$25,920.75	GBR	103
Pamela Marcus	EF	\$1,262.00	\$27,182.75	GBR	100
Ray Jones	EF	\$2,558.78	\$29,741.53	GBR	100
Tom Edgar	EF	\$1,271.25	\$31,012.78	MON	98
Glenn Carter	EF	\$1,360.00	\$32,372.78	MON	98
David Furrow	EF	\$3,071.25	\$35,444.03	MON	97
Matthew Tuckwiller	EF	\$687.50	\$36,131.53	GBR	95
Garry Taylor	EF	\$437.50	\$36,569.03	MON	93
Dennis Taylor	EF	\$4,183.75	\$40,752.78	MON	90
Benjamin Wilfong	EF	\$875.00	\$41,627.78	POC	88
Charles DePriest	EF	\$1,375.00	\$43,002.78	GBR	85
John Planker	EF	\$2,343.75	\$45,346.53	GBR	83
Lewis McCormick	EF	\$937.50	\$46,284.03	MON	80
Brian Richards	EF	\$2,000.00	\$48,284.03	GBR	80
Ronald Tobey	EF	\$4,813.75	\$53,097.78	GBR	78

Lime

John W. Bennet	LIME	\$832.50	\$832.50	POC	63
Ralph McClung	LIME	\$4,500.00	\$5,332.50	GBR	63
Harry D. Hannah	LIME	\$1,620.00	\$6,952.50	POC	63
Larry Hill	LIME	\$315.00	\$7,267.50	POC	60
Gerald Bowles	LIME	\$540.00	\$7,807.50	GBR	60
Ronald Tobey	LIME	\$1,471.50	\$9,279.00	GBR	60
David Kennedy	LIME	\$1,672.50	\$10,951.50	MON	56
Matthew Tuckwiller	LIME	\$1,752.00	\$12,703.50	GBR	52
David Workman	LIME	\$776.25	\$13,479.75	GBR	50
Brian Richards	LIME	\$675.00	\$14,154.75	GBR	50
Eric Shamblen	LIME	\$1,180.50	\$15,335.25	MON	48
Jeff Cook	LIME	\$1,842.00	\$17,177.25	MON	47
Caldwell Tyler	LIME	\$363.00	\$17,540.25	POC	46
Joe Lusk	LIME	\$1,068.00	\$18,608.25	MON	46
David Rapp	LIME	\$3,000.00	\$20,775.75	GBR	46

Donald Yates	LIME	\$2,363.25	\$23,971.50	GBR	45.6
Jeff Willis	LIME	\$975.00	\$24,946.50	GBR	45.2
Geneva Ballengee	LIME	\$1,065.00	\$26,011.50	GBR	44.6
Dwight Rhodes	LIME	\$867.45	\$26,878.95	GBR	44
Sharon Kearnes	LIME	\$1,374.00	\$28,252.95	POC	43
John Snyder	LIME	\$300.00	\$28,552.95	POC	43
Jackie Kaluk	LIME	\$1,186.50	\$29,739.45	MON	41
Charles L. McCormick	LIME	\$1,683.00	\$31,422.45	MON	40
Timothy Bradley	LIME	\$540.00	\$31,962.45	MON	40
Harold Parsons	LIME	\$450.00	\$32,412.45	MON	40
Willard Boone	LIME	\$792.00	\$33,204.45	MON	40
James Nelson	LIME	\$1,156.50	\$34,360.95	MON	40
Larry Emerson	LIME	\$240.00	\$34,600.95	MON	40
Joseph M. Carter	LIME	\$408.00	\$35,008.95	MON	40
Robert Mothes	LIME	\$2,916.60	\$37,925.55	GBR	40
Randy Forren	LIME	\$195.00	\$38,120.55	GBR	40
Brian Dixon	LIME	\$408.00	\$38,528.55	GBR	40
William F. Dixon	LIME	\$1,842.00	\$40,370.55	GBR	40
John Crane	LIME	\$1,147.50	\$41,518.05	POC	36.4
Mike McCormick	LIME	\$1,522.50	\$43,040.55	MON	36.2
Don Dransfield	LIME	\$1,266.15	\$44,306.70	MON	35
Dervin Huffman	LIME	\$2,294.25	\$46,600.95	GBR	33.8
Rick Nichols	LIME	\$1,789.50	\$48,390.45	MON	33.6
James T. Allen	LIME	\$229.65	\$48,620.10	MON	33.6
Gerald Erskine	LIME	\$762.00	\$49,382.10	GBR	33.2
Garry Taylor	LIME	\$789.00	\$50,171.10	MON	32.8
Calvin Elmore	LIME	\$1,667.25	\$51,838.35	GBR	32.8
Benjamin Wilfong	LIME	\$964.50	\$52,802.85	POC	29.4
Brett House	LIME	\$295.50	\$53,098.35	GBR	27.8
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Scott Kiddle	LIME	\$507.75	\$53,901.60	MON	27.4
Clyde Wickline	LIME	\$476.25	\$54,377.85	MON	27.4
Pamela Marcus	LIME	\$223.50	\$54,601.35	GBR	25.6
Dennis Taylor	LIME	\$1,720.50	\$56,321.85	MON	22.8
Trevor Neel	LIME	\$336.00	\$56,657.85	MON	16
James McGrady	LIME	\$954.75	\$57,612.60	MON	14.4

Pasture Division Fence

Kenneth Kelley	PDF	\$1,906.25	\$1,906.25	POC	101.5
David Kennedy	PDF	\$2,305.00	\$4,211.25	MON	106
Kenneth Smith	PDF	\$2,545.00	\$6,756.25	MON	106
Avery Atkins	PDF	\$3,598.75	\$10,355.00	MON	104
Rick Nichols	PDF	\$2,041.25	\$12,396.25	MON	102.5

Garry Taylor	PDF	\$3,001.25	\$15,397.50	MON	101.5
Jac C. Wilkins	PDF	\$5,000.00	\$20,397.50	POC	101
Dennis Taylor	PDF	\$3,481.25	\$23,878.75	MON	100
Brian Dixon	PDF	\$1,906.25	\$25,785.00	GBR	100
Edith Wade	PDF	\$3,562.50	\$29,347.50	MON	100
Floyd F. Davis	PDF	\$2,312.50	\$31,660.00	POC	98.5
Pamela Marcus	PDF	\$312.50	\$31,972.50	GBR	98.5
Lola Level	PDF	\$687.50	\$32,660.00	GBR	97
Ronald Tobey	PDF	\$1,581.25	\$34,241.25	GBR	96.5
Lynn Randolph	PDF	\$1,065.00	\$35,306.25	POC	96.5
Trevor Neel	PDF	\$3,180.00	\$39,441.00	MON	95.5
John Planker	PDF	\$568.75	\$39,055.00	GBR	95.5
Benjamin Wilfong	PDF	\$5,000.00	\$44,055.00	POC	95
Doug Lewis	PDF	\$1,452.50	\$45,507.50	GBR	92.5
Girionza Scott	PDF	\$3,688.75	\$49,196.25	GBR	89.5

Woody Invasive Species Management

Dennis Taylor	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	MON	55
David Kennedy	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$7,500.00	MON	51
Steve Dransfield	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$11,250.00	MON	46
Jac C. Wilkins	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$15,000.00	POC	46
Rick Nichols	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$18,750.00	MON	44
Tom Karnes	WIS	\$3,750.00	\$22,500.00	MON	41

Gary Truex moved to approve all individuals for each practice listed above through the blue line with exception of Avery Atkins, District Supervisor. It was noted that there are cancellations that the funds would go toward lime applicants through complete list on page 2. These individuals would be considered approved as funds are available. **Motion carried.** **Jeremy Salyer stated to the board via telephone that as Area Director, he has approved Avery Atkins, District Supervisor for an Alternative Watering System and Pasture Division Fence.** He will prepare letters of approval for Avery Atkins and get them to the district to be mailed out to him. Chairman VanReenen thanked Barry Level, Dennis Burns, John Nelson, Matt Morgan, and NRCS staff for assisting us with the heavy workload of ranking applications. Jeremy Salyer reviewed the notification process with the board. A news release must be prepared and sent to county newspapers within 15 days of approval listing the approvals only. District supervisors should be noted with an asterisk. Those not receiving approval should be notified in their letter of the appeal process. Eastern Panhandle CD has a sample letter for those not receiving approval that we can use as a guideline.

D/M High Speed Internet Connection Upgrade – Anita Crance reviewed a flyer from Suddenlink, the district's internet provider, that an upgrade is available for high speed internet for only an additional \$5.00 per month. The only requirement is installation of a new modem. **Gary Sawyers moved to upgrade the District's internet to a high speed connection with an additional \$5.00/month charge for a new modem to facilitate the upgrade. Motion carried.**

Other Business: Anita Crance reminded the board about the annual partnership conference. Registration forms and reservations are due by next Friday, October 16.

As far as the Expression of Interest for Engineering firms, Anita Crance advised the board that she was not clear on the process after the initial committee meeting to rank the firms who submitted proposals. She was told that the district needed to proceed to negotiate with the top firm. Additional guidance is requested. Discussion ensued. All agreed that it would be good to have a face to face meeting. Gene Saurborn is willing to come back down. Dennis Burns asked if the board would consider meeting with at least the top two firms. Jeremy stated that the district does not have to discuss fees until a firm is actually selected. It was the consensus of the board that it would be good to bring in the top three firms to discuss their qualifications, and how best they could serve the needs of the district. It was decided that as soon as we can agree on a date that would work for staff, the three firms will be contacted to come and meet the committee for face to face interviews.

Gary Truex noted that he talked with Pam Burns, Grassland Technician. She has given birth to a baby boy and both are doing fine. The doctor will release her to return to work on November 9, 2015.

Gary Truex noted that he had attended a Farm Bureau meeting in the last few days and there were concerns raised regarding EPA's definition of the "waters of the United States". According to information shared at the Farm Bureau meeting, over 99% of farms would fall in to the EPA's designation of "waters of the US". There is an effort to get this designation overturned. Discussion ensued. Jeremy Salyer will check into this for additional information for the board.

Adjournment- With no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 10:40 a.m.

The regular October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Timothy W. VanReenen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Timothy W. VanReenen
Chairman**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gary L. Truex", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Gary L. Truex
Secretary/Treasurer**

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Recorded by Anita J. Crance, Administrative Services Assistant 3