

**ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES APRIL 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 in the conference room of the ASCD office located at 12407 Naves Cross Road, Cumberland. Carl Robinette, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Supervisors present were Lee Heavner, Jim Mullan, Amanda Paul, Carl Robinette and Steve Young. Others present were Wesley Gordon, Associate; Ben Sansom, Associate; Chad Bucklew, District Conservationist, Adam Heavner, District Manager; and Mona Lee, ASCD Secretary.

Minutes – On the motion of Lee, seconded by Jim, the minutes from the March meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report - Lee gave the March treasurer's report. On the motion of Lee, seconded by Amanda, the report was approved as presented.

Bills – On the motion of Lee, seconded by Steve, the following bills were approved for payment: 1) equipment insurance renewal of \$1,670; 2) W. MD RC & D FY22 dues of \$200; 3) 2022 4-H Special Award sponsorship of \$50; and 4) truck tires for the district vehicle.

Permits – There were 21 permits approved during March with fees totaling \$1,275.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad reported two applications are approved for funding through LWG for a little over \$100,000. Applications are being accepted for round 2 EQIP funding. He gave an update on the Indiana Bat and Northern Long-ear Bat reviews that may cause forest harvesting restrictions in the future. Allegany County had one cooperator receive the CARP payment. The cost list was adjusted up 50% from last year to offset rising price of materials.

Other Agency Reports – Sherry Frick from Extension is on vacation. She sent flyers announcing an upcoming Beef Team workshop and Master Gardener Native Plant Sale events (both attached).

OLD BUSINESS

Lease Update – Chad is still participating in bi-weekly calls. A few modifications need to be made to comply with ADA (American Disability Act) regulations. Painting and carpet installation will be done in stages. Lan Wan room will have a separate heating and cooling system.

2022 Tree Sale Update – Adam provided sale summary to-date. Trees are sorted and ready for customer pickup Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

County Budget FY 2023 – Adam submitted the budget request as provided to board last month, addressing the COLA increase and four-wheel drive truck request as noted. Waiting for a reply from the county.

Lime Spreader Ad – The ad ran one Saturday in the Lancaster Farming at a cost of \$60.41. There was one inquiry. Lee moved to run the ad again along with a picture at a cost of \$225. Amanda seconded; motion passed.

No Till Drill Update – Parts, with the exception of two bushings, to repair the drill have been received. When the garage is cleared from the tree sale, Adam expects to begin the 2 – 3 day job of maintenance and repairs. A spread sheet showing income and expenses over the last three years of all rental equipment will be provided at next month's meeting. It was suggestion to post "how to" or "you tube" videos on the ASCD webpage on how to properly use each piece of equipment.

County Envirothon – The in-person event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at Rocky Gap. The soils pit will be dug on 4/26. ASCD hats and soil posters will be given to the team placing first in soils.

Lee announced he was told that an FFA chapter is to be reconstituted at Fort Hill High School at the end of April or beginning of May with science teacher, John Howard as advisor.

NEW BUSINESS

MASCD Board of Directors Meeting Recap – Adam reported two main topics of the meeting were small pond approval fees and Chesapeake Bay 2025 WIP goals. The small pond fees will likely be discussed during the MASCD summer meeting. Allegany is scheduled to meet with MDA's Verification Team virtually on Friday, April 29th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss our WIP goals. The link for supervisors to participate will be provided. Other discussions about NRCS Master Planner positions and SCD boards monitoring WIP goals also took place. Monthly WIP goals may be added to the Activities Report provided to board members each month.

2022 MASCD/NACD NE Region Annual Meeting – MASCD Summer meeting will combine with the NACD NE Region Annual meeting August 28 – 31 at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. Registration opens May 1st. Supervisors are asked to consider attending.

MDA Cover Crop Program – Enrollment is slated for June 21 – July 17, 2022. A new, 3 year sign-up is being introduced.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cooperator Agreements – Lee moved to approve agreements for 1) Tim Carney, 55.58 acres in Mt. Savage, 2) Arlin E. Messersmith, Jr., 146.27 acres in Little Orleans, and 3) Darrell T. Stonestreet, 14.18 acres in Flintstone. Amanda seconded; motion passed.

Conservation Farm Plans – Lee moved to approve the plan for Franklin G. Yantz, 45.8 acres in Mt. Savage (owned by Colen Kennel). Amanda seconded; so moved.

Cancellations – None.

Correspondence – 1) Thank you cards from Clear Spring, Boonsboro, and North Garrett FFA Chapters for the \$50 sponsorship of the Ag Mechanics CDE and 2) invite from Allegany County Farm Bureau's annual Legislative Dinner (all attached).

Carl adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona M. Lee,
ASCD Secretary
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