

**ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES JUNE 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 14, 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 10:30 AM.

Supervisors present were Lee Heavner, Jim Mullan, Amanda Paul, and Carl Robinette. Others present were Wesley Gordon, Associate; Ron Hawk, Associate; Ben Sansom, Associate; Adam Heavner, District Manager; Slater Hafer, NRCS Soil Conservationist, and Mona Lee, ASCD Secretary.

Minutes – Lee moved to approve the minutes as presented. Amanda seconded; motion passed.

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

Bills – 1) Donation request from Northeast Association of Conservation District Employees (NACDE) to support staff to attend the NACD Northeast regional conference; 2) Sponsorship request from MASCD to set up tours during the combined MASCD summer meeting and NACD NE annual meeting. After discussion, Lee moved to donate \$100 to NACDE to support staff attending the NACD NE regional conference. Jim seconded the motion; motion passed.

Permits – There were 8 permits approved during May with fees totaling \$500.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad Bucklew is on vacation. He provided a written report (attached). Slater announced Diane Gray is serving a 120-day detail as Acting State Conservationist allowing Rob McAfee to return to his Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations position. Phase 1 of the office work is scheduled to begin tomorrow. There is one EQIP application waiting to be obligated in round 1.

Other Agency Reports – Carl provided a Buy Local brochure (attached) that Sherry Frick from Extension asked him to pass out.

**OLD BUSINESS**

FY 23 Budgets – There is still no word on the county request submitted. There is an 8 – 9 month wait on getting vehicles. Adam is waiting for the MDA budget packet. He is expecting the same allotment as last year (\$6,000). Adam is going to submit a technical request for new survey equipment.

Rental Equipment – The no-till drill is back in use. Dan DeMarchio from New Jersey is still interested in buying the lime spreader for \$18,000 if no one offers more by the end of June.

State Envirothon – Allegany High School's The Flower Rangers will represent Allegany County at the state competition on June 22 at the University of Maryland Clarksville Research Farm in Ellicott City. It is a one-day event this year. Adam and Carl worked with Allegany's team in a soil pit at Rocky Gap.

MASCD Auction Item – Discussion on past donations took place. Suggestions include a golfing package at Rocky Gap or a pottery item from Alley B Ceramics. Mona will get information on both for the next board meeting.

Cooperator's Picnic – White Pine Pavilion has been reserved for Thursday, August 25. Flying W Farms quoted a price of \$22.99 per person to cater the event. Mona will contact some other caterers.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

County Fair & Ag Expo – The fair will take place the week of July 15 – 23<sup>rd</sup>. ASCD will have an un-manned booth set up in the multi-purpose building. Amanda moved to allow Adam to use his discretion in making a donation to the 4H through the livestock auction. Lee seconded. Motion passed.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Questions for SCD Boards – The draft policy and questions for boards were sent to supervisors for review prior to the meeting (attached). After lengthy discussion, Amanda moved to reply, as requested, that Allegany SCD agrees to add the policy to the MASCD handbook as written but provide no additional comments to the questions. Lee seconded. Motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Cooperator Agreements – On the motion by Lee, seconded by Amanda, the agreement for Richard Blickenstaff in Oldtown was approved.

Conservation Farm Plans – On the motion by Lee, seconded by Amanda, the following plans were approved: 1) Ian Reike, 141.8 milestone acres in Flintstone; 2) William Brady Jr., 12.84 milestone acres on Brice Hollow Road.

Cancellations – None.

Correspondence – 1) "Thank you" picture postcard from Catoclin High School FFA team for supporting them in the 2022 National Land Judging event in Oklahoma; 2) Letter from John Short, FSU Foundation, announcing Jackson Hendershot and Max Summerfield as 2022-23 scholarship recipients. (Both attached.)

Amanda announced that the MD Ag Preservation Group is looking for a full-time farmer to serve a 5-year term on their board, as well as other positions on the committee.

Jim asked the board to consider a fall tour this October. One will try to be scheduled along with the October board meeting.

On the motion of Lee, seconded by Amanda, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona M. Lee,  
ASCD Secretary  
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