

**ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES March 10, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at the Allegany Soil Conservation District in the conference room. Carl Robinette, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:03 AM.

Supervisors present were Carl Robinette, Amanda Paul, Jim Mullan, Steve Young and Kevin Trezise. Associates present were Lee Heavner; Others present were Sarah Llewellyn University of Maryland Extension; Chad Bucklew District Conservationist; and Adam Heavner, District Manager.

Minutes – Amanda made a motion to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Jim seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Jim gave the February treasurer's report. Amanda moved to approve the report as presented, seconded by Steve; motion passed.

Bills – Maryland Farm Bureau Annual Membership dues of \$85, Smart Choice antivirus software for 3 district computers \$131.97, Annual Contribution of \$200 to Western Maryland RC&D. Amanda made a motion to pay the District's March bills, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed.

Permits –In February 9 land use permits were approved generating \$904 in fees collected by the county.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad updated the Board with information about programs; currently right now they are getting round one rankings in. There was a short extension given to make sure that all counties were able to get everything into the system. Chad is not able to see how Allegany's applications stack up to other counties, due to not being able to see the application pool. There were roughly 40 applications taken in Allegany county, some of those applications are still waiting for eligibility paperwork to be returned to the department. There was roughly 20 applications that went into this round for ranking, with hopes that the remanding applications will be able to be ranked in a second round if one becomes available. Information about preapproved applications will be released later this week giving us a good idea of what allocation Allegany County could expect.

Other Agency Report- Sarah provided that there are two Ag awareness events coming up, the first one is going to be held at Westmar Middle school on Thursday April 16th in the afternoon, The second event will be held at Washington Middle school on Thursday April 23rd. If the District is interested in participating at either or both events to let Extension know, so that the District could be worked into the rotation with the students. Sarah provided some clarification about the pesticide recertification's that were put on by Extension, those credits that are offered for attending the training are needed to

renew a cooperator's pesticide license. MDA typically sends a post card out around late June or early July for cooperators to renew their pesticide license, at that time their license can be renewed.

OLD BUSINESS

County FY27 Budget- District has not received any budget material at this point. If material is received before the next board meeting the District Manager will compose a budget under the guidance the board provided at the February board meeting.

Commercial Crime Insurance Policy- Currently CBIZ is looking into different options for the District of similar coverage and premiums. They are having a hard time of finding any company that offers that type of coverage for the premium the District was currently paying.

Wild Wing Prints- With a limited amount of hassle the District was able to acquire three prints for the local Environthon competition. Wild Wings was sold out of the District first picks.

NEW BUSINESS

ADA Compliance for SCD WEBSITES-WCAG 2.1- The District manager received an email from Becky Remsburg, Maryland Conservation Partnership Coordinator; stating that all Soil Conservation Districts are required by law to make their websites compliant with WCAG 2.1 by April 26, 2026. The email also contained a link to [AccessibilityChecker.org](https://www.accessibilitychecker.org) for districts to scan their website for free and offer recommendations for what to fix. Currently the district website Accessibility Score was 89%, the most challenging file to make accessible is a PDF and is one of the most complex to make accessible. Currently the Agenda and Minutes are both PDF based documents and would need to be accessible in Word or Adobe Acrobat, to be in WCAG 2.1 compliance. The District Manager is hoping to receive further clarification later this week at the District Managers round table; any new updates will be brought up at the April broad meeting.

MASCD Summer Meeting- Has officially been locked into the Hyatt, Cambridge Maryland. Meeting dates will be August 3rd – 5th. Suggestions for upcoming agenda topics should be sent to Missy Cannon or Jen Nelson.

MASCD BOD Meeting- Will be held at MDA Headquarters, Truman Parkway, Annapolis Maryland on March 24th at 9:00am. Hybrid option will be available if board members are unable to attend. The District Manager will email any supervisor who wishes to attend the google link.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cooperator Agreements – Triple C Farms, LLC. Steve made the motion to approve the cooperator agreement, Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

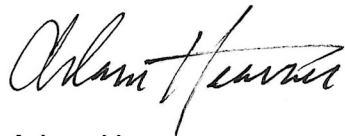
Conservation Farm Plans – Triple C Farms, LLC., Amanda made the motion to approve the conservation plan, Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cancellation of Farm Plans- None

Correspondence- None

On the motion of Jim, seconded by Kevin, Carl adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Heavner
ASCD District Manager
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