

**ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES MAY 2022**

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

Supervisors present were Lee Heavner, Amanda Paul, Carl Robinette and Steve Young. Others present were Ron Hawk, Associate; Chad Bucklew, District Conservationist; Adam Heavner, District Manager; Sherry Frick, Extension, and Mona Lee, ASCD Secretary.

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

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

Bills – Amanda moved to pay Adam \$250 for labor in maintenance and repairs to the no-till drill. Steve seconded; motion passed.

Permits – There were 10 permits approved during April with fees totaling \$908.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad reported two LWG applications totaling around \$102,000 have been obligated. Round 1 of EQIP has 7 pre-approvals in Allegany; 6 for Golden Winged Warbler and 1 grazing. There will be a Round 2 and additional funding may be coming. Chad will sit in on another lease call at 1:00 p.m. today. Discussions continue between the landlord and USDA team regarding who will pay for some improvements. Chad gave an update on the Indiana Bat Policy. The Northern Long-Ear Bat may be more of an issue for Allegany County. The Soil Con Tech position for Allegany County will be filled, but not soon.

Other Agency Reports – Sherry announced the local farm promotion webpage “buylocalAllegany.org” is scheduled to be available June 1st. Any farmers who want to participate should contact Sherry at the Extension office. Other programs being offered are the Maryland Beef Webinars and Beef Producers Shortcourse Series. There are three pasture walks planned in Frederick, Carroll and Baltimore counties. Nutrient management has been busy covering other counties and helping Keith Potter with the increase in nutrient management plans. Extension's newsletter will be out mid-May, early June. Sherry will announce “save the date” info about ASCD's cooperator's picnic.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Tree Sale Summary – There is a summary in everyone’s packet (attached). Gross sales totaled \$11,425.50; ASCD’s net income was \$1,803.71.

County Budget FY 2023 – Adam still has not heard anything from the County on the submitted budget and new vehicle request.

Lime Spreader Ad – The ad ran in the Lancaster Farming on May 7th and will run again on May 14th. It has a black and white picture of the machine. A man from SW New Jersey called and is interested if it doesn’t sell by the end of June.

No Till Drill Update – Adam reported on the repairs, maintenance and improvements made to the equipment. There are a few more things to do before it is ready to rent. The equipment has been completely over-hauled. “How to” videos will be made and put on ASCD’s webpage and Facebook.

All were provided a 3-year report of income received and expenses incurred with each piece of rental equipment (attached).

County Envirothon – Eight teams participated. A summary of the event is included in board packets (attached). The state Envirothon will take place on June 22, 2022 at the University of Maryland Clarksville Research Farm in Ellicott City.

MASCD Summer Meeting Registrations – The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 through Wednesday, August 31st. Mona will contact supervisor Jim Mullan to see if he wants to attend. Registrations will be made for Carl, Adam and Lee and 4 rooms will be reserved. Steve may be able to attend. All were given a list of past auction items provided by ASCD (attached). Suggestions can be given to Mona for board consideration during an upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MDA’s WIP III Goals for 2025 – Carl, Adam and Chad sat in on the meeting with MDA’s Elizabeth Hoffman. Byron Petrauskas and Alisha Mulkey from MDA were not able to participate. Elizabeth covered Allegany County’s goals and according to her our county is in good shape. A planning question posed by Adam has been forwarded to Byron but a reply has not been received yet. BMP verifiers will be in our county for about a month in the future. ASCD was asked to set up cooperator visits for them.

Cooperator’s Picnic (date, place, caterer) – Amanda moved to use Flying W Farms as caterer and scheduled the event for either August 25th or August 18th at a pavilion at Rocky Gap campgrounds. Lee seconded; motion passed.

Virtual MASCD Area Meeting July 7th or 14th – These will not be offered at the MASCD summer meeting this year so Dr. Ed Wurmb, SSCC Area 1 Representative, will be organizing a virtual meeting. He has requested supervisor's emails to do so.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cooperator Agreements – None.

Conservation Farm Plans – On the motion by Amanda, seconded by Lee, the following plans were approved: 1) Four Seasons Ranch in Rawlings; 2) Arlin E. Messersmith in Little Orleans; 3) Blake Olenick in Eckhart and 4) Darrel W. Stonestreet in Flintstone. Motion passed.

Cancellations – None.

Correspondence – Copy of the press release from ACM announcing scholarship recipients. Ethan Hilgeman is once again receiving the ASCD Martin Gordon Memorial Scholarship (attached).

On the motion of Lee, seconded by Steve, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona M. Lee,
ASCD Secretary
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