

ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MINUTES AUGUST 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the conference room of the ASCD office located at 12407 Naves Cross Road, Cumberland. Lee Heavner, Acting-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Supervisors present were Lee Heavner, Jim Mullan, Amanda Paul, 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 – Amanda moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jim seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Lee gave the July report. A correction was noted to change "through FY22 obligated funds" to "through FY23 obligated funds". Amanda moved to approve the report as amended, seconded by Jim; so moved.

Bills – There were no bills to be paid. Sky Packet does not offer business internet to our area yet but are hoping to expand coverage inside a year.

Permits – There were 11 permits approved during July with fees totaling \$965.

The meeting was turned over to Steve Young, Vice-Chairman, to conduct.

District Conservationist's Report – Phase 3 of the remodeling is set to begin with the removal of furniture tomorrow. This is the final and biggest phase. Chad reported Allegany has one CSP contract that is wrapping up for obligation and a 2018 contract that is set to expire the 15th of this month will be canceled. He explained a glitch in ProTracts that overpaid on the advance payment processed to a cooperator. One item that will be addressed at the MASCD summer meeting is the standard operating procedure on how field offices request state engineer's assistance.

Other Agency Reports – Sherry Frick from Extension sent emails and flyers (attached) about upcoming events: scheduled pasture walks and a demonstration on sprayer calibration.

OLD BUSINESS

Lime Spreader – There were two phone calls in response to the ad which ran on 7/16 and 7/23 in the Lancaster Farmer. Amanda moved to accept \$15K for the BBI Lime Spreader. Lee seconded; motion passed. Adam will reach out to the interested party.

Allegany County Fair & Ag Expo Recap – Hot items from the ASCD display table were all items for kids, MDA coasters, bumper stickers and Spotted Lanternfly info. ASCD purchased a lamb from Layla Rinehart in support of the Allegany County 4-H Livestock sale.

Cooperator's Picnic – Discussion about the progress of the reservations and rise of Allegany County's Covid numbers took place. Amanda moved to cancel the event due to Covid and table awarding a cooperator of the year. Lee seconded; motion approved. Senator Edwards, Resource Conservationist awardee, will be invited to join us for lunch as part of the Fall Tour being planned for October. Lee moved in lieu of the usual plaque a crystal statue be presented to Senator Edwards. Amanda Seconded; motion passed.

FY22 Accounts Review – All were provided a FY22 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (attached). On the motion of Lee, seconded by Amanda, it was approved to submit FY22 financial records to Advantage Resource Group for review.

Western Maryland Annual Meeting Recap – Western area is organizing the 2023 MASCD summer meeting, again to be held at the Hyatt Cambridge. Allegany will be in charge of registrations.

NEW BUSINESS

Western Maryland Supervisor Vacant Committee Seats – There are two seats vacant, Resolution Committee and Bi-Laws and Rules. ASCD Board Chairman Carl Robinette will be assigned to serve on the Bi-Laws and Rules Committee during the MASCD summer meeting.

WIP 3 Follow-up Meeting Recap – The meeting was held August 2, 2022 and focused on the information on the Bay Stat Computer. Of the ten questions, two were relevant to Allegany County. Once answers are received the information will be updated. The verifiers are wrapping up and western watersheds should be complete. Findings in our county indicate that BMPs are still there but no livestock to utilize the practices.

National NCF Envirothon – Maryland team from Montgomery County took second place. They had a score of 589.8 and won 5th Issue, Wildlife and Aquatics. Massachusetts won first, Florida third and New York fourth. It is expected that "Oral Presentation" will be a part of the Maryland competition next year.

Proposed Changes to MASCD's Operating Rules – All were given an outline of the updates that will be considered to MASCD policies (attached).

Guidance on SCD Board Meeting Access – The email suggesting public involvement at board meetings (attached) was mailed to supervisors and associates along with the August agenda. ASCD board is fine with the two suggestions.

Rocky Gap State Park Classroom Monarchs – All were provided the program flyer (attached). Amanda moved to purchase a tank and lid through the Amazon Wish List site and donate to Flintstone Elementary School. Lee seconded; motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cooperator Agreements – None.

Conservation Farm Plans – None

Cancellations – None.

Correspondence – (all attached.) 1) Thank you note from Ethan Hilgeman for the ACM scholarship in the forestry program; 2) Thank you letter from Max Summerfield for FSU scholarship in the wildlife and fisheries program; 3) Announcement from the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, Inc. announcing its 2022 Scholarship Golf Tournament in Hampstead, MD on September 14th.

On the motion of Lee, Steve adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona M. Lee,
ASCD Secretary
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