ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES September 8, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at the Allegany County Complex on 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, M.D. Carl Robinette, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Supervisors present were Carl Robinette, Amanda Paul, Steve Young, Kevin Trezise and Jim Mullan. Associate present was Whitney Patterson and Lee Heavner; others present Chad Bucklew District Conservationist; Adam Heavner, District Manager.

Minutes – Kevin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Steve seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

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

Bills – There was a request from MASCD asking all District's to contribute $650.00 to Maryland's Public Television (MPT), 14th season of "Maryland Farm and Harvest". After great discussion, the District board decided not to sponsor the show. With the show receiving high ratings and majority of individual districts not receiving any recognition, it was felt that money could be spent on better opportunities.

Permits –In August, there was 19 land use permits approved generating $1,360.00 in fees collected by the county and $930.00 in fees collected by the district.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad updated the board with the status of the office being in locked down right now, due to an incident involving cyber security. Currently some of the office staff are working from home that do not feel safe in the office, while others are working under the guidelines during Covid. Cooperator's will need to schedule an appointment to handle any business or transactions that need to be handled onsite at the Soil Conservation office.

Farm Bill allocations, while getting close to the end of the fiscal year we thought that we had a chance at getting another one or two funded, but it turned out that the money ended going elsewhere. Therefore, we ended up with right around $800,000 this year of funding through the farm bill. Those projects consisted of several grazing systems as well as a few ag waste storage structures.

There was a DC's meeting held with Suzy Daubert, State Soil Conservationist for MD and DE; in Baltimore County, main priority was looking forward to next year. What would be ready for funding and at what level of funding would be needed? The generally consensus was that it would fall among the same levels of this year.

Lastly, NRCS is looking at a signup date sometime at the end of November to the middle of December right now for the first round of FY27.

Other Agency Report- No report was given for MD Extension:

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Audit- Amy and Joe from ABC Consulting, are currently working on the District's FY26 annual audit for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. Joe is attempting to have the audit prepared before the October board meeting. The District Manger, will check in with them at the beginning of month to make sure they are not waiting on any financial information from the District. Once the audit report is completed, it will be presented in front of the board for their approval before being sent to MDA.

Maryland Local Government Investment Poll (MLGIP) – District Manager has reviewed and filled out the application for eligibility to invest funds into the (MLGIP). Approval with be grant by Keith Morris, Chief Investment officer, State of Maryland. Once approval is granted by Chief Investment officer, the district discussed a nominal value of $20,000.00 of the District funds to invest.

Fall Conservation Tour- The board elected to take a conservation fall tour following the October board meeting. Amanda made the motion for the board to have lunch following the conservation tour at Sand Springs in Frostburg, MD. Jim seconded; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Office Security- Adding additional measure of security to the office building, discussion of possibly adding video surveillance. Due to the building being leased and that lease being held by NRCS, clarification would need to come from Chris Gillette, NRCS. The board expressed that they would be willing to contribute or acquire the equipment needed for the video surveillance if permitted by the proper authority.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cooperator Agreements – Craig McCusker; Amanda made the motion to approve the cooperator agreements, Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

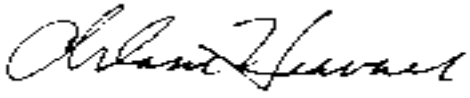
Conservation Farm Plans – Craig McCusker; Amanda made the motion to approve the conservation plans, Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cancellation of Farm Plans- None

Correspondence- A thankyou from Amir Wray, scholarship recipient from FSU thanking the District for selecting them for the scholarship.

On the motion of Amanda, seconded by Jim, Carl adjourned the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Heavner
ASCD District Manager
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