

ALLEGANY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES May 12, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Allegany Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at the Allegany Soil Conservation District in the conference room. Carl Robinette, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:01 AM.

Supervisors present were Carl Robinette, Amanda Paul, Steve Young, Kevin Trezise and Jim Mullan. Associates present was Lee Heavner and Whitney Patterson; others present were Chad Bucklew District Conservationist; Adam Heavner, District Manager; Brent Walker, Sediment Control Planner; Peg Shaw-McBee, Western Maryland RC&D; and Chris Schlette, Assistant State Conservationist-NRCS.

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

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

Bills – No bills for the month of May.

Permits – In April 17 land use permits were approved generating \$1,426 in fees collected by the county and \$600 in fees collected by the district.

District Conservationist's Report – Chad updated the Board with information about programs; currently right now round two ranking is done. Second round of contracts were approved bringing Allegany up to seven contracts. Two of those contracts are for livestock buildings. Statewide contracts for both rounds will probably use up all of the 26 million dollar allocation for EQIP and CSP funding. MD NRCS is in the process of requesting additional allocation for Northern Tier counties that touch the Pennsylvania line. Central Maryland pretty much has their applications addressed with what has been preapproved thus far. Chad did not think that there will be another application period opened up this year. If any additional funding would become available, it would only be available to the applications that were submitted by January 15th deadline. One final note from the DC was that four of the contracts had been approved and the more contracts we get obligated, the more work we have shown as completed. Puts us in a better position to go and ask for more money.

Other Agency Report- Sarah Llewellyn, MD Extension: was unable to make it to the meeting; she did send a few things that she wanted to share with the board. The beginning farmer success project has been updated. The link is on their web page along with a butchering class that is offered through Penn State and there are opportunities for sponsorship in this program. Participants do need to be over 18 and have a valid driver's license to get themselves to class. If you have any questions, Jeff Semler is the contact. In closing, the Washington Middle School Agriculture Awareness Day was very

successful! We are looking to do this again next year. The Westmar one was cancelled due to several presenters cancelling.

Peg Shaw-McBee, Western Maryland RC&D; Gave an update of current projects RC&D is working on with Fish and Wildlife Service, contracting a design for a stream restoration project for three different sights in Fort Meade. Originally the whole project was going to be funded by a grant RC&D had acquired but the DOD would not allow any funding for construction. RC&D has made 2027 Afforestation proposal, which includes 12 individuals from Allegany County. The proposal consist of 247 acres of tree plantings in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties, 53 of those acres will be considered new forest buffer. The proposed budget is roughly 3.4 million for all the sites.

Chris Schlette, Assistant State Conservationist-NRCS; had been making his rounds to all of the soil conservation board meetings, putting names to faces. Chris explained his role and duties; he handles all of the HR issue's. Competing at a nationwide level for positions to announce, to help fill vacancies in district offices. Keeping all the fleet vehicles and federal leased office spaces are serviceable.

OLD BUSINESS

County FY27 Budget- There was a budget prepared by the District Manager following the guidelines that were set forth by the board of supervisors. Currently we have not received any comments back from county officials. Approved budgets should come out by the middle of June.

Allegany Envirothon- Was a raining and overcast day at Rocky Gap State Park, first place overall this year went to a school that had never won the envirothon before. Bishop Walsh was the highest point overall, followed by two teams from Allegany High School. The highest score was 61.5 for the soils event went to Allegany's Chesapeake Champions. First three overall teams received prints from the Soil Conservation District.

NEW BUSINESS

Bonding Employee's- The District Manager did not have any information to present at this time.

State Envirothon- Will be held in Frederick County, at Mount Saint Mary's College on June 10th and 11th. This will be a dry run for the National Event that will be held in 2027.

Cooperator of the year- Topic was brought up for members to start thinking and looking for a cooperator that has done exception work and went beyond to put conservation on the ground. The District Manager will ask staff to come with candidates that would qualify for the District Board to review.

Auction Item/Donation for MASCD- After discussion members of the board elected to make a nominal donation; instead of finding an auction item, they may or may not generate any income. Jim made the motion to donate \$400 to endowment auction. Seconded by Steve; motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

May 2nd Fair Animal tag in – Lee reported that 65 hogs, 36 sheep, 30 goats and handful of baby beef were tag in and weighed. This will create a baseline for animals for the weight and gain, a final weight will be taken the week of the fair.

MASCD-Budget Finance Committee – Steve reported that he had his first meeting on March 10th with the Budget Finance Committee. Currently the committee is going to make a recommendation to the Executive Board of Directors to change the bi-laws of investing in 40% stocks to 60% stocks. Recommendation will come in front of Supervisors at the MASCD summer meeting in August.

District Hats – District board discussed purchasing some hats with the District's logo. Amanda made the motion to purchase 25 hats with the District's logo. Seconded by Jim; motion passed.

Cooperator Agreements – Monika Urbanski and Richard Allman. Amanda made the motion to approve the cooperator agreement, Kevin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

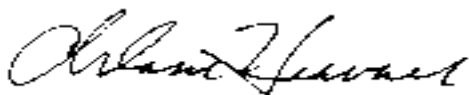
Conservation Farm Plans – Monika Urbanski and Richard Allman, Amanda made the motion to approve the conservation plan, Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cancellation of Farm Plans- None

Correspondence- None

On the motion of Amanda, seconded by Jim, Carl adjourned the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Heavner
ASCD District Manager
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