

Frederick Board Meeting March 28, 2018

In attendance: Supervisors- B.Rakestraw, G.Harshman R. Myers, S. Hipkins. R. Troxell, Associates- B. Ripley, P. Spurrier, R. Ediger, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS- B.Cammauf, Extension: K.Nichols, WDVM News- Jordon Lindsay.

Minutes and Joint Minutes approved by motion: Hipkins/Troxell - All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Troxell /Harshman- All in agreement.

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex , SAM accounts approved by Motion: Troxell/Hipkins

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Harshman/ Hipkins -All in agreement.

Checks # 2656 thru 2682 and M2815, Joint Urban Checks #1788, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Check# 162. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the updated Ectone Report; Savage stream restoration has been completed except for the tree planting which will be completed in the near future. He also reported an NPDES permit is needed for these projects so a plan will need to be reviewed by Soil Conservation District and NRCS needs to do a Conservation Plan for them. Remsburg reported design work for the Thompson Project is being completed at this time and on March 14th he and DNR will be looking at the new sites.
2. Remsburg reported on Manure Injection, at this time there is no funding for low priority acres it is still being worked on. The Manure Injection Project has been extended to September 30, 2019, other pieces of injection equipment can be used and SCD can receive the credit. Remsburg reported Carroll County has now been included as part of the Injection Area, fields injected in spring can now be injected in the fall if the Nutrient Management Plan calls for it. Remsburg also reported the Manure Injection cost share has been dropped from 55 dollars to 45 dollars; Remsburg said he has several applications for Spring Injection at this time.
3. Remsburg handed out and reported on what was discussed at the Winter MASCD Meeting. Hutchinson mentioned that some District Offices expressed a need to make MAC's billing for projects more simplified, after some discussion the Board asked NRCS/District Manager/Western Area Coordinator to get together and draft a letter expressing their concern on this matter.
4. Remsburg reported on the Legislative Day held on February 10th at New Midway Fire hall, there was good representation from the State and County Officials. The Federal Offices had representatives present but no Legislators were there. The program had the best attendance ever with 110 present.
5. Spurrier made a request for volunteers to be Science Fair Judges on March 24th at Tuscarora High School, Ediger and Rakestraw volunteered their services.
6. Remsburg brought up the Ag. Exemption request for Allen Heflin that was tabled from January Board Meeting it was discovered that the request was zoned Residential ground request was denied.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported the BMP verifications are about 70% completed, Travis from MDA is here for 3 weeks working on them.

2. Remsburg reported the County Envirothon dates, training date is on March 27th and County Envirothon competition is on April 24th both are going to be held at Cunningham Falls State Park, The State Competition is to held on June 14th and 15th at Garrett County.
3. Remsburg reported there are two MDE issues: one is a violation of Wetlands; MDE is working with the owner on mitigation on this issue. The other issue is a Farmer wants to remove a pond and drain it to a Wetland Area.
4. Remsburg reported on the District Managers Meeting, a few issues discussed were representation of the Districts by the Attorney General, the Districts need for a retention policy, a Human Resource Manual and District Personnel Manual. Remsburg also reported on 2 Bills coming up. One is Nutrient Management Plan Confidentiality and the other is Winter Application of sludge.
5. Remsburg reported on Ag. Week at FSK Mall, the District had a display there.
6. Remsburg reported he had a request for an Ag. Exemption for Robert Kline to receive rubble fill on one His farms, after a lengthy discussion there was a Motion: Harshman/Myers to provide an Ag. Exemption with the stipulations the side slope is stabilized with seed and straw within 7 days and the Parking area has clean 57 stone or other previous material spread over it if a impervious coating is put on the parking area has clean 57 stone or other previous material spread over it if a impervious coating is put on the parking area SWM will need to be done at that time. Four in agreement, one opposed.
7. Rakestraw reported on the Soil Health Program held at the Harriet Crosby Farm on Monday, February 26th.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

Cammauf: distribute written NRCS Report (copy for file)- See copy attached.

1. Cammauf reported EQIP projects are due Friday March 2nd.
2. Cammauf reported CSP signups are due Friday March 2nd.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers asked Remsburg if in another week he would run the advertisement for the scholarship, it is suggested to run it in the newspaper, facebook and the website. The scholarship deadline is April 15th.

Awards: No Report

Legislative: Nothing additional to report than was reported in old business.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Hipkins/Myers all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension:

1. Extension: K. Nichols reported upcoming events:
 - 2/28 -Agronomy Meeting.
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 - 3/8 Raising Holstein Calves for Beef - 9:30 to 3:30
 - 3/8 Small Farmer Class starts for 4 weeks
2. MDA Hutchinson reported on the District Managers Meeting and Certification Form to ensure the Cooperator has a current Management Plan.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Wednesday - March 28th @ 9:00am*

Motion: to Adjourn. Myers/ Harshman

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

