

Frederick Board Meeting March 28, 2018

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

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

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers- All in agreement.

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex , SAM accounts approved by Motion: Harshman/ Troxell-All in agreement.

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

Checks # 2684 thru 2711, Joint Urban Checks #1789 and 1791, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 163 and #164. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the updated Ecotone Report; Savage stream restoration project has been completed except for the tree planting which will be completed in the near future. Remsburg and Ecotone are going to check on some possible new projects in April, Butler Farm, Ron Albaugh and George Little.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Update the Districts received a payment in the amount of 6590 dollars for Injection done last fall. There is about 8500 dollars in low priority acres that are not covered, and they are still trying to get a grant to cover these acres. The 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 the Manure Injection Cost Share has been dropped from 55 dollars to 45 dollars. Remsburg said he has several applications for Spring Injection they have done 80 acres of medium priority for Wayne Savage and 50 acres in low priority in Washington County. Carroll County is now included in the Manure Injection Area. There is an Injection Field Day scheduled for April 17th in Garrett County.
3. Remsburg reported County Envirothon Training was held on March 27th and he has purchased Insurance for both County Training and Competition Day, he also reported he has received recent contributions from New Market Lions Club, Jumbos Pumpkin Patch and Burkittsville Ruritan.
4. Rakestraw and Remsburg reported on the Science Fair. They thought it to be very educational; the Districts gave out 2 Awards and 2 Certificates, one award each for Middle School and High School. There were 170 individuals and 140 Projects entered. Spurrier thanked all who helped with the Fair he also is going to send a Thank-you note to the School Boards. Remsburg reported Travis completed the BMP Verification; there was a list of items needing action from previous Verification that Jason handled.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported March 1st started Spring Certification for Cover Crop 20% of burn down or chopped acres needs to be checked since there is no Commodity Cover Crop.
2. Remsburg and Rakestraw reported on the Quarterly MASCD Meeting. WHIP III is coming up; goals will most likely be increased. 54 Million has been spent on Waste Water Treatment Plant Upgrades. It was reported the Forest Harvest Process needs some changes. There is a proposal to have a Forrester on

site as a go between. There was some discussion to having a pre- construction meeting and handing out the permit at that time. It was reported MACS Budget was approved for 8.5 million dollars.

3. Remsburg reported he has received the MASCD Summer Awards Applications he is planning on application for Attendance Award, Cooperator Award and is working on the District Award. MASCD is requesting one item from each District to go to the auction and any extra items go on the silent auction table.
4. Remsburg passed around a draft copy of the Annual Report for the Board to look at and make comments.
5. Remsburg presented an Ag. Exemption request for FC Frederick, after some discussion it was decided to table until April Meeting.
6. Spurrier gave the update report on the Poster and Coloring Contest. There is 750 dollars left from the grant, 200 dollars of that went to Science Fair Awards and what is left will go to the Poster and Coloring Contest. Spurrier reported he will be sending in a detailed report stating how the money was spent and apply for another grant.
7. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report.
8. Dr. Ediger questioned some Cooperator Projects being on record since 2014. Cammauf explained.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

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

1. Cammauf reported 2 million dollars in contracts was awarded so far this year.
2. Dr. Hillsman the State Conservationist will be back in 30 days from detail in Washington D.C.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers thanked Remsburg for advertising the Scholarship; he also mentioned anyone interested can stay after the April Meeting to help review the Scholarship entries.
2. Awards: No Report

Legislative: Nothing to Report.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Harshman /Myers all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension:

1. Extension: K. Nichols reported upcoming events:
The Agronomy Meeting went well.
The beginning Farmer Class is in its last session.
4/10- Farm Credit will be starting a beginning Farmer Program.
Nichols is planning a High Tunnel Field Day - no date set.
Nichols handed out information on the Spotted Lantern Fly.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Wednesday - April 25th* @ 9:00am

Motion: to Adjourn. Myers/ Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman