

Frederick Board Meeting April 25, 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.

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

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Harshman- All in agreement. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to close the Joint Money Market Account and transfer to SAM Account if Catoctin Board agrees. -All in agreement.

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

Checks # 2712 thru 2736, Joint Urban Checks #1792 and 1794, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 165 and #167. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update final payment has been paid on the Savage Project, the Districts received 3,451 dollars for Administrative cost which is 1.5% of the cost of the project. Trees are to be planted in the near future. Remsburg reported Thompsons Land Owner Agreement has not been signed yet, he also mentioned he and Ecotone looked at possible sites at Ron Albaugh, George Little and Ron Butler Farms.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, Allegheny Ag. needed to order 5710 dollars for repair parts, the Districts needed to pay Atlantic Tractor a 3000 dollar deposit before parts could be ordered. Remsburg also reported the Districts received an invoice from Allegheny Ag. for 1,192 dollars for repair work done on the Injection Equipment. The injection Equipment is running when weather permits. Remsburg reported he has some new names for Injection prospects. A new Cooperator was picked up in Carroll County.
3. Remsburg reported on the County Envirothon, all but 2 schools participated. Catoctin High School won both 1st and 2nd place, Tuscarora High School came in 3rd. Ice Cream was donated by South Mountain Creamery and Pizza was provided by Rocky's Pizza.
4. Remsburg reported the Annual Report has been mailed out.
5. Remsburg reported the District has received 3 Scholarship entries this year.
6. Remsburg reported Travis is back in the Office doing BMP Verification.
7. Remsburg reported he has not heard any updates on the FC Frederick Ag. Exemption.
8. Spurrier reported Poster Entries are due on April 27th and Coloring Contest Entries are due in May. Remsburg reported all Entries need to be to Bruce Young no later than July 15th. Spurrier is asking for 300 dollars for the Coloring Contest. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to approve the request. All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported Garrett County Manure Injection Field Day demonstration was cancelled due to the weather, the program was altered they showed demonstration videos and different people gave talks. There were about 120 people attending. The program was held at Grantsville Fire hall.

2. Remsburg reported on the Meeting SCD had with MDE and the County; it was referenced to the findings at the Fall Review Delegation. There was discussion on coordination of Ag. Structures and Storm Water. MDE suggested Quarterly Meetings between SCD and the County.
3. Remsburg reported the County will be installing a new INFO System to replace the Hansen Program; it is to take effect in January 2019 that is all the information available at this time. Meetings will be coming up in the near future.
4. Remsburg reported the new WIP III Program will be starting up next year there will be a Meeting on May 18th at the Williamsport Fire hall, this Meeting is mostly Urban based. There will be a Planning Meeting for Frederick County's WIP III on August 28th no time or place has been set at this time.
5. Remsburg presented a draft letter to the MAC's Office for Boards approval concerning changing their billing process to make it simpler, Remsburg mentioned Sowers suggested adding a note to make the billing process more like NRCS. There was a Motion: Hipkins/ Myers to approve the letter with Sowers Amendment - All in agreement.
6. Remsburg handed out and went over the Quarterly Financial Reports.
7. Hipkins asked about supporting the Farm Safety Camp again this year. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to approve at the same amount as in the past. 100 dollars was approved in 2016.
8. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his Monthly District Managers Report.
9. Remsburg reported the 75th Anniversary is coming up next year and asked the Board to think of some ideas.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

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

1. Cammauf reported MAC's started back up at approving Applications. They have over a million dollars back up.
2. Cammauf reported the Feds expect the Farm Bill to remain the same for at least another year.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers thanked all who helped with the County Envirothon
2. Myers asked anyone who can stay after the Board Meeting to help review scholarships is welcome.

Awards:

1. Remsburg reported on the MASCD Award Applications, 2 have been sent in and the third one is still being worked on.

Legislative: Nothing to Report.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Harshman /Myers -all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: None

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday - May 22, 2018 @ 9:00am*

Motion: to Adjourn. Harshman/ Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

