

Frederick Board Meeting May 22, 2018

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

Minutes and Joint Minutes approved by motion: Myers/ Hipkins to approve as corrected, old business #8 should read June 15th instead of July 15th. All in agreement .

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex accounts approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers- All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Harshman/ Hipkins -All in agreement.
Checks # 2737 thru 2768, Joint Urban Checks #1795, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 168 and #170. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, District fees on the Savage Project is \$3,451 dollars or 1.5% for administrative cost. Savage Tree planting is to be done this month and the final report will come in 30 days. Remsburg reported Ron Albaugh is interested in Stream Restoration. Remsburg said he has made contact Bobby Bodmer(Ron Albaugh's) next door neighbor, he is going to see if Bobby is interested in Stream Restoration, he has stream fencing back about 15 foot at this time. Ecotone requirement is 35 feet and he may not want to make the change. Remsburg is meeting with Ecotone and Bodmer on Friday.
2. Remsburg gave the updated report for Manure Injection Equipment there was 793 acres of high and medium priority injection done in April, amounting to 56,150 dollars, Allegheny Ag. will receive 10,000 dollars. Remsburg reported he sent a 3,000 dollar deposit to Atlantic Tractor for repair parts needed for injection equipment, the balance due is 8,013 dollars. All has been submitted for reimbursement with the April Report. Remsburg reported Catocin District did not want to close out the joint Money Market Account; instead they made a motion to transfer funds from CDAR's Account to SAM Account to pay off Farm Credit and have operating funds. Frederick Board made a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to transfer 60,000 dollars from CDARS Account to SAM Account for the same purpose.
3. Remsburg reported the MAC's Capital Tech Advisory Meeting scheduled for the 24th has been postponed until after Memorial Day, no date has been set.
4. Remsburg reported 100 dollars was approved for the Farm Safety Camp last year, at the April Meeting there was a Motion: Hipkins/ Harshman to send the same amount as the past. All in agreement.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported Kenny Favorite has left the District Office and has transferred to Nutrient Management. The position he was in will be advertised. Charlotte Brewster will not be coming back to this Office after her maternity leave. She was offered the District Conservationist Position in Howard and Montgomery Counties, and has accepted.
2. Remsburg handed out the MASCD Summer Meeting Hotel Registration Forms; they need to be made ASAP. Remsburg reported 1 item from each District will go to the Auction; any additional items will go to Silent Auction. The Board Members are to think about what they want to donate until the June Board Meeting.

3. Remsburg presented a letter from Jim George expressing interest in compiling the year end financial statements. There was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to let Jim George do the work. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg reported the Western Maryland MDA Regional Meeting will be held on June 4th at the Washington County Ag. Center.
5. Remsburg presented a Civil Rights Responsibility Checklist for all NRCS Partners, Board Member Supervisors need to read and sign.
6. Remsburg asked the Board about Associates attending the MASCD Summer Meeting. There was a Motion: Hipkins/ Troxell to approve. All in agreement.
7. Rakestraw noticed Extension Agent Matt Morris and Consulting Associate Barry Burch were not included in the SCD Personnel Directory, and asked Remsburg to include them in the next directory.
8. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and the District Managers Report.

Communications:

1. Remsburg reported Louise Lawrence is retiring from MDA, a luncheon will be held on Wednesday - June 27th in Annapolis. The cost is 25.00 dollars , RSVP is due June 20th
2. Remsburg passed around a Thankyou note from Wanda on the death of her sister.

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

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers reported 3 Scholarship applications were reviewed and were all good and asked if the Board would approve a 500 dollars scholarship for each, they are all former recipients, their names are: Lydia Prinze, Andrew Mandich and Josiah Freese. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to approve a 500 dollar scholarship for each. All in agreement. One scholarship is to come out of the Endowment Account and the other two are to come out of the District Account. Remsburg is to invite the Winners to the June Meeting. Remsburg reported he needs to contact Andrew Mandage to finish the hours left on the Student Leadership Council Program with NRCS; he has until July 1st to complete.

Awards:

1. Remsburg reported names for possible Award Winners need to be selected soon.

Legislative:

1. Harshman reported the proposed Farm Bill did not pass the house.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Harshman/Troxell -all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies:

Extension: Morris gave an update on the Breakfast on the Farm Function to be held on June 30th he is asking for volunteers and any contributions are appreciated. There was some discussion as to whether the Board can donate. There was a Motion: Myers/ Harshman to donate 100 dollars if it is approved by MDA. All in agreement. Remsburg is to check it out.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Thursday- June 28, 2018 @ 9:00am

Motion: to Adjourn Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

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