

Frederick Board Meeting July 24, 2018

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

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

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

Checks # 2796 thru 2835, Joint Urban Checks #1796 thru 1799 , Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks # 173 and #174. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update; DNR approved a \$48,700 dollar contract for repairs to the Wayne Savage Project. DNR wants to meet with Ecotone and Soil Conservation on site. The Thompson Project will not be moving forward, Ecotone is hoping to have the funds from the Thompson Project transferred to other projects with DNRs approval. Ecotone has 2 possible projects in mind at this time.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, 500 hundred acres of Injection has been done in June and part of July and Remsburg received 3 invoices from Allegheny Ag. for 3 additional cooperators not billed to Chesapeake Bay Trust, the final payment will be paid to Farm Credit.
3. Remsburg gave the FY19 Cover Crop Signup Report; there was 193 Cooperators that signed up for a total of 48,995 acres and 3.5 million dollars.
4. Remsburg reported on items he has purchased for the MASCD Silent Auction.
5. Morris reported on the Breakfast on the Farm Program held on June 30th. There was between 650-700 people who attended, only good comments from the public, he felt it was a great success. Renaissance Catering made breakfast and Catoctin Mountain Orchard provided apples.
6. Spurrier said he is hoping for a few of the poster and coloring contestants to come back as Award Winners.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Josh Smith introduced himself to the Board he is the new Project and Grants Administrator for RC&D, he works in the 5 Western Counties in Maryland. He asked if the District can help to get the County Council and the Monocacy River Board involved. Josh reported the Council is making the decision to start the Annual dues again. The dues will be the same as previously 200 dollars annually. There was a Motion: Harshman/Myers to pay the 200 dollar Annual Dues to RC&D Council. All in agreement. Rakestraw asked if RC&D would be interested in taking over the Manure Injection Project after Soil Conservation Project is completed in September 2019. Josh said he will bring it up at the next Quarterly Meeting in September.
2. Remsburg handed out and went over the year end financials and comparison to years past.
3. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner and Technician Activity Report and his Monthly District Mangers Report.

Communications:

1. Remsburg reported he received a Thankyou note from Scholarship Winners and also a Thankyou note from Farm Safety Camp for the 100 dollar donation.

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

1. Cammauf reported FSA is having a ECP Emergency Conservation Program for Cooperators who have had damage to BMP; s from flooding in May. No details have been given at this time.
2. Cammauf reported Frederick County is having a full blown QAR this year, it will be held the week of September 17th.
3. Cammauf reported NRCS had a work load cycle time in every County in the United States; each county is rated to see if Offices are appropriately staffed correctly. Frederick County is appropriately staffed.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

1. Myers presented the County Envirothon Budget.

Awards:

1. Remsburg presented names for possible Award Winners,
Keilholtz Award- Dennis Savage
Cooperator of the Year- Steve Derrenbacher, Thomas Albaugh, Wayne Wachter, Charles Lambert
Take Pride: Ron Albaugh , Mike Gaver
A date will need to be set to do Farm visits in the near future.

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Harshman /Myers -all in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: No Report

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday- August 28th, 2018 @ 9:00am*

Motion: to Adjourn Hipkins/Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman