

Catoctin Board Meeting
March 19, 2019
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Arnold, Salisbury, Sowers, Grossnickle, Associates A. Esworthy,
District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, Extension- M.Morris.

Minutes approved by Motion: Grossnickle/McBride- All in agreement

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ McBride – All in agreement

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: McBride/Grossnickle – All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold- All in agreement.

Checks #8203 thru #8219, Joint Urban Checks- None

Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Check#184 thru #186

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update. Payments was received from MDE in the amount of \$54,472 dollars For Alice Stevens design work and \$26,770 dollars for Kolvalsky design work. Remsburg submitted a proposal to DNR for construction funding on these two projects. He also sent an invitation to the Grant Manager to do a site visit.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update: a check was received in the amount of \$31,831.30 of that \$1,355.01 is for maintenance and administration fees, leaving \$30,475.39 for high and medium priority acres. Remsburg also reported Atlantic Tractor is willing to help with disposal of Injector once the grant is ended. There was a Motion: Grossnickle to dispose of the Injector once the grant has ended giving other Soil Conservation Districts first chance to purchase. All in agreement. Remsburg is to contact other SCD's. The Board said the Frack Tank can be sold at any time since it is not being used.
3. Remsburg gave the update on Liability Insurance for Supervisors and still waiting for response from the Office of Attorney General.
4. Remsburg gave the Envirothon update: a check was received from Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch for \$100 dollars, Johnsonville Ruritan \$250 dollars, New Market Lions \$200 dollars and Burkittsville Ruritan \$100 dollars. The practice date is March 26th The competition date is April 30th.
5. Remsburg reported he is still getting responses from other Soil Conservation Districts with Farm Equipment Rentals. The Committee has not made any decision on any type of equipment at this time.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported on the Cover Crop TAC Meeting: A total of 363,000 acres was approved. The planting extension gained 27,000 acres. The Maryland Lab Seed Test is the only one accepted; 65-70% germination rate is accepted with ring toss. No applications taken without a Nutrient Management Certification form and sign up will be the same time as last year. Spring Cover Crop Certification has started.

2. Remsburg gave the Staffing updates, interviews for MDA Technicians will be held on March 27th and the choice for Planner Position had to be re-submitted.
3. Remsburg passed around a draft copy of the Annual Report for the Board to review and make comment.
4. Remsburg reported Extension Service is asking for sponsorship to help with Breakfast on the Farm on June 22nd. Remsburg mentioned Soil Conservation had a display set up last year. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to donate \$500 dollars. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg reported the names of people who submitted applications for County Appointee, There was a Motion: Grossnickle/McBride to submit Sowers name for another term. All in agreement.
6. Remsburg reported on the Mental Health Seminar held at Frederick Community College. He and a few other staff members attended.
7. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District managers Report.
8. Remsburg reported the Districts received \$500 dollars from the Royal Maryland Council for the Coloring Contest.

Communications: Nothing to Report

Cammauf: distribute written report (copy or file)- See copy attached.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- Remsburg brought up Cooperator Awards, and then Sowers asked if the Frederick Board would consider having a joint Banquet. There was a Motion: Sowers/Arnold for Remsburg to bring it up to the Board.
4 in agreement - Grossnickle against.

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: McBride/Grossnickle- All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension Morris.

Morris mentioned upcoming events =

1. Social Media Marketing Seminar.
2. K. Nichols will be doing Pumpkin and Snap bean herbicide trails.
3. Breakfast on the Farm- June 22nd.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday - April 16, 2019

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

