

Frederick Board Meeting March 25, 2019

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Myers, R. Troxell, S. Hipkins, Associate P. Spurrier, B. Black, B. Ripley,
District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS B. Cammauf, Extension- M. Morris.

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

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Troxell -All in agreement. Checks #3027 thru 3053,
Joint Urban Checks - #1818 and 1819 none, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks # 185 and 186. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Rensburg gave the Ecotone update, payments was received from DNR in the amount of \$54,742 dollars for Alice Stevens design work and \$26,770 dollars for Kolvalsky design work. Rensburg 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. Rensburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update: a check was received in the amount of \$31,831.30 dollars of that \$1355.01 dollars is for maintenance and administration fees leaving \$30,475.39 for high and medium priority acres. Rensburg also reported Atlantic Tractor is willing to help with disposal of the Injector once the grant has ended and Dwight Dotterer is talking with a cooperater on the Eastern Shore about the possible purchase.
3. Rensburg gave the update on the upcoming 75th Anniversary, the logo has been finalized and Farm Credit is going to be a sponsor.
4. Rensburg gave the Envirothon update: received \$100 dollars from Jumbo's Pumpkin Patch, \$250 dollars from Johnsville Ruritan, \$200 dollars from New Market Lions Club and \$100 dollars from Burkittsville Ruritan. The practice date is March 26th and competition date is April 30th.
5. Rensburg reported on the Counties Supervisor Position to the Board. There were two applications submitted the names are Steven Ball and Kirby Delauter. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell for Rensburg to send a letter to the County asking for a 2 year extension on the position. All in agreement. There was also a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to elect Bobby Black to a two year position as an Associate to the Board. All in agreement.
6. Rensburg gave the Scholarship update, at this time there is no applications, Morris said he would put it on Extension Service Mailing List.
7. Rensburg reported he is still getting responses from other Soil Conservation Districts with Farm Equipment Rentals. The Committee has not made any decisions at this time.
8. Rensburg reported the Science Fair will be held on Saturday March 30th. Each District is providing a \$100 dollar cash award to individual(s) selected by District judges attending.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported on the Cover Crop TAC Meeting. A total of 363,000 acres was approved. The planting extension gained an additional 27,000 acres. The Maryland Lab Seed Test is the only one accepted, 65-70% germination rate accepted with ring toss. No applications will be taken without a Nutrient Management Certification form and sign up will be the same time as last year. Spring Cover Crop Certification has started, 20% field check will be done.
2. Remsburg gave the update on Liability Insurance for Supervisors; he is still waiting on response from the Office of Attorney General.
3. Cammauf gave the Staffing update: Federal Technician Position is still open and will probably remain open. April 1st a technician will be starting in Washington County but no space available, so person will be housed in the Frederick Office. MDE Planner Position was resubmitted and another MDA Planner Position is being advertised at this time. A MDA Technician Position is being interviewed for on Wednesday March 27th.
4. Remsburg reported on the Mental Health Seminar held at Frederick Community College. He and a few other staff members attended.
5. Remsburg reported the Catoclin Board would like to have a Joint Banquet _ Frederick Board was in agreement. Details need to be worked out.
6. Extension M.Morris asked the Board about sponsoring Breakfast on the Farm. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to donate \$500 dollars. All in agreement.
7. Remsburg presented 2 Ag. Exemptions to the Board for approval. One for Mike Wivell and the other Jimmy Kline. Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to approve both. All in agreement.
8. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner /Technician Report and his District Managers Report.

Communications: Nothing to Report

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

1. Cammauf reported no obligations made at this time and there will be no RCPP this year.

Committee Report: Info/Ed

1. Myers reported the Scholarship Committee and anyone else who wants to judge them can stay after the April Board Meeting.

Awards : Nothing to report.

Ag. Complex: Remsburg reported State Highway has a new Engineer on the Park and Ride Project.

Conservation plans: Hipkins/Troxell- All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- M. Morris
Breakfast on the Farm- June 22nd at Derr Farm in Middletown

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: - *Tuesday- April 23, 2019 @ 9:00a*

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

