Frederick Board Meeting May 28, 2019

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

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

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers -All in agreement. Checks #3085 thru 3114, Joint Urban Checks - #1823 and 1825, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks # 187 and 188. All in agreement.

Old Business:

- 1. Remsburg had Janet Morrissey with Computer Enhancement Systems gave a presentation on new computer systems needed in the Office. There was a Motion: Ediger/ Myers to approve the \$11,446 dollar quote. All in agreement.
- 2. Remsburg presented the Ecotone update, the Solar Panel Forestation that encroaches Alice Stevens Steam Restoration Project has been worked out. Remsburg submitted a Progress Report to MDE along with invoices in the amount of \$67,702 dollars for the two projects in Frederick District.
- 3. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update, an invoice was submitted for April injection in the amount of \$53,528 dollars, \$153.70 dollars was for administration fees and \$1,5544.66 dollars maintenance. There was a total of 830 acers of high and medium acres injected and 239 acres of low priority acres completed.
- 4. Remsburg reported the Joint Banquet Committee Meeting: 1. The committee is proposing ticket prices will be the same for all Attendees. 2. Frederick pays the subsidy for Frederick Attendees and Catoctin pays for Catoctin Attendees, it will be determined by the attendance list. 3. District to split the cost of subsidy on those attending from other Districts. 4. One Cooperator of the Year Award from Frederick this year since it is their 75th. One additional Award from each District. 5. Recommend Turkey and shrimp to help with cost. Remsburg has received a bid so far for catering from Celebrating Catering; they gave a cost of \$21.00 per person. Myers suggested contacting GT's catering. Remsburg is to advertise the Banquet on the web site.
- 5. Myers reported there were 3 scholarship applications. The Committee recommendation is first place 500 dollars be awarded to Kelsey Wiegand and recommending 300 dollars each to Linsay Stine and Ashley Wiles. There was a Motion: Ediger / Hipkins to approve the committee recommendation. All in agreement.
- 6. Remsburg handed out the MASCD Summer Meeting Registration Forms; they are due to Montgomery County SCD by July 5th. The Meeting is to held August 5th, 6th and 7th.

7. Remsburg reported he has not received any additional information from other Districts on rental equipment.

8. Remsburg reported he has not heard back from the County about Rakestraws reappointment to the County position on the Board.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg introduced Barry Feaga the new MDA Technician to the Board. Interviews will be held in June for a new MDA Planner. MDA has advertised for a Trust fund Technician.

2. Remsburg handed out and went over the revised financial report for 3rd quarter.

3. Remsburg reported on the Western Area Regional Meeting held at Washington County Ag. Center.

4. Spurrier reported there was 167 entries for the Poster Contest and 6 will be going to State competition. There are 164 entries in the Coloring Contest that still needs to be judged.

Communications: Remsburg reported he received a Letter of Appreciation from the University of Maryland for the donation to Breakfast on the Farm.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: Myers reported June 13th and June 14th State Envirothon Competition will be held.

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

Awards: Nothing to report.

Ag. Complex: Nothing to report.

Conservation plans: Hipkins/ Myers- All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- M. Morris reported NRCS presented a proposal for Extension to do Ag 101 Training for new NRCS, MDA, and MDE Staff. Breakfast on the Farm will be held on June 22nd.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: - Tuesday-June 25th 2019 @ 9:00 am

Motion: to Adjourn: Hipkins/ Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman