

Catoctin Board Meeting
November 19, 2019
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Arnold, Salisbury, Sowers, Grossnickle, Associates J. Falkenstein, A. Esworthy, B. Brennan, District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, Extension k. Nichols, - Md RC&D- J. Smith.

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: McBride/ Grossnickle- All in agreement.
Checks #8363 thru #8394, Joint Urban Checks- #1840 Ag. Complex Checks - None,
SAM Check-None.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, he submitted the Monthly report to DNR on Isreal Creek/ Broad Run Project. No construction has started at this time. He reported he and Ecotone met with Alice Stevens on November 11th to inform her on what to expect.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update: payment was received in the amount of \$22,711.83 dollars for July through August Injection. Sixty Thousand dollars was transferred from SAM Account to CDARS Account. Remsburg received a call was made from Tim Mc Michael a private contractor who has expressed interest in the purchase of the Manure Injection Equipment.
3. Remsburg reported on the Cooperators Banquet, Catoctin Districts portion of the expense is about \$1000.00. There was discussion of doing a joint Banquet again. The Boards will have to work out the details.
4. Remsburg reported he has heard nothing back from the NRCS MOU or UCA Agreements.
5. Remsburg reported on the Winter Soil Health Cooperator Meeting. Its to be held on February 5th at the Fair Grounds Null Building- Steve Groff is the speaker. The estimated cost is \$4500 dollars, there is a commitment to be a sponsor from the Farm Bureau. Remsburg reported Sponsor Letters will be going out to Agri Businesses in the near future.
6. Remsburg reported 32,000 acres of Cover Crop has been reported this Fall.
7. Remsburg reported on the Status Reviews, these Reviews are for previous practices installed to make sure they are still working properly.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg presented the Annual NACD dues to the Board. There was a Motion: Sowers/McBride to pay dues in the amount of \$775 dollars. All in agreement.
2. Remsburg presented a request to raise the Bookkeeper's hourly rate from \$35 to \$45 dollars an hour. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to approve the rate increase. All in agreement.
3. Remsburg presented the need to get another Engineer to review 378 ponds. He presented the name of Roger Thomas a retired NRCS Engineer, who said he would do it. In the case of a failure the Liability would fall back on NRCS verses a private Engineering Firm, the Liability would fall on SCD. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to contact Roger Thomas. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg handed out and went over the MASCD Winter Meeting Reservations and Registration Schedule.
5. Remsburg asked the Board how they wanted to handle the Election of Officers for next year? There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold for Supervisors to keep the same position they are in now for the upcoming year. All in agreement.
6. Josh Smith Director of Western Maryland RC&D gave an update on projects done within the past year. The type of projects they can do. They operate through funding from Grants. The next Meeting will be held on December 11th at Keedysville from 10:00am -2:00pm.

Communications: No Report.

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

Hood College received three contracts to do Water Quality Sampling in Catoclin Creek.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Sowers

Cooperating agencies: None present. - K. Nichols Extension: Upcoming Events:

1. December 4- Nutrient Management Voucher Meeting
2. January 17- Forage Conference
3. January 22- AIR Help Day
4. January 28 & Feb 11- NM Farmer Training & Certification - 2 day
5. February 20- Agronomy Update
6. February 26- Farm Bill Workshop
7. February 29- Small Flock Expo- various produce safety meetings.

K. Nichols reported Matt Morris will leaving Extension Service at the end of the year, the position will be filled in January or February.

K. Nichols reported Extension service along with MDA received a 1 million dollar grant to do a 3year Soil Health Study on 4000acres.

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

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Wednesday - December 18th 2019 @ 9:30 am

Motion to Adjourn: Grossnickle/ Arnold - Minutes taken by Steve Leatherman

