

Frederick Board Meeting December 23, 2019

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, R. Ediger, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Troxell, Associates- P. Spurrier, B. Black, B. Ripley District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS -B. Cammauf, Cons Associate- B. Burch, Staff G. Garst, Del. Kerr.

Minutes and approved by Motion: Ediger/ Hipkins - All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM , endowment accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Troxell. All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Hipkins/Ediger -All in agreement.

Checks # 3298 thru 3328, Joint Urban Checks #1842 thru 1844, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Checks -194.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update, the DNR Monthly Report has been sent. No construction has started at this time but they may be able to start both of them in January or February since another project fell through.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update: Injection has been done for G. Grossnickle and D. Doody. Deer Spring being low priority acres. Adam Wivell needs to be done yet, since his pit will not hold until March 1st. An invoice from Allegheny Ag in the amount of \$1050 dollars for injection done on the Isaac Martin Farm in Washington County.
3. Remsburg gave the Winter Soil Health Meeting update, it is set for February 5th in the Null Building at the Fairgrounds, lunch by Mountain Gate. Nutrient Management and CCA credits for attending. Registration begins at 8:30am with the Program from 9:00am thru 2:45. Advertisement through the web site, Facebook and a flyer sent to all 2019 Cover Crop Applicants. Sponsors are being solicited.
4. Remsburg gave an update on the changes made on the NRCS MOU. There was a Motion: Ediger/ Myers to approve with changes made. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg reported MASCD Winter Meeting registration is due by January 15th and Hotel reservations by January 17th.
6. Remsburg reported Hipkins term is expiring and he wants to do another term. B. Ripley and B. Black are also filling out applications. There was a Motion: Myers/Ediger to recommend Hipkins for another 5-year term. All in agreement.
7. Remsburg reported the Boards have a signed agreement with Roger Thomas to do 378 SWM Pond reviews.
8. Remsburg handed out and reviewed the final Banquet Statement with the Board.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg presented a Forest Harvest permit change to the Board, it was about contacting DNR three days before mobilization and to give DNR the Authority to come onto private property, Remsburg is to meet with the County. There was a Motion: Ediger/Troxell to approve based on the outcome of the Meeting with the County. All in agreement.
2. Remsburg reported on the Legislative Day Planning Meeting that was held on the first week of December at Farm Credit
3. Remsburg presented a request from Extension Service to be a Sponsor to Breakfast on the Farm on June 6th at Dubaugh Farm in Washington County. There was a Motion: Ediger/Hipkins to approve a \$500-dollar donation to the program. All in agreement.
4. MDA is planning on leasing additional space, during the November Board Meeting the Board Members made a Motion to sign the lease and be reimbursed by MDA with an Administration Fee charged. At today's Board Meeting, there was a Motion: Ediger/Hipkins to remove the Administration Fee portion of that Motion. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg is to get a February date together for a Joint Board Meeting.
6. Myers mentioned the Ag. Banquet (Taste of Maryland) is to be held on February 6th at Michaels. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Ediger to approve for the District Manager or any Board member to attend that would like. All in agreement.

Communications: No Report.

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

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report.

1. Myers asked if anyone who can stay after next months Board Meeting to go over the Scholarship Application it would be appreciated.
2. Remsburg reported the District received the Annual contribution from Margaret and Ray Schooley for the Nicholson Scholarship.

Awards: No Report

Legislative:

1. Delegate Kerr attending this meeting to see concerns in Agriculture he could bring to the Legislation at the upcoming session, and to get the Board feelings on including malting barley in Cover Crops or to bring back Commodity Cover Crops.

Ag. Complex: Remsburg reported he received a call from State Highway Administration about the appraisal rate for property Soil Conservation owns. They are appraising at the highest rate which is e residential lots and remainder. They will get back in touch by the last of February with an appraisal price.

Conservation plans: Hipkins/ Ediger -All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies:

1. B. Burch thanked the Board for the contribution to the Catoctin High School Land and Judging Team.
2. B.Burch gave the upcoming Envirothon dates and the County Envirothon Budget, that will be presented in January.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: *Tuesday-January 28, 2020,*

Motion: to Adjourn: Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

