

**Catoctin Board Meeting
November 21, 2017**

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Grossnickle, Salisbury, Sowers, District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, Extension Morris

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

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Salisbury/ Grossnickle/ -All in agreement

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

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

Checks #7878 thru 7915, Joint Urban Checks# 1778 and 1780,

Ag. Complex Checks - None, and SAM Check#155 and 157. All in agreement.

There was a Motion: Salisbury/Sowers to dispense with reading the Monthly expenses .All in agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update; he reported they should have the permit from Army Corps of Engineers by mid-December and get started on Wayne Savage's Stream Restoration in January. We have the final agreement for Frank Thompson and still working with Kirk Seltzer.
2. Remsburg reported that he received an Invoice from Allegheny Ag. Ninety five acres of Manure Injection on Robert Martz Farm in Washington County, David Doody and Scott Coblenz did some but he was not sure if any was done at the Savage Farm. There was a Field Day scheduled for Garrett County this Fall but, is canceled until spring, the Injection Equipment was to be there. After some discussion there was a Motion: Grossnickle/Salisbury to pay off the Injection Equipment with funds from the CDARS Account. All in agreement.
3. Remsburg reported there are 70 plus Status Reviews to be completed, of that 29 are Catoctin District. They are to be completed by the last of November.
4. Remsburg reported 29 Thousand Acres of Cover Crop has been planted this year. It is down by about 10 thousand Acres. The main reason being no payment on Commodity Cover Crop. All Cover Crop needs to be into Macs's Office by 12/20/17.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported the NACD dues are here and suggested raising the dues after some discussion there was a Motion: Salisbury/Grossnickle to keep the dues the same as last year at 775 dollars.
2. Remsburg reported on the Engineering spot checks. Cammauf reported on the minor deficiencies. The Engineer is pleased with the improvements over the last few years. Next year a whole office review will be done.
3. Remsburg reported on the discussions of the quarterly MASCD Meeting, he mentioned 3 Technician Positions will be filled throughout the State and 1 Planner Position. There was

discussion about ways to help with MAC's Funding deficiencies , keep animals units at 15 minimum but cap per unit cost, adjust the cost share percentage on lower priority, Projects BMP's cost share projects with Federal programs will be prioritized to get the most efficient use of Mac's funds. No final decision has been made.

4. MASCD Winter Meeting is to be held on February 7th and 8th; no location has been set at this time.
5. Remsburg reported there is an opportunity to partnership with MASCD/NRCS on Technical Assistance Grants, these Grants are for part-time employee's .Remsburg proposes going with CREP Planning Program through NRCS Grant.
6. The Christmas Party will be held on December 19th-Tuesday.
7. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report.

Communications: No Report

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

1. Cammauf reported RCPP has money for projects in the Catocin District again this year.
2. Cammauf reported he has hired a new NRCS Planner, he will be starting Monday - November 27th, he also mentioned he is hiring an administrative person for this office.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

Grossnickle reported Sheperd University is starting an Ag. Program

Awards: No Report.

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: Remsburg reported he received a call yesterday from State Highway Administration wanting the phone number of Lavelle and Associates.

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

Cooperating agencies: Extension Service-

Extension M. Morris reported on some upcoming events and dates

- A. Private Pesticide Training- November 21st.
- B. Pesticide Recertification, Tuesday November 28th from 6:00-9:00pm
- C. Pesticide Applicator Test -Tuesday December 5th- from 6:00-9:00 pm
- D. voucher Training is Thursday- December 7th from 6:00- 8:00pm.

Morris also reported the new Nutrient Management employee just started yesterday her name is Katlin Fuss.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- December 19, 2017 @ 9:00am

There was a Motion to adorn: Salisbury/Grossnickle

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

