

## Frederick Board Meeting November 28, 2017

In attendance: Supervisors- B.Rakestraw, G.Harshman R. Myers, S. Hipkins, R. Troxell, Associates- B.Ripley E.Troxell, P. Spurrier, R. Ediger, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, Extension-Morris.

Minutes approved by motion: Myers/Hipkins - with corrections, A. add 28<sup>th</sup> to meeting date, cooperating agencies; B. change recertification to training. C. change December 7<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>. All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Troxell /Myers to approve as amended. All in agreement.

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

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

Checks # 2574 thru 2599 and manual M2814, Joint Urban Checks #1780 and 1781, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Check# 155 and 157.

### Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the update Ecotone Report the District has signed the MOU with MDE for the Frank and Pam Thompson project and are looking at possible projects with Kirk Seltzer and Earl Giesbert. Remsburg still has not had a chance to get with Ecotone to check out the Butler and Giesinger properties on Cap Stine Road.
2. Remsburg reported he received an invoice from Allegheny Ag. for 95 acres of Manure Injection on Robert Martz Farm in Washington County, David Doody and Scott Coblentz did some but , was not sure if any was done at Wayne Savage Farm. Remsburg reported he received a bill for 600 dollars from Allengheny Ag. for taking the Manure Injection Equipment to the Clarksville Field Day , that will be reimbursed from the Sustainable Chesapeake through our grant.
3. Remsburg reported on the Cooperators Banquet, there was 137 attendees , the cost for the meal was 3073 dollars and 1400 dollars taken in for payment on meals, there was some additional cost for invitations, centerpieces and award winner signs. Rakestraw made a few suggestions for next year to limit Barry Burch's Envirothon presentation and present awards last. Myers suggested putting Burch's quiz on the program and cut questions to 3. Harshman praised the staff for part in the presentations of the awards.
4. Remsburg reported Frederick District has 47 Status Reviews to do 40 have been completed they have until January 15<sup>th</sup> to get all of them to MACS Office.
5. Remsburg reported that 29 thousand acres of Cover Crop was planted this year, it is down about 10 thousand acres, the main reason being no payment on Commodity acres. All Cover Crop needs to be at MAC's Office by 12/20/17

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

1. Remsburg reported on the Engineering spot checks, he said the Engineer reported on the minor deficiencies he was pleased with the improvements over the past few years. Next year a whole Office review will be done.
2. Remsburg reported the Winter MASCD Meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and no location has been set at this time.
3. Remsburg reported there is an opportunity to partnership with MASCD and NRCS on Technical Assistance Grants, these Grants are for part time employees, Remsburg proposes going with the CREP Planting Program through NRCS Grant. Remsburg said it pays 360 dollars per plan if MDA or District employees do it, it will pay a max of 12 thousand dollars.
4. Remsburg presented the County Envirothon Budget for 2018. It is up about 10 dollars, MASCD dues are 250 dollars and they are asking for funds over and above the 250 dollar amount, he also reported there is about 100 thousand dollars left over from the National Envirothon.
5. Remsburg reported it is time for the Election of Officers for 2018. There was a little discussion and then a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to cast a unanimous ballot for Officers to remain the same for next year. All in agreement.
6. Remsburg handed out Christmas Party Invitations.
7. The Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report was handed out along with the Monthly District Managers Report.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

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

1. Remsburg presented Cammauf's Report in his absence.
2. Remsburg reported Cammauf hired a new NRCS Planner, his name is Andrew Zimmerman. He started on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of November.

Committee Report: Info/Ed:

Myers reported Ray Martin gave a Pollinator speech with 4-H in Louisville and won.

Awards: There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to keep the Banquet date the second Thursday in November  
Troxell is to set the date with New Midway Fire hall.

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex:

Remsburg reported he received a call from State Highway Administration wanting Lavelle & Associates phone number, they are still planning a new Park-N- Ride.

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Harshman -All in agreement

Cooperating agencies: Extension: Morris

1. Voucher Training will be held on 12/7 from 6 to 8 pm
2. Extension Service has hired on a new Nutrient Management advisor her name is Kaitlin Fuss.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Thursday - December 28, 2017 @ 9:00**

Motion: to Adjourn. Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

