

Catoctin Board Meeting
February 26, 2019
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Arnold, Salisbury, Sowers, Grossnickle, Associates A. Esworthy, District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, Extension- K. Nichols.

Minutes approved by Motion: McBride/ Sowers- with the correction of January Meeting date, should be January 15th not January 1st - 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: McBride/Grossnickle – All in agreement.

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

Checks #8185 thru #8205, Joint Urban Checks- None
Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Check#184 & #185

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update. He reported 2 projects are in the design stages the Kovalsky Project (Israel Creek) replacing the Thompson Project and the Stevens project (Broad Run). We received invoices from Ecotone for work done on Kolvalsky (\$96,571.20) and Stevens (\$25,970.00). District invoices sent to MDE for design amount plus administrative fees and required documents.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update – 2 invoices have been sent in but are still waiting on payment. Remsburg mentioned he asked Richard Strite if he is interested in purchasing the injector at the end of the grant, he said not. D. Dotterer is inquiring with someone on the Eastern Shore about potential interest.
3. Remsburg and Rakestraw reported on the Winter MASCD Meeting.
 - A. BMP verification shows 75% of practices met standards. Remaining 25% is a combination of Does not exist, Does not meet standards, No animals present. We can bring some back into compliance by repairing damaged practices.
 - B. Bay quality received a C grade at this point but on track to meet goals by 2025.
 - C. They want to change the noxious weed penalty from criminal offense to civil offense.
 - D. There was talk of possibly using Cover Crop grain for breweries; nothing is planned at this time.
 - E. Met with Legislators at the luncheon on Thursday to discuss items of interest.
 - F. The resolution came from Carroll County was brought up regarding funding caps. Tabled until Summer Meeting.
 - G. The Summer MASCD Meeting will be held at Turf Valley.
4. Remsburg reported the new Equipment Committee met, they tossed around some ideas but no decisions were made. Remsburg is going to make contact with other Districts to get more information.
5. Remsburg reported on Ag. Week at the Mall. The Districts had a display set up in the middle of the mall.
6. Remsburg reported on Legislative Day at New Midway Fire hall held February 9th.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Rensburg introduced Alyssa Leach to the Board. She is a new RC&D Planner.
2. Rensburg introduced Eddie Lupchos to the Board he is making a presentation asking for an Ag. Exemption. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/ Sowers to approve the Ag. Exemption with clarification on the 100 year flood plain fills from MDE. All in agreement.
3. Rensburg reported Insurance is in place for County Envirothon Practice to be held on March 26th and competition will be held on April 30th. Extension M. Morris is working on the 5th issue.
4. Rensburg asked the Board about approval for the Associates this year, there was a Motion: McBride/Grossnickle to keep the Associates on this year and add Alton Esworthy as an Associate.
5. Rensburg reported on the highlights of the NACD Meeting in Texas.
6. Rensburg congratulated Sowers on his National Outstanding Young Farmer Award.
7. Sowers mentioned the free tire disposal being held this week at the Frederick Fair ground sponsored by FCFB.
8. Rensburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report.

Communications:

1. Rensburg reported the District received a request from Farm Safety Camp for a donation. It is to be held from July 26th through the 28th at Round Meadow Camp ground. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/Sowers to approve 100 dollars. All in agreement.
2. Rensburg reported the Districts received a Thankyou note from the University of Maryland Soil Judging Team for the donation toward their trip to National Competition.

Cammauf: distribute written report (copy or file)- No Report

1. Cammauf reported EQIP signup ended on February 15th the only sign up this year. Ranking is taking place now. He also reported Frederick County has \$16 million in projects to do and the whole State is only getting \$10 million.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: No plans to approve.

Cooperating agencies: K. Nichols

1. Agronomy Day - February 27th at Urbana Fire hall
2. Beginning Farmer Class- Thursday Evening March 19th 6:30 pm - 8:30pm
3. Herbicide Resistant weed Workshop- Wednesday- March 6th 8am - 1pm
4. Dicamba Training - Monday March 11th - 10am - 12pm
5. Breakfast on the Farm- June 22nd at Derr Farm in Middletown

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday - March 19th , 2019

Motion to Adjourn: Sowers/ Arnold
Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

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