

Frederick Board Meeting July 25, 2019

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, S.Hipkins, R. Troxell, R. Myers, Associate B. Black, P. Spurrier, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS B. Cammauf, WAC- Hutchinson.

Minutes approved by motion: Hipkins/ Myers -All in agreement.

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

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

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Hipkins/ Myers -All in agreement. Checks #3146 thru 3170, Joint Urban Checks - #1829, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks # 191. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg introduced Kelsey Wiegands the Winner of the George Nicholson Memorial, she was unable to attend last month. She gave a brief summary of her goals and future plans after obtaining her degree.
2. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update. Both the Isreal Creek and Broad Run Stream Restoration Projects have been approved for construction. The cost of the projects is 1.3 million dollars with administration fee of \$16,500 dollars to the District. The projects are scheduled to run from September 2019 thru December 2020.
3. Remsburg gave the Manure injection equipment update: May invoice payment was received in the amount of \$55,226.70 dollars for April injection. Also, a \$30,000-dollar invoice for May and June injection was sent to Sustainable Chesapeake. A total of 470 acres were injected.
4. Remsburg gave the 75th Anniversary update. He has settled with Jennifer Smullen on the cooler bags. She is getting him a quote on the tumbler and the glass with the logo between the walls of tumbler. Remsburg reported GT's Catering will be contracted to cater the appetizers.
5. Remsburg gave the MASCD Summer Meeting update. Most of the auction items have been gathered up. The retail value is about \$150 dollars.
6. Remsburg reported Computer Enhancement Systems is coming Monday to install the new District Computers.
7. Remsburg reported Breakfast on the Farm had 809 attendees including volunteers, it was a beautiful day. Remsburg manned the Soil Conservation Display.
8. Remsburg reported 194 Cooperators signed up for Cover Crop, a total of 60,000 acres for 4.2 million dollars. A few new people signed up this year.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported the Coloring Contest Winning entries have been submitted to MASCD for judging, Spurrier said they had 130 contestants.
2. Remsburg reported it is time to order the Remington Calendars again. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Troxell to order 350 of the Wildlife Art Calendars with spiral. All in agreement.
3. Remsburg introduced the MDA MOU's to the Board: one is for the Trust Fund and the other is for the MDA General Fund. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to approve as presented. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg presented the Jim Haggy Ag. Exemption to the Board after discussion there was a Motion: Hipkins/ Myers to approve. All in agreement.
5. Remsburg handed out and went over the year end Financial Report with the Board.
6. Remsburg reported on the Department of Budget and Management tour that was held last week. Legislative aides and DBM Staff visited District farms to view installed practices. Cammauf provided explanation of the process to get practices installed and the benefits.
7. Remsburg reported on the CAFO Training that was held on Tuesday by MDE. CAFO permits will be expiring in November and there will be no extensions given.

Communications: Remsburg read two Thankyou notes, one from Ashley Wiles one of the Scholarship Winners and the second from the Maryland Land Judging Team who won the National Contest.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

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

Cammauf reported RFD- TV went to Hedge Apple and BJ Sweeney Farms, they were doing a Program for Beef Producers, they are coming to the District Office next week.

Awards : No Report.

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report.

Conservation plans: Hipkins/ Myers- All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies:

1. Wac Hutchinson reported William Rawlings starts work in this Office on August 14th as an MDA Planner.
2. Interviews are finished for the Contractual Position, but no one was qualified. The position will be re-advertised.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: - Tuesday- August 27th 2019 @ 9:00 am

Motion: to Adjourn: Hipkins/ Myers

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

