

# Frederick Board Meeting

## March 24, 2021

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

Minutes and approved by Motion: Flickinger /Myers - All in agreement.

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

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM, endowment accounts approved by Motion: Flickinger/Myers to transfer \$250,000 dollars from the Joint Account to CEDARS Account. All in agreement.

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

Checks # 3665 thru 3686, Joint Urban Checks # 3665 thru #3686, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks-None. All in agreement.

### Old Business:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update. No new Projects are in the works at this time. The Kovalsky Project previously done has a ponding issue and the driveway is settling in one area, Ecotone is going to check it out.
2. Remsburg gave the Injection Equipment update, the Frac tank still has not been sold and no calls received at this time. Remsburg is going to contact R. Strite about moving it to his work place lot. It is still at Keith Wiles Farm.
3. Remsburg gave the Park-N-Ride update. It has been determined the Chairman from each Board has signature authority. Remsburg reported he spoke with a Mr. Howard from General Services. A letter was sent to DGS requesting forgiveness of the grant. The Department of Public Works will meet on April 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be voted on then. He said in most cases the grant is forgiven.
4. Remsburg reported he, the Chairman and Vice Chairman from each Board met with the County's HR Department to go over the District Manager Job description. The application has been posted on the County Website, SCD Website and also distributed to partners at MDA, NRCS and MASCD. Remsburg will also ask G. Garst to Post it on Facebook. Remsburg said 2 Applications have been received at this time.
5. Remsburg reported the Scholarship announcement has been posted on the Website, Newspaper and he also contacted Pat Beachy and Barry Burch who are both High School Teachers.
6. Remsburg reported he has tried to get in contact with Roger Arnold 3 different times to present the Keilholtz Award to him but has not had any luck.

### CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Staff update Stacy Guyton a RC&D grant employee for NRCS, took a position with MDA as a verifier. Matt Drury transferred from NRCS Technician to NRCS Civil Engineering Technician for Frederick, Howard and Montgomery Counties. Stacey and Matt both have Offices in Frederick SCD. Nick Parrish has been hired on as an MDA Technician and will be housed in Frederick SCD Office.

MDA has hired Jamie Snyder a planner who will be trained in the Frederick Office and then transfer to Allegany County SCD. NRCS has two positions to fill.

2. Remsburg reported on the highlights of the SSCC Meeting. The minutes were sent out earlier.

3. Remsburg reported on the Quarterly MASCD Meeting. The Minutes will be sent out as soon as they are completed.

4. Remsburg presented 3 Ag. Exemption request- Dennis McGlaughlin, Bill Allen and Lily Pons Water Gardens. There was a Motion: Myers/Flickinger to approve Bill Allen's Ag. Exemption and pending what is found out about a CREP easement on the property. All in agreement. Remsburg is to contact Ann Bradley to find out. There was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to deny approval of Ag. Exemption for Lily Pons Water Gardens since they did not have one to start with, it was approved as an Ag. Project but does not meet NRCS standards because it has not been reviewed as such. The NRCS practice code is not a stand-alone, also the 5-year time frame to complete the project is long for an Ag. Exemption. All in agreement There was a Motion: Myers/Flickinger to extend Denny McGlaughlins Ag. Exemption. All in agreement.

5. Remsburg is checking out what needs to be done to get a credit card for the Districts, so no one's personal credit card has to be used.

6. Remsburg reported B. Black suggested having signs made to put on completed SCD Projects along County and State Roads to inform the public on some things SCD does. The Board thought that it would be a good idea.

7. Remsburg reported the need to elect a Chairman. There was a Motion: Myers/Flickinger to nominate Hipkins, as Board Chairman, he said he will serve on a temporary basis. All in agreement. Remsburg reported Joyce Grossnickle with the County will be advertising for the County appointment to the Frederick Soil Conservation District Board.

Communications: Remsburg reported the District received a Thankyou from Maryland Ag. Education Foundation for \$200-dollar donation.

Cammauf: distributed written Report (copy attached).

1. EQIP deadline is April 5<sup>th</sup>.
2. With the new administration the COVID 19 policy allows 25% Staff in office- no Cooperators in office and no parking lot meetings with Cooperators.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: Myers Thanked Remsburg for advertising Scholarship Application.

Awards: Mentioned in Old Business

Legislative: B. Black gave his report. Remsburg will sending the MASCD Legislative minutes out.

Ag. Complex: No Report.

Conservation plans: No plans to accept.

Cooperating agencies: Extension- Remsburg reported Frederick Extension Service is advertising for an Ag Educator position in Frederick County.

**NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Wednesday- April, 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00**

Motion: to Adjourn: Flickinger

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

