

**JOINT SCD MEETING  
December 14, 2021**

**In attendance:**

Catoctin Bd Members: Sowers, Arnold, Orlowski, Falkenstein, Grossnickle, Shafer.

Frederick Bd Members: Flickinger, Black, Myers, Hipkins.

Staff: DM Hutchinson, ADM Leatherman.

Meeting was called to order by Hipkins.

1. Hutchinson presented the NRCS working agreement to the Boards, it consist of two parts, Memorandum of agreement and statement of work. There was discussion with various questions arising. There was an agreement by the Boards that Supervisors and Staff need to be trained on section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill. There was a Motion: Sowers/ Flickinger for Hutchinson to send the unanswered questions to NRCS and get the answers before a Motion is made to accept the MOA. All in agreement.
2. Hutchinson presented the Taste of Maryland to the Boards again. At the Catoctin Board Meeting in November Catoctin decided to pay \$50.00 dollars on a \$100 dollar ticket and have Frederick Board pay the other half, the Frederick Board made a motion to purchase their own \$100 dollar ticket. Catoctin decided to table until December meeting.
3. Hutchinson reported Frederick Board received Farm Bureau Membership dues at \$70.00 dollars but Catoctin did not receive one. There was a Motion: Orlowski/Black to have a Joint membership. All in agreement. This Motion was modified at the Catoctin and Frederick board meetings on December 21 and 28 respectively. Catoctin received a membership form and both districts chose to renew individual memberships.
4. Hutchinson brought up the usage of County funds. The question was posed whether the contractual fees for the bookkeeper and Roger Thomas can be paid out of County Funds? Hutchinson is to check on it.
5. Hutchinson presented the question about mileage rate increase? After discussion it was recommended that Hutchinson inquire with Jim George about paying mileage in excess of the Federal rate and how that should be reported. The boards also asked Hutchinson to check on the cost of purchasing a vehicle for the Districts.
6. Hutchinson presented topics for the Boards to choose to be discussed at the Summer MASCD/NACD Meeting. They chose Soil Health, Carbon Sequestration, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan and Ideas for Communications and Public Outreach.
7. Hutchinson reported Greg Wilson with Climate Action Committee wants her to speak at one of their upcoming meetings.

**Motion: to Adjourn Myers/ Black- All in agreement.**