

Catoctin Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 15, 2023- 9:00 AM
Burkittsville Ruritan

In attendance: Supervisors: B. Sowers, E. Arnold, A. Holter. Associates: R. Grossnickle, B. Brennan. District Manager, H. Hutchinson. Soil Conservation Coordinator, K. McAfee.

Meeting called to order by B. Sowers at 9:09 AM.

June 20th Minutes approved as presented by motion: J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

June 28th Minutes approved as presented by motion: J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

Closed Session Minutes approved as presented by motion: J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

Treasurer's Report approved as presented by motion: J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved as presented by motion: J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

1. Bank Account Reconciliation Motion to accept the Bank Account Reconciliation report as is by J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.
2. Motion by J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold, to open a CD at Sandy Springs Bank or Middletown Valley Bank in the amount of \$228155.16 (+/- to close account at ACNB) in the Frederick EIN, contingent Frederick SCD agrees. All in agreement.
3. Motion by J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold, to sign the Wilmington Trust third party agreement with Sandy Spring Bank. All in agreement.
4. Motion by J. Falkenstein, second by E. Arnold, to move \$500k from the Joint Urban account and place it in a CD at Sandy Spring Bank, contingent approval from Frederick SCD. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. H. Hutchinson reported that the State Soil Conservation Committee held a referendum in office from July 10-14th every day from 8am- 6pm. Currently, over 100 ballots were cast.

Current Business:

1. H. Hutchinson reported that she and Scott Hipkins attended the NM Summit on July 17th in Annapolis.
 - a. Dean Beyroutti announced that the university will seek permanent funding for NM advisors. They hope to enter into a 3year MOU with MDA to continue funding plan writers.
 - b. They would like to modernize NuMan Pro and make it web based with the latest research.
 - c. The Dean and Secretary Atticks will chair a nutrient management oversight committee to oversee plan writers and draft an annual report.
 - d. A 30-member task force be formed. This task force will provide input to improve the nutrient management program. They will meet on August 14th.
 - e. September 6th is the next NM Advisory Committee Meeting.
2. H. Hutchinson reported that the SSCC is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 20 where they plan to discuss the 5 Million Tree program.
3. H. Hutchinson reported that Cover Crop sign-up has been very busy with a total of 158 applications entered so far.
4. H. Hutchinson reported that the MASCD Summer Meeting Registration form is available in your packet. Please turn into Heather today if you would like her to take care of your registration. Otherwise you are responsible for your own registration and room reservations.

5. H. Hutchinson reported that she had a Quarterly meeting with the County where she met with Vijay, Eric, Tolson, and Justin.

- a. The County would like to pursue creating an online application for agricultural exemptions. There would be no fee for ag exemptions. This would give the county an opportunity to review for easements or other restrictions that the SCD might not be aware of.
 - i. J. Falkenstein motioned, second by E. Arnold, that the board is opposed to an online application to request an ag exemption through the County INFOR system. All in agreement.
- b. H. Hutchinson asked the board how they would like to handle after the fact requests for ag exemptions. The board advised that they would consider on a case-by-case basis.
- c. H. Hutchinson to bring county fees and district fees list to next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- **RC&D:** No Report.
- **Info/Education:** B. Burch reported that the Frederick County Envirothon team was 6th in the State competition. MD Envirothon is looking to host the national competition in 2027.
 - B. Burch reported that he went to the Thurmont Library to research the history of the Soil Conservation Districts. He learned that there was a Ladies Auxiliary until the 2000's. If the SCD is looking to place any documents to be preserved he will contact the library.
- **Awards:** No Report
- **Legislative:** No Report.
- **Ag Complex:** No Report.

Communications: No Report.

Cooperating Agencies (MDA, Extension): No Report.

Urban Report: Handout provided.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 9:00 AM held at the Burkittsville Ruritan.

Adjournment: J. Falkenstein motioned, seconded by E. Arnold, that the board adjourn the regular meeting at 11:07am and meet in closed session to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter as authorized by General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(13). The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kendra McAfee