

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.

July Minutes approved as presented by motion: A. Holter, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

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

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

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

1. Bank Account Reconciliation Motion to accept the Bank Account Reconciliation report as is by A. Holter, second by E. Arnold. All in agreement.

Old Business:

1. H. Hutchinson reported that the results from the referendum were in. There were 226 ballots cast; 171 in favor of merger, 55 against.
 - a. The SSCC will meet September 21st and determine whether the merger is administratively feasible. Timeline for a potential new board is still uncertain.
2. H. Hutchinson reported that the SSCC met on July 20th.
 - a. Meeting discussed the 5 Million Tree Program. They are developing a website with a dashboard that will show how many trees have been planted. Currently there are 250k trees planted as reported, but the number will be updated by the end of the summer to show how many trees have been planted since 2021. They have hired five tree planting specialists, two regional specialists, and one nursery apprentice.

Current Business:

1. H. Hutchinson reported that if you completed the MASCD form provided to you and turned in at the previous meeting, she has emailed you your room reservations. Draft agendas for MASCD are in board folders.
 - a. New supervisor training is on Sunday, August 27, from 1:00-3:00pm. This would be great for all board members to attend.
 - b. The board meeting is on Sunday, August 27, from 3:00-5:00pm. The chairman should attend this meeting.
 - c. On Tuesday, August 29, there is a session on Best Practices for Conservation District Boards.
2. H. Hutchinson reported that the District and County Fee structure is included in board packets.
3. H. Hutchinson noted that it is time to order the Remington Calendars.
 - a. A. Holter motioned, second by E. Arnold, to purchase 350 Remington Calendars. All in agreement.
4. H. Hutchinson reported that the Soil Smart Farm Tour will be held on Friday, September 8th in cooperation with Farm Bureau. They are looking for bus sponsors. If you would like to attend they are asking for you to register, free of charge, so they have a headcount for lunch.
 - a. A. Holter motioned, second by E. Arnold, to sponsor the bus for the Soil Smart Farm Tour in the amount of \$250. All in agreement.
5. H. Hutchinson reported that the Staff would like to purchase a monthly membership at the Auto Spa.
 - a. A. Holter motioned, second by E. Arnold, to purchase a membership at the Auto Spa for a monthly fee of \$39.99. All in agreement.

Committee Reports:

- **RC&D:** H. Hutchinson reported that there will be an RC&D annual meeting on September 21st at the Washington County Ag Education Center from 10:00 – 1:00.
- **Info/Education:** No Report
- **Awards:** No Report
- **Legislative:** No Report.
- **Ag Complex:** No Report.

Communications: H. Hutchinson reported that the Summer edition of the District Digest is now available on the website. The District Digest was also mailed, so you should see it in your inbox soon.

Cooperating Agencies (MDA, Extension): No Report.

Urban Report: Handout provided.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM held at the Burkittsville Ruritan.

Adjournment: A. Holter motioned, seconded by E. Arnold, that the board adjourn the regular meeting at 10:00am. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Kendra McAfee