

Frederick Board Meeting January 23, 2018

In attendance: Supervisors- B.Rakestraw, G.Harshman R. Myers, S. Hipkins. R. Troxell, Associates- E. Troxell, P. Spurrier, R. Ediger, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, Extension Morris.

Minutes and Joint Minutes approved by motion: Hipkins/Harshman - All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Troxell /Hipkins approve as reviewed. All in agreement.

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex , SAM accounts approved by Motion: Hipkins/Harshman

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

Checks # 2633 thru 2655, Joint Urban Checks #1787 and 1786, Ag. Complex Checks # None, and SAM Check# 160(void) and 161.

Old Business:

1. Remsburg reported Ecotone began work on Wayne Savage Stream restoration on January 15th it should be done in two weeks. Remsburg reported MDE stopped in and asked about the NPDES permit, Ecotone said it is an Ag. Project and the permit is not needed it is being checked out. Remsburg also reported the Frank Thompson Project has been approved for design work it needs signatures from the Thompsons. Ecotone is looking into another grant for construction of the project on the Thompson Farm.
2. Remsburg reported there is a Meeting on January 31st with Richard Strite , Matt Morris, Kristin and himself to discuss a new strategy and new funding for Manure Injection on low priority acres, they are also looking at the possibility of extending the Manure Injection Project from 3 years to 4 years. Remsburg reported there was 299 acres of Injection turned in for December of that 170 acres are low priority.
3. Remsburg gave the latest update on the MASCD Winter Meeting and handed out the Agenda.
4. Spurrier and Ediger gave the update on Frederick County Science Fair, they reported the County would like a Judge or two from SCD, the Science Fair will be held on March 24th. Remsburg is to come up with a certificate for each Award Winner. Spurrier reported he has an 800 dollar Grant for the Poster Contest and Remsburg gave the dates of upcoming youth activities through early summer.
5. Remsburg gave the update for Chip Savage, Tommy Smith and Alan Heflin's Ag. Exemptions.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported Invitations has been sent out for the February 10th Legislative Day he mentioned he has received replies from a few Legislators so far, and has invited Brad Young with Frederick County Public Schools.
2. Remsburg handed out and went over Urban Fees year end comparison.
3. Remsburg handed out and went over the July 1st through December 31st Financial Report.
4. Remsburg reported the MASCD Summer Meeting will be held from July 29th through the 31st. and will be at Cambridge again this year.
5. Remsburg reported he is going out on 2 complaints with Kate from MDE tomorrow they will be visiting Jamie Burdette and Robert Kline.
6. Remsburg asked the Board what they want to do about Associate re-appointment. There was a Motion: Myers/Troxell to reinstate all Associates, the Associates has staggered expiration dates-Spurrier 1 year term, E. Troxell -2 year term, Ediger and Ripley -3 year term. All in agreement.
7. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his District Managers Report.
8. Rakestraw asked the Board their feelings on Remsburg consolidating his Monthly District Managers Report to include Catocin and Frederick in same report, the Board is in agreement.

Communications: Nothing to Report.

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

1. Cammauf gave the NRCS spot check follow up Report, the Districts received a 97% approval rating, and there are a few minor details that need to be addressed.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: Nothing to Report

Awards:

Troxell asked if any applications has been received for Award Winners at the Summer MASCD Meeting , Remsburg said they have not.

Legislative: Nothing additional to report.

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: None

Cooperating agencies: Extension:

Extension: Morris reported January 30th a free Farm Secession Meeting will be held from 9:00 am to 2:30pm.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: **Date: Tuesday - February 27th @ 9:00am**

Motion: to Adjourn. Myers/ Harshman

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

