## Frederick Board Meeting November 27, 2018

In attendance: Supervisors- B. Rakestraw, G. Harshman, R. Myers, S. Hipkins, Associates- E. Troxell, P. Spurrier, B.Ripley, R. Ediger, District Manager- D. Remsburg, Assistant District Manager- S. Leatherman, NRCS B. Cammauf Extension K. Nichols, WAC- Hutchinson.

Minutes approved by motion: Hipkins/Myers- All in agreement.

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Hipkins/Myers- All in agreement.

Joint urban checking, money market, CDARS, Ag complex, Sam accounts approved by Motion: Myers/Hipkins <u>-There was a Motion Hipkins/Myers to transfer 50,000 dollars from SAM Account to CDARS Account.</u> All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved with corrections mentioned by Motion: Harshman/Hipkins -All in agreement. Checks # 2916 thru 2944, Joint Urban Checks #1808, 1809 and 1810, Ag. Complex Checks # None, SAM Checks # 182. All in agreement.

## Old Business:

- Remsburg gave the Ecotone update the Grant from the Thompson Project was able to be transferred to the Kovalsky Project and was given an extension. The Alice Stevens Project on Steiner Smith Road approved for design, the Wilson Farm Project in New Market has been approved and the Savage Project has been completed.
- 2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update; the Districts are still waiting on an invoice in the amount of 21,635 dollars for July injection, 70 acres of injection was turned in on October 31°, for Issac Martin in Washington County. Allegheny Ag told Remsburg they are having problems with getting Atlantic Tractor to order parts, Remsburg is checking into another avenue for getting parts. Applications are still being taken for injection and transport.
- 3. Remsburg reported on the outcome of the Banquet, there was 116 served.
- 4. Remsburg reported on the Joint Account interest rate increases, there is a significant difference in the effected accounts.
- 5. Remsburg reported he has not heard any updates on the Office rental agreement.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS:**

- Bill Brennan from B&R Design Engineers presented a project for Lilly Ponds to bring in dirt and move some greenhouses. After some discussion there was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to approve as an Agricultural Project.
- 2. Remsburg reported it will be time for election of Officers in December. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Myers to keep the same slate of Officers for 2019. All in agreement.
- 3. Remsburg gave the fall Cover Crop Certification update, 21,000 acres was fall certified, but not all have submitted their Nutrient Management certification, they have until February to get it in or they will be knocked out of the program. He also reported on the Cover Crop Bio Mass Pilot Program.
- 4. Remsburg reported on the MDE Citation that was presented to Robert (Jimmy) Kline.
- 5. Remsburg reported on e-mail he received from NACD requesting support for the Next Generation Campaign, a partnership with National Conservation Foundation, the goal is to raise 100,000 dollars by December 31\* in order to qualify for 100,000 dollars in matching funds. Funds will be used to help identify recruit and develop leaders in the Next Generation to continue the conservation mission. There was a Motion: Hipkins/Harshman to table until December Board Meeting. All in agreement.
- 6. Remsburg presented the new Flat Rate Schedule to the Board. There was a Motion: Myers/Hipkins to approve the Flat Rate Schedule as presented. All in agreement.
- 7. Remsburg reported Myers term has expired, he is applying for another Term, 2 other applications need to be submitted also.
- Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his Monthly District Managers
  Report and Monthly District Managers Report.

Communications: No Report

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

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

- Cammauf reported there is one Federal Position open in this Office, One MDA Planner Pin Position advertised
  and closed, A MDA Technician Pin Position open, A Grant Planner Position open and a Grant Technician Position
  opening on December 28<sup>th</sup>. RC&D has Positions to be filled a Planner and Technician may come here temporarily.
- 2. Cammauf reported there is a few signups for RCPP but no other activity due to not having a Farm bill.

Awards:

No Reports

Legislative:

No Reports

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Hipkins/Harshman. All in agreement.

Cooperating agencies: Extension: K. Nichols

Extension K. Nichols reported on January 18th the Central Md. Forage and Livestock Conference will be held at the 4-H Camp Center. Agronomy Day is on February 27th at Urbana Fire hall, Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification Class is Wednesday November 28th at 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Nutrient Management Voucher Training is Wednesday December 5th 6:00 pm-8:00 pm both held at Extension Office. AIR Help Day is held on Thursday January 17th. Nichols reported she and Morris will be doing Soybean Population Research in 2019.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: -Wednesday, December 19th @ 9:00am

CHRISTMAS PARTY TO FOLLOW BOARD MEETING

Stew Leathern

Motion: to Adjourn Hipkins

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman