

Catoctin Board Meeting
December 18, 2018
9:00 am

In attendance: Supervisors McBride, Arnold, Grossnickle, Salisbury, Associates Brennan,
District Manager D. Remsburg, ADM Leatherman, DC Cammauf, NRCS Planner Garst, Extension- M. Morris.

Minutes approved by Motion: Grossnickle/ Arnold - All in agreement

Treasurer's report approved by Motion: Salisbury/ Grossnickle - All in agreement

Joint urban checking, money market, Ag complex, SAM accounts approved by Motion: Grossnickle/Salisbury -
All in agreement.

Expenses for the month approved by Motion: Grossnickle /Arnold- All in agreement.
Checks #8145 thru #8163, Joint Urban Checks- None
Ag. Complex Checks - None, SAM Check#183.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg gave the Ecotone update; the As-Built for the Savage Project has been completed and reviewed by DNR with only a few minor items needing attention. Remsburg passed the checklist on to Ecotone. The Alice Stevens Project on Steiner Smith Road is in the works. The Burkittsville Run (Kurt Brown and Mel Berman) Project not selected at this time.
2. Remsburg gave the Manure Injection Equipment update an Invoice has been received in the amount of 26,914 dollars for July Injection. Anyone who has an approved application it is still good. There was discussion of purchasing a no Till Drill or some other piece of machinery once the Injection Project is completed. It was asked if anyone is interested in purchasing the Injector. Remsburg mentioned Dwight Dotterer has talked with someone on the Eastern shore, Remsburg has not asked Richard Strite if he was interested.
3. Remsburg presented the Election of Officers for 2019, Salisbury- Chairman, McBride- Vice Chairman, Sowers- Treasurer, Grossnickle- Assistant Treasurer.
4. Remsburg gave the fall Cover Crop update over 21,000 acres was Fall Certified, but not all have submitted their Nutrient Management Certification they have until February to get it in or their agreement will be canceled. Remsburg reported 977 acres of Biomass crops has been planted and will not be certified until it is checked in the spring.
5. Remsburg brought up the next generation campaign that was tabled from last month, there was some discussion, but not ready to commit. There was a Motion: Grossnickle/ Salisbury to go with what the Frederick Board chooses to do.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Remsburg reported MASCD Envirothon dues are due, in the past each District paid 250 dollars, There was a Motion: Salisbury/Grossnickle to pay half of the Silver Level, which is 500 dollars. All in agreement.
2. Remsburg handed out Registration Forms for the MASCD Winter Meeting which will be held on February 13th and 14th. Registration is due on January 23rd.

3. Remsburg presented a donation request for the University of Maryland Soil judging team to attend competition in California, there is 10 students cost is 1420 per student. Motion: Salisbury/Arnold to approve 500 dollars. All in agreement.
4. Remsburg is asking on Spurriers behalf if Catoctin Board would like to sponsor the 2019 Poster Contest for 250 to 300 dollars. Motion: Grossnickle/Salisbury to approve the sponsorship the amount will be determined at a later date. All in agreement
5. Remsburg presented the Flat Rate Schedule updates, there was a Motion: Grossnickle/Arnold to approve as presented. All in agreement.
6. Remsburg asked the Board if they would be a Sponsor for the Science Fair-they would present on one Middle School Award and one High School Award. Motion: Salisbury/ Grossnickle to approve 100 dollars. All in agreement.
7. Salisbury mentioned Bill Weiler is interested in the Catoctin Board as a possible Associate; Remsburg is going to contact him.
8. Cammauf presented two resolutions from Carroll County SCD; the first is to raise the ceiling rate on Manure Storage Structures less than 12,000 cubic feet from 6.00 dollars to 7.00 dollars, and Manure Storage Structures 12,000 to 24,000 cubic feet from 6.50 to 8.50 dollars. The second is to raise the ceiling rate for Erosion on projects from 40 dollars a ton to 50 dollars. These are going to be presented at the MASCD Winter Meeting. The Board wants to Co-sponsor the resolutions with Carroll County SCD, Remsburg will draft a letter.
9. Remsburg handed out the Monthly Planner/Technician Activity Report and his Monthly District Managers Report

Cammauf: distribute written report (copy or file)- See copy attached.

1. Cammauf reported the Farm Bill passed, 867 billion over the next 10 years, but no budget has been passed at this time.
2. Cammauf reported there is a partial sign up for EQIP with money left over from last year.
3. Cammauf reported MACS payments are taking over 100 days to be processed; it is something to be discussed at the MASCD Winter Meeting.

Committee Report: Info/Ed: No Report

Awards- No Report

Legislative: No Report

Ag. Complex: No Report

Conservation plans: Approved by Motion: No plans to approve.

Cooperating agencies:

M.Morris - Nothing new to report from last Month.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING: Date: Tuesday- January 15th , 2019

Minutes recorded by: Steve Leatherman

